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**Trinity Lutheran Church**

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:45am  
Evening Prayer Wednesdays at 7:00pm

*The 8:00am Sunday and 7:00pm  
Wednesday services are livestreamed  
on Trinity's YouTube channel,  
Facebook page, and website.*

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# Tradewinds

*The Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church*

Called by Christ + Gathered in Grace + Joyfully Serving

*From Pastor Jen...*

Dear Trinity Family,

In the month of December, many folks and families look back upon the year and set goals, hopes, and plans for the new year. It is with a (still) full stomach from the weekend of November 14–16 that I bring you this greeting. Y'all, the energy in this building was incredible. We were able to experience worship with folks across the country and across generations as people from all parts of Rosalie's life and faith journey came to support her in this affirmation of her vocation.

Those present in worship included a multi-generational choir, four former Trinity vicars, pastors from across Pennsylvania and around the country, a bishop, and you amazing folks who show up week after week. The Spirit flowed from our sanctuary and into the homes of people joining us online from around the globe. We ate well that night and showed up on Sunday to celebrate how our cups are overflowing with coffees and milkshakes paired with sticky buns on Stewardship Sunday. Worship that Sunday reminded us of both God's abundance and our faithful response. The entire weekend allowed us to experience God's abundance and to see how each of us—young or old, pillars of the church or first-time guests—are all called to trust God's providing and the future God has in store for us.



## Merry Christmas!

This month, we will gather to prepare for and celebrate Jesus' birth—the Word of God being born in the flesh as a gift for you, for me, and for the whole world. It is a time to prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth and presence in our world. Throughout the month, you will see the sanctuary filled with decorations and light. Each week we will light an additional candle on the Advent wreath, and the light of Christ will brighten our space little by little.

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Jess Umbenhauer—Youth

Andy Grajewski—Property

**Publication Deadlines:** Sunday Bulletin,  
Noon on Tuesday each week; *Tradewinds*  
Newsletter, the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## From Pastor Eileen...

### Good Gifts

**G**ift-giving is undeniably a significant piece of the celebration of Christmas. When we do it thoughtfully rather than automatically, we try to choose gifts that will bring joy to the receiver.

For most of us, the gifts we give are not usually things our recipient needs. They're usually special "extras."

As followers of Jesus, at Christmas we celebrate the incredible gift of God's love in coming among us as an infant, living among us as a fellow human being, and being willing to give up that life in a sacrificial death that revealed resurrection and life as God's ultimate gift.

So what if, this Christmas, you could give a gift that was more than a special "extra"? A gift that could help improve the life of a fellow human being and their family? Or one that could help to support the education of future leaders for our church? A gift that would bring a special kind of joy because it fulfills an essential need in someone's life?

ELCA Good Gifts can help you do that. Through this ministry of our church, you can give a gift of:

A goat, an animal that can thrive in challenging conditions, provide milk and who are quick to reproduce and provide more goats that can be sold to help other families and are a source of income.

Chicks that will grow to produce eggs, providing a source of protein and a product that can be sold.

Bees that produce honey for food, beeswax for making products that can be sold, and help pollinate plants to improve the ecosystem. These are just a few. You can find many more at: [www.elca.org/good\\_gifts](http://www.elca.org/good_gifts), along with special cards to announce your gift to the person you are honoring. There will also be Good Gifts catalogs and other resources available at church in the narthex.

If you have questions, just ask me. I will be happy to tell you more.

### Blessings!

Pastor Eileen ▲



Pastor Eileen

## Welcome, Vicar April!

Greetings, Trinity Lutheran Church! I am Vicar April Mulvey, and I will have the absolute pleasure of serving you in 2026 as your intern.

A few fun facts about me: I am married to a disabled combat Marine Corps veteran. My son is a Staff Sgt. in the United States Army, and both of our daughters are named Brittney Nicole. My favorite color is purple, and I collect unicorns. But most of all, I LOVE Wawa Mocha Wake-Up coffee! We live near French Creek State Park with our dogs Charlotte (a Vizsla/Lab mix) and Pointdexter (a German Shorthaired Pointer). We are both avid hunters, and when I can actually find some free time, I usually have a crochet hook in my hand.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of you this upcoming year and growing closer together in Christ.

Blessings!

April Mulvey ▲



## From Pastor Jen...

(continued from page 1)

On Christmas Eve that light will shine so brightly that no darkness can overcome it. Our candles join in spreading and sharing the light of Christ. It is in sharing that light that Jesus' presence is known, seen, and felt in this congregation and beyond.

As we prepare our hearts and homes, we also prepare this congregation for the year ahead. As we gather to pray about our proposed budget for 2026, I implore you to look back—not just on November or this past year, but on the years and generations that have shed Christ's light in this place. Look back at the seeds planted, the lives transformed, and the love lived. We are called to continue that seed planting and light bearing here and now. May we faithfully live Jesus' love in our work, our play, our worship, our outreach, and our connection to God and to one another. God has blessed us abundantly and will continue to do so. May we live into that abundance, faithfully trusting in God's presence.

Merry Christmas, all, and joy and blessings in the new year.

+Peace,

Pastor Jen ▲

## Trinity Tailgates

Thank you to the amazing crew that helped at our three Trinity tailgates this fall! Fun was had! We forgot to give shoutouts last month, but we are grateful to these businesses that helped us dance, play, and eat! Bartman Music & Media, Big Bright Bounces, Castaneda's, Tony's, Lori's Candy Station, and Philly Pretzel Factory—thanks for your music, fun, and tasty eats! Because of amazing volunteers and these businesses, the tailgates were a success. On behalf of the CWSH community, thank you!



Pastor Jen ▲

## Kidney Donor Needed

David Madeira, one of our members, is looking for a kidney donor. To learn more about his story, find out about kidney donation, or be tested as a potential donor, visit his website (or scan the QR code): <https://nkr.org/PLX397>



## Vicar Program—Next Steps

In January 2026, Vicar April (see her greeting on page 2) will begin her full-time, one-year internship with us. As we continue to pray about the way Trinity is called to be the church in the world, teaching, growing, and learning from interns deeply shapes not only us, but future pastors, and the greater church. As we pray and

plan for the 2026 budget, I encourage you to think about supporting the vicar program moving forward. If you have questions, please ask me.

In gratitude, Pastor Jen ▲

## Well, Well, Well...

For the season of Advent, please sign up to join us at the Well for dinner—forms are on the kiosk in the upper Narthex as well as in the November and December *Tradewinds* newsletters. Please note that we begin at 5:30pm for our December gatherings!



■ **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**—Soup/Sides/Desserts & Carol Sing-A-Long



■ **December 10<sup>th</sup>**—Soup/Sides/Desserts & Gingerbread Creations (Gingerbread deadline has passed, but you can still join us for dinner!)

■ **December 17<sup>th</sup>**—Pizza & Packing Cookies for CW food pantry

Each week we conclude with **Advent Vespers at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary. ▲

### We're coming in December!

#### December 3<sup>rd</sup>—Carol Sing-a-long!

Join us to sing the season's favorites!

I will bring: ☐ Soup ☐ Side ☐ Dessert

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### December 10<sup>th</sup>—GINGERBREAD CREATIONS!

The Gingerbread deadline has passed but you are still welcome to join us for dinner!

I will bring: ☐ Soup ☐ Side ☐ Dessert

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### December 17<sup>th</sup>—COOKIE PACKING!

Tonight's the night we pack 1,000s of cookies for our food pantry families. PIZZA PROVIDED. Donations accepted.

☐ Contact me to bring dessert.

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Wiggle Room Available

**Wiggle Room** (at the front right side of the sanctuary)—A place for little ones who may need to move around without disrupting worship. No need for tears—just a little wiggle space! And note that a **restroom** is inside, including a changing table. It is the closest restroom to the Sanctuary. ▲



Visit Trinity's website using this handy QR code, or go to <https://www.trinityrobesonia.org/>.



## Planning Ahead...

Make sure these dates are on your calendar:

**Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am**—Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall; continues every Monday

**Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30pm**—The Well Dinner & Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:00noon**—Confirmation

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm**—ABO Sponsored Winter Concert with the Conrad Weiser Choraliers and Instrument Ensembles

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**—Photo Club, in Classroom B

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm**—The Well Dinner and Gingerbread Creations

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**—Congregational Meetings at the 8:00am and 10:45am services to approve the 2026 budget

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:00noon**—ABO Christmas Lunch and Sing-A-Long, pack Weekender Holiday Bags

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm**—The Well Pizza and packing cookies for the CW Food Pantry

**Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am–12:00noon**—Food Pantry

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:00noon**—Confirmation

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**—Christmas Eve Candlelight services at 5:00, 7:00, & 9:30pm

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**—Merry Christmas! (*Office closed*)

**Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00–6:00pm**—Pick up poinsettias

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am**—Service of Lessons & Carols (*one service only*)

**Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am**—Newsletter assembly in the Social Hall

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**—Happy New Year! (*Office closed*)

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**—Welcome, Vicar April!

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am**—Lions Club “Life Begins at 75” Party (p. 10) ▲



## How To Contact the Pastoral Staff

While we wish that we received a crystal ball in seminary so we would just ‘know’ the health and wellbeing of each and every Trinity person, that is not the case. If you know of upcoming surgeries, please call the church office and let us know. You can leave messages with Bob or Cheryl or you can ask to be directed to the voicemail of Pastor Jen or Pastor Eileen, whose voicemail boxes are confidential.

If there is an emergency event, especially on a Friday or Saturday (when the church office is closed) please call Pastor Jen at home 610-693-5551 or Pastor Eileen at 484-575-1881. ▲

**NOTE:** If you're calling the office from a cell phone, you may need to dial “1” first to get through.

## Thank You, Newsletter Crew

Many thanks to our October volunteers who prepared the November newsletters for mailing. They included Bonnie Smith, Linda Purdin, Judy Titter, Betsy Althouse, Joanna Goodison, Don Stripling, Geneva Berger, and Carol Werkheiser who folded, stuffed, sorted, and sealed the mailing. We are grateful for your help! ▲

**Just a reminder...**neither Trinity staff, nor Trinity members will reach out to you via email asking for gift cards. These emails are SPAM. Do not reply to them, delete them. When we do ask for donations, we do so in the announcements at worship, in the bulletin and in the newsletter. If you are unsure, please call the church office. ▲



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**, join us for Christmas Eve worship with Holy Communion, candle lighting, Christmas carols, and wonderful special music.

**5:00pm—Family Service:** The sermon is geared towards the young and young at heart, music includes our youth and children's choirs, communion, and candle lighting for all.



**7:00pm—Family Service:** The sermon is geared towards the young and young at heart, music includes our chimes and bell choirs, communion, and candle lighting for all.

**9:30pm:** This service includes sermon, music from the adult choir, holy communion, and candle lighting for all. ▲

## Sunday School at 9:15am

Join us each week for Sunday School! Classes for children of all ages as well as classes for adults begin each Sunday at 9:15am.

### ADULT CLASSES: Coffee Klatch

The **Coffee Klatch**, led by Joan Lincoln, meets each Sunday at 9:15am in Classroom A. This is a relaxed class, so bring your coffee and donut, and sit and chat about where God is in your life. We start with an inspirational reading, poem, or contemporary issue and let the Holy Spirit lead wherever he believes we should go. We become a community within our congregation that prays for and cares for each other.

### Trinity's Lutheran Liturgy

Beginning Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Jeff Culp will lead a 12-week adult Sunday School class entitled **Trinity's Lutheran Liturgy**. It will inform you in detail about the church and all parts of the worship service. It will meet in Classroom B at 9:15am. All are welcome! ▲

## Youth—Grades 7–12!

Check out these upcoming events & sign up on the youth bulletin board!

### Winter Service Opportunity: Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>—12:00–2:00pm

Lunch and Caroling around our community! After some tasty soup, we'll head out into our community because, as Buddy the Elf says, "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!"

We'll bring some cheer and joyful noise to our neighbors. We'll warm up with hot cocoa in the social hall when we are done.



### Winter Fun: Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>—12:00–2:00pm

Elf Themed Lunch & Christmas Party (with white elephant gift exchange). After spaghetti with red sauce & meatballs or syrup & pop tarts (or whatever else you bring) we'll have some fun. First, we will cram as many cookies into a VCR as we can. Then we'll have an Etch-A-Sketch challenge and will wrap up our time together with a White Elephant gift exchange.

Friends are welcome! The more the merrier!

### Confirmation Youth



Make sure these dates are in your calendars and/or the calendars of the adults who drive you around!

**Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>—12:00–2:00pm** Confirmation

**Confirmation Sunday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>—12:00–2:00pm** Confirmation

**CLASSES** Sunday School for youth in grades 7–12 meets every Sunday at 9:15am with Pastor Jen. Come laugh, pray, serve, and learn together. Friends are always welcome. ▲

## Sanctuary Upgrades Coming in January

Worship is at the heart of who we are and who we are called to be in the world. We know that having worship accessible to folks of all abilities is incredibly important. Beginning January 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be upgrading both our audio system and our projection system. This will make the information projected in worship clearer and brighter in our space. At the same time will be upgrading our audio system. If you can hear us now, great. We have noticed that with our older equipment we have more and more glitches which impacts how things are heard both in the sanctuary and online.



Because of your incredible generosity in the building fund, we are able to move forward with this project. An anonymous giver is ready to donate \$20,000 to this project if that amount is given from other folks throughout the congregation. If you would like to support his upgrade specifically, please make a note in the memo line of your check or online donation labeled "sanctuary upgrade." Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to the building fund. You are helping these projects to happen. ▲

## TRINITY EXCHANGE

Have something to give? Need something? Use the Trinity Exchange bulletin board (left wall of the hallway to the Social Hall). Post your donation or request with your contact info and date. Items are free—no money exchanged. Notes stay up for 60 days. ▲

## Food Pantry Updates

We are continuing to help during the school year. Helping Harvest supplies 130 Weekender Bags most Fridays for students at East, West, and the Middle School. These include meals and snacks for the weekend. Five **Weekender BAG PROGRAM** weeks this year are not covered, and you can help by praying, donating items (see list below), or writing a check to Trinity with "Weekender Bags" in the memo line.

### Needed Items:

- Chewy granola bars
- Individual fruit cups
- Complete pancake mix
- Canned pasta
- Pancake syrup
- Ramen noodles
- Peanut butter
- Chicken noodle soup
- Jelly
- Lance crackers
- Oatmeal packets
- Individual cereal cups/pouches
- Hot chocolate packets
- Microwave popcorn
- Salty snacks
- Mac & cheese cups

We are grateful for your support in sustaining and nourishing our young neighbors!

Sincerely,

*Pastor Jen, Pastor Eileen, Brian, and Cherie* ▲

## Teddy Bear Toss

*From Clayton Haley*

Donate new or gently used stuffed animals for children in need across Central PA through the Hershey Bears Teddy Bear Toss. I've collected 1,600+ in the past three years—let's keep it going! The collection box will be in the donation area at the top of the stairwell until mid-December. Thank you for helping bring smiles to local kids! ▲



## ABO—Anything But Old!

**Trinity's 55+ Ministry**  
**No Dues—No Don'ts**

Anything But Old is Trinity's fellowship group especially geared towards the older members of our congregation. But everyone is welcome to join us!

We usually meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 12:00noon to share a meal together and then enjoy an activity that may be a service project, entertainment, or something educational! Sign up sheets for our upcoming events can be found on the kiosk in the upper Narthex.

We're already planning ahead for the 2026 program year, so mark your calendar for these events:

- **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm**—ABO Sponsored Winter Concert. Enjoy the Conrad Weiser Choraliers & Instrumental Ensembles. Everyone is welcome! Free will offering to benefit the CW Music Program.
- **Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:00noon**—Lunch, Christmas Sing-a-long, and packing Weekender Bags. Sign up on the kiosk, upper Narthex.
- **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00noon**—"Blue Marsh and the Pleasant Valley—One Last Look": Paul Miller will present an historical presentation of what once existed where the Blue Marsh Dam is today.
- **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00noon**—Karl Hausman (piano) ▲

## Valentine's Day Food Pantry Project

During the past year the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry has been helping 140–170 families each month. Those families include 550–750 individual neighbors. Along with our partner, Helping Harvest, you have been key in supporting and providing what is needed to help our neighbors. Thank you for helping us with this ministry.

At our January distribution we would like to give each family we serve a gift for Valentine's Day. The pantry will provide the sugar cookie mix. We are looking for donations of cheerful kitchen towels, rubber spatulas and heart shaped cookie cutters to complete the gift idea. If you are shopping and see some good deals on any of these items, we would appreciate your donations. Volunteers will put the four items together to make the gifts.

Items may be placed in the "Donations" cart between the glass doors at the entrance. The items are needed by January 18. THANK YOU!

—Anne, Ray, Cherie ▲

## From the Worship & Music Board:

### Artist of the Month

Do you have a special artistic craft or hobby?

Share a piece of your work with us to display on the windowsills in the sanctuary! Complete an info slip, available on the kiosk in the upper Narthex or table in the lower Narthex, and place your submission in the box by the office.

The display schedule for the windowsills is currently:

December & January—Christmas décor

**February—Artist of the Month submissions**

**March—Artist of the Month submissions**

April—Easter décor

**May—Artist of the Month submissions**

Look for more information on the kiosk in the upper Narthex and table in the lower Narthex. ▲

## Thank You for Your Gifts

Use this QR code with your smartphone to set up a Pushpay account.



You can choose an amount, direct your gift to Trinity's General Fund, and even opt to cover any transaction fees. This convenient option also makes it easy for members, visitors, and guests to support our ministries.

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the many ongoing ministries of Trinity! ▲

## Save Redner's Receipts

Support our fundraising efforts by saving your entire Redner's "Save-a-Tape" receipts! Receipts dated within the last three years qualify, but it must be the **whole receipt**. In November we received a check for \$146.63 from Redner's Markets, and in December we expect another check about that size, all thanks to your submitted receipts. Please place your receipts in the collection box located in the upper Narthex. Every receipt counts! Thank you for your support, and thanks to Bonnie Culp for organizing and submitting the collected receipts to Redner's. ▲

## Help Needed...

### Sunday Morning Lock-Up Position

After many years of faithful service, Carol Werkheiser has stepped down as our Sunday morning lock-up person.

This important role ensures the building is ready and cared for each week. Responsibilities include unlocking doors, turning on lights, and preparing the space for use before services. After worship, duties include checking and stocking bathrooms, taking out trash, turning off lights, and locking the building.

This is a part-time, paid position. If you are interested or would like more details, please email Pastor Jen at [jdee@trinityrobesonia.org](mailto:jdee@trinityrobesonia.org). ▲



## From the Finance Board

### 2025 General Fund Activity

	October 2025	Year to Date
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$46,545</b>	<b>\$485,554</b>
<b>Transfers</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$32,938</b>	<b>\$370,372</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$44,816</b>	<b>\$453,259</b>
<b>Operating Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$11,878)</b>	<b>(\$82,887)</b>

### About Pushpay...

Pushpay is our new database and giving platform.

With Pushpay you will be able to access and update your own contact information, giving statements, as well as contact other folks at Trinity. Think of it as your own personal directory with bonus features.

- If you volunteer in worship, you'll be able to easily contact other people who serve in that role to swap or find a last-minute replacement.
- If you sponsor flowers, bulletins, Pastor Bridget, the newsletter, or other specific things you can do so through our website or app.
- Like to keep your financial gifts as something you give weekly? You can set that up. Once a month better? You can do that, too. End of year one time gift? Totally possible.

Stay tuned! More information is coming. ▲

**Dial "1" First?** If you're calling the church office from a cell phone but are unable to connect, try dialing "1" first: 1-610-693-6062. In most cases that should allow your call to go through. We're still investigating the cause. ▲

## Christmas Poinsettias

**Orders are due by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas is just around the corner, and it's time to order poinsettias for our Christmas Eve services. Use the form below and include your dedication information if you wish. Please include payment with your form; cost is \$12/plant. Place your order form with payment in the offering plate or deposit them in the Drop Box by the church office. ▲



### Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

Orders are due by **December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Cost: **\$12.00 ea.**

Plants may be picked up following the 9:30pm worship service on Christmas Eve or Friday, December 26 between 4:00 and 6:00pm. Place your order in the offering plate or in the Drop Box by the door of the church office.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ plants. Enclosed please find \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$12/plant).

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ To the Glory of God.

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

Email or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# 1/24/26 Chocolate Frosted Buns 5K



## AND FREE 1/2 Mile Fun Run

Join us for the 13th Annual Chocolate Frosted Buns 5K Run and 1/2 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at Conrad Weiser High School in Robesonia. The Fun Run begins at 8:45 a.m., and the 5K starts at 9:15 a.m. This family-friendly event welcomes runners and walkers of all ages, with warm indoor facilities and chocolate-filled refreshments afterward.

Proceeds benefit the **Conrad Weiser Food Pantry** and the **Western Berks Free Medical Clinic**. Thanks to sponsors and participants, over **\$55,000** has been raised in the past twelve years to support local families and provide free medical care to uninsured neighbors.

Want to participate? Grab a registration form. Want to help support the race or know a local business that can help? Grab a sponsor form. Both forms are available on the table in the upper Narthex. ▲

## Connections...

To our Facebook page:  
<https://facebook.com/trinity-robesonia>

To our YouTube channel:  
<https://youtube.com/@trinity-robesonia>

To our website:  
<https://trinityrobesonia.org>

To ELCA: <https://elca.org> ▲

## Lutheran Liturgy Quiz!

True or False:

- T F 1. The Greeting is about grace, love, and communion.
- T F 2. Ministers use "Sundays and Seasons" as guides for Sunday services.
- T F 3. Martin Luther is commemorated on February 18th each year.
- T F 4. Ministers should only preach law in their sermons.
- T F 5. There are five feasts in the church year.
- T F 6. The season of Christmas is twelve days long.
- T F 7. The Old Testament is actually Hebrew Scripture.
- T F 8. The A, B, C Lectionary was decided by the Second Vatican Council.
- T F 9. The Apostles Creed was not written by the Apostles.
- T F 10. Lutherans are liturgical people.

Find the answers to these and many more questions about the liturgy during Trinity's **Lutheran Liturgy Class**, beginning **Sunday, January 4, 2026** in Classroom B, during the Sunday School Hour, **9:15-10:15am**. All are welcome. No previous experience necessary. All materials will be provided. ▲

## Jack Frost Parade



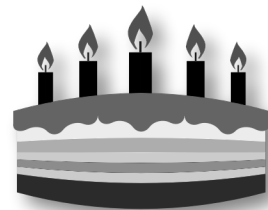
Dear Trinity Members,  
What a joy it was to see the community spirit surrounding the Jack Frost Parade.

This year we hosted 12 live music groups, we had over 60 organizations register, we had hundreds of participants and we had thousands of spectators.

The weather was glorious and the sense of community was uplifting.

Thank you for your support in hosting the parade. We are already looking forward to next year!

*The Jack Frost Parade Committee* ▲



## Happy Birthday to Our Members Over 80!

Address included—send a card!\*

Nancy Putt—December 19<sup>th</sup>

Alice Sewell—December 28<sup>th</sup>

*\*Note: For privacy and safety, addresses of members over 80 are included only in the print edition of the newsletter and not in the PDF edition on the website. ▲*

## From the Fellowship Bd.

The Fellowship Board will be providing treats and hosting a luncheon for our Conrad Weiser Food Pantry volunteers on their December 18th distribution day. Please consider providing a baked item or a crockpot of soup as we thank these very dedicated helping hands on a cold day! Look for signup details on the Fellowship kiosk.

*With our sincerest thanks...*

Looking back over 2025, the Fellowship Board hosted 13 events and activities—made possible not just by our small core committee, but by the many helping hands of our Trinity family. Most recently, we were especially grateful for those who set up, baked, hosted, and cleaned up during Stewardship Weekend, from Pastor Rosalie's ordination through the sticky buns! Thank you for your wonderful support, love, and positivity.

The Fellowship Board will meet again in January to plan for the year ahead. When the date is announced, please consider joining us—our meetings are always filled with fun and fellowship!

**Merry Christmas to all! ▲**



# A Note About the 2026 Proposed Budget

We have talked, prayed, listened, and been hopeful throughout our conversations about the proposed budget for 2026. We know that this budget will require an investment draw in the coming year. We also know these things about this place:

It is important to have a part-time associate pastor present for visitation, worship and other ministry groups. The budget reflects a change from ½-time to ¼-time for the associate pastor.

It is imperative that we include a position for a Christian Ed Director to support our youth and family ministry programs which are integral to the life and vibrancy of our congregation. The budget reflects 10-15 hours/week for this position.

We are preparing for a full-time vicar.

Knowing all of these things, we are in a place of hope for the future as we trust in God's guidance to faithfully use the finances you all have entrusted to this place. This budget helps us continue to nurture and support a vibrant youth and family ministry program. This budget helps us lift future church leaders. This budget allows us to continue inspiring worship, creating space for connections of all ages and helps us to do the work within and beyond the walls of the church.

Trusting in God,

Your Parish Planning Council ▲

**Notice**—There will be Congregational Meetings at each service on December 14, 2025 to approve the 2026 Budget.

## Trinity Lutheran Church - Robesonia 2026 Proposed Budget

	Budget 2026	Budget 2025	Increase (Decrease) To Budget 2025	
			\$	%
<b><u>Benevolence - "First Fruits" giving beyond ourselves</u></b>				
Regular Benevolence - Synod	\$24,000	\$27,000	(\$3,000)	-11.1%
Missionaries / W. Berks Mission / W.B. Shepherding / Local	22,400	23,300	(900)	-3.9%
<b><u>Staff Compensation &amp; Benefits</u></b>	314,724	367,100	(52,376)	-14.3%
<b><u>General &amp; Administration</u></b>				
Vicar Program	26,590	12,630	13,960	110.5%
Payroll svcs fee / Postage / supplies / IT / equipment svcs	31,400	25,100	6,300	25.1%
Supply Pastors / Cont. Education / car allowance / discretionary	4,900	5,450	(550)	-10.1%
Staff & Council retreats	750	1,500	(750)	-50.0%
Insurance	14,000	20,000	(6,000)	-30.0%
Fees / Other	2,800	3,090	(290)	-9.4%
<b><u>Property:</u></b>				
Utilities: Gas / Electric / Water & Sewer / Telephone / Trash	34,800	32,600	2,200	6.7%
Maintenance: supplies / Improvements / Svcs contracts / inspect's	13,050	13,050	0	0.0%
Outside Maintenance: Lawn care & snow removal	7,800	5,500	2,300	41.8%
<b><u>Parsonage:</u></b>				
Utilities: Gas / Electric / Water & Sewer / Telephone / cable / trash	12,280	12,520	(240)	-1.9%
Maintenance: supplies / Improvements / Svcs contracts / inspect's	2,600	2,600	0	0.0%
Real Estate Taxes	7,600	7,400	200	2.7%
<b><u>Worship &amp; Music</u></b>				
Music supplies	900	900	0	0.0%
Worship supplies	7,600	1,900	5,700	300.0%
Supply Organist & Musicians	4,800	3,700	1,100	29.7%
<b><u>Christian Ed</u></b>				
Education: Curriculum / supplies / Confirmation / bibles	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%
VBS	2,100	1,750	350	20.0%
Church camp scholarships	150	150	0	0.0%
Teacher appreciation / other	375	375	0	0.0%
<b><u>Fellowship Board</u></b>				
Welcome Home Sunday, Easter breakfast, seasonal events	2,200	2,700	(500)	-18.5%
<b><u>Youth</u></b>				
Retreats	500	500	0	0.0%
Activities	750	1,000	(250)	-25.0%
<b><u>Stewardship</u></b>				
Every Member Response / Offering envelopes	1,000	1,500	(500)	-33.3%
<b><u>Community Outreach</u></b>				
College care packages / Special projects	450	450	0	0.0%
	<b>\$542,119</b>	<b>\$575,365</b>	<b>(\$33,246)</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>

## December 2025 Sponsor Schedule

	<b>Altar Flowers \$35 /vase</b>	<b>Mem. Bowl \$35</b>	<b>Bulletin \$25</b>	<b>Bread \$5</b>	<b>Wine \$7</b>	<b>Newsletter \$20</b>	<b>Missionary \$5/day</b>	<b>Home Devotionals \$20</b>	<b>Online Streaming \$50</b>
<b>12/7</b>	Geraldine Putt/Mary Ellen Ressler	Bonnie Smith	Holly & Brian Miller	Brian Smith & Pastor Eileen	Joe & Cathy Tranquillo	Kathy Wagner	June Brossman/Judy Titter/Rose Zerbe	Dave & Natalie Wise	Kathy Showalter
<b>12/14</b>	Becky, Jillian & Natalie Urand/Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer	Gail McKim	Loretta Schneck	Joe & Carol Voletto	Loretta Schneck	Sharlene Williams	Elaine Shartle/Natalie & Dave Wise	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>
<b>12/21</b>	Terry & Cheryl Bowers/Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer	Craig Matthew	Kathy Shirk	Pat Stoltzfus	Norb & Linda Schneider	Tyler & Kate Witmer	June Brossman/Cathy & Joe Tranquillo/Steph Gattens	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>	Brian Smith & Pastor Eileen
<b>12/24</b>	Loretta Schneck/Curt & Dee Kramer	Jeff & Bonnie Culp	Joe & Carol Voletto	Rose Zerbe/Sharlene Williams/Kathy Wagner/Becky Urand	Walt & Sandy Schneider/Hannah Schultz/Elaine Shartle/Marce Sheidy	Dave & Natalie Wise	Marce Sheidy/Joe & Carol Voletto	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>	Joe & Carol Voletto
<b>12/28</b>	Jeremy & Jessica Umbenhauer/Val & Andy Grajewski	Joe & Cathy Tranquillo	Linda Purdin	Joe & Cathy Tranquillo	Dave & Jodi Schweizer	Rose Zerbe	June Brossman/Diane Gramling	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>

### **Robesonia Seniors - Age 75 or Older**

**The Conrad Weiser Lions Club will hold  
the annual Life Begins at 75 Party**

**When: Saturday, January 10, 2026**

**Social Hour 11:00 am**

**Meal 12:00 pm**

**Entertainment 12:45 pm**

**Where: St. Daniel's Lutheran Church**

The dinner is for those "seasoned citizens" who are 75 years of age or older and who live or attend church in the Robesonia area. The party consists of dinner, entertainment, and plenty of fellowship with old friends.

If you would like to attend, please call  
Mark Moyer at 610-334-9708 or  
Kerry Schneck at 484-818-0439.

*Transportation will be provided for  
those who need a ride if requested.*



**Trinity  
Photo  
Club**

The Trinity  
Photo  
Club  
meets on  
the sec-

ond Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in Classroom B. Our next meeting is December 9<sup>th</sup>. Whether you're just starting out or have years of experience behind the lens, you'll find helpful tips, shared inspiration, and a welcoming community of fellow photographers. Come to improve your skills, try new techniques, see new gear, and share your photos!

To get email reminders, contact the church office at [office@trinity-robesonia.org](mailto:office@trinity-robesonia.org). For more info, talk to Bob in the church office. ▲

### *Office Hours*

The church office is open:

**Monday–Thursday  
8:00am–1:00pm**

**Closed Friday**

If you have questions for the office and are not available during those hours, call and leave a voicemail message or send an email.

**610-693-6062**

**[office@trinityrobesonia.org](mailto:office@trinityrobesonia.org)**

**Administrative Assistants  
Bob Bergey & Cheryl Miller**

# December 2025 & January 2026 Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Screen Asst.		Camera Crew	Ushers		Greeters		*Lay Readers & Lay Assistants		Basket Holder	Acolyte	Coffee Hour Host
	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	10:45am	10:45am	10:45am	9:00am
12/7	Amanda Templeton	Jeremy Umbenhauer	Brian Smith	Brian & Holly Miller	Emma & Greyson Umbenhauer	Carl & Cindy Marks	Emma & Jessica Umbenhauer	Pam Cooper* Cheryl Bowers Lori Hall	Ted Angstadt* Linda Purdin Jane Limpus	Izzy Rivera	Greyson Umbenhauer	Carl & Cindy Marks
12/14	Josie Brunner	Ashley Christman	Darrell Rosenberger	Cheryl Bowers, Lori Hall	Jane Limpus Linda Purdin	Gail McKim Sue Rush	Bonnie & Jeff Culp	Lynn Engel* John & Jo Ressler	Gayle Dietrich* Jeff Brunner Julieann Putt	Taryn Lee	Sarah-Anne Putt	Brian & Holly Miller
12/21	Curt Kramer	Zach Christman	Eric Rothenberger	Mark & Sherry Moyer	Neal & Emma Lutz	Natalie & Becky Urand	Julieann & Nancy Putt	Steph Gattens* Brian Smith Don Stripling	Dawn Fry* Ted Angstadt Stacey Osman	Lillian Osman	Claire Lutz	Bud & Marilyn Miller
12/28	Carl Marks	Liz Clark	Brian Smith	Linda Purdin, Becky Urand	Neil Putt Sarah Anne Putt	Steph Gattens Joanna Goodison	Carol Forster Steven Mazurek	Janet Knoblauch* Josie Brunner Jeff Brunner	David Sattazahn* Julieann Putt Gayle Dietrich	Cameron Sattazahn	Bailey Sattazahn	John & Jo Ressler
1/4	Becky Urand	Mike Henry	Eric Rothenberger	Curt & Dee Kramer	Jack & Dawn Fry	Dave & Tracy Graver	Clare & Emma Lutz	Scott Sunderland, Jeff Brunner, Cheryl Bowers	Linda Purdin, Ted Angstadt, Greyson Umberger	Wyatt DelCampo	Steven Mazurek	Paul & Ruthann Moyer
1/11	Deb McKim	Stacey Osman	Darrell Rosenberger	John & Jo Ressler	Ted Angstadt, Phil Blatt	Colleen & Clayton Haley	Jeff & Vicky Steltz	Lynn Engel, Brian Smith, Steph Gattens	Julieann Putt, Jane Limpus, Diane Gramling	Charlie McGrory	Greyson Umbenhauer	Ted & Linda Angstadt
1/18	Amanda Templeton	Jeremy Umbenhauer	Brian Smith	Brian & Holly Miller	Steve Bobick, Linda Purdin	Norma Nye, Gail McKim	Bob & Susan Bergey	Janet Knoblauch, Dee Kramer, Lori Hall	Kate Witmer, Jeff Brunner, Gayle Dietrich	Greyson Woodworth	Sarah-Ann Putt	Becky & Natalie Urand
1/25	Ellen Rissinger	Ashley Christman	Eric Rothenberger	Scott Sunderland, Elaine Shartle	Emma & Neal Lutz	Bud & Marilyn Miller	Mike & Jean Henry	Steph Gattens, Josie Brunner, Don Stripling	Cathy Price, Dawn Fry, Diane Gramling	Cameron Sattazahn	Claire Lutz	Carol Forster, Karen Haines

**December Altar Guild** *Becky Urand, Colleen Haley*

**January Altar Guild** *John & Jo Ressler, Brian Smith*

**Christmas Eve** – *John & Jo Ressler, Brian Smith, Linda Purdin, Colleen Haley*

PLEASE NOTE: Reminders are sent by email on Monday of the week you're scheduled to serve. If you are unable to serve when and where you have been scheduled, please switch with another volunteer, and contact the church office at 610-693-6062 or office@trinityrobesonia.org.



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*CALLED BY CHRIST  
GATHERED IN GRACE  
JOYFULLY SERVING*

# December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>NOVEMBER 30</b>  <b>Our Website</b> and the latest calendar!	<b>1</b> 9:00a Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall 6:00p Website Team Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30p The Well Dinner and Christmas Singalong 7:00p Advent Vespers 7:30p Adult Choir	<b>4</b> 6:00p Cherub Choir 6:00p Grace Notes 6:30p Trinity Ringers	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:45a Worship</b> 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a Sunday School 10:10a Chimes 10:25a Youth Choir 12:00p Confirmation	<b>8</b> 9:00a Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall	<b>9</b> 2:00p ABO Sponsored Winter Concert 7:00p Photo Club	<b>10</b> 5:30p The Well Dinner and Gingerbread Creations 7:00p Advent Vespers 7:30p Adult Choir	<b>11</b> 6:00p Cherub Choir 6:00p Grace Notes 6:30p Trinity Ringers	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:45a Worship, Cong. Meetings</b> 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a Sunday School 10:10a Chimes 10:25a Youth Choir	<b>15</b> 9:00a Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall	<b>16</b> 12:00p ABO Christmas Lunch and Singalong	<b>17</b> 5:30p The Well Pizza and Cookie Packing 7:00p Advent Vespers 7:30p Adult Choir	<b>18</b> FOOD PANTRY & Volunteer Luncheon 6:00p Cherub Choir 6:00p Grace Notes 6:30p Trinity Ringers	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:45a Worship</b> 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a Sunday School 10:10a Chimes 10:25a Youth Choir 12:00p Confirmation	<b>22</b> 9:00a Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:00, 7:00, & 9:30p Christmas Eve Candlelight Services	 <b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 4:00-6:00p Poinsettia Pick-up	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>9:30a Service of Lessons &amp; Carols (one service)</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00a Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall	<b>30</b> 8:30a Newsletter Assembly	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve 7:00p Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	<b>JANUARY 1</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b> Office closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>