



Trinity News—December 6, 2020

Growing in Faith... Reaching Out in Love... Making Disciples

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

Let Us Pray For Our Congregational Members:

Donna Jeffrey	Bruce Johnson
Jerica Jeffrey	Carol Johnson
Linda Jeffrey	Doris Johnson
Mary Ann Jellison Family	Jeffrey Johnson
Connie Joe	Mary Lou Johnson

Regis Dunn II, Preston Wannamaker, David & Cindy Berlin & family, Jimmy Gutowski, Brandon Nicely, Andrew Armstrong, Greg Krall, Michael Wirick, Brittney Robinson, Jonathan Skoloda, Dillan Bellotti, Melissa Durrett, Ivan Rupert, Karalyn Dick Vogel, Kenneth Dick II, Zack Vogel, Justin Brasile, Jarrett Patterson, Michael Brasile and others deployed in areas of unrest.


Flower & Broadcast Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers or a radio broadcast in 2021, please call the church office at 724-537-4450 or email office@trinitylatrobe.com.

Christmas Worship Plans

Because of the rising positivity rate of Covid-19 in Westmoreland County (15.23%) and the increase of exposure instances along with the decision by the Greater Latrobe School District to begin full remote learning now through January 18, 2021, we have decided to cancel in-person worship services for **Christmas Eve**. This was not an easy decision and it will not be met with complete agreement. We do this because we are called by God through our baptism to care for others in the body of Christ. The safety and health of all our members has been at the forefront of all our decisions regarding in-person worship and meetings. We will be broadcasting Christmas Eve services on Facebook, YouTube and WCNS Radio. We are investigating other outlets that may be beneficial as well. We will offer drive-thru communion twice on Christmas Eve from 11:30am - 12:30pm and 7:30pm – 8:30pm. For drive-thru communion enter the carport drive from the alley and exit onto Weldon Street. **Christmas Day** worship will be broadcast at 10:00am on WCNS radio.

Council Elections & 2021 Budget Vote

 You received a mailing in your regular mail this week with the **proposed budget for 2021 and the slate of Congregation Council nominees**. Voting will take place today, Sunday, December 6 from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

VOTE

It will be a drive-in procedure. Balloting will take place on **Weldon Street only**. If you are coming to Drive-thru Communion and wish to vote, when exiting onto Weldon Street, stop at the balloting location to receive a ballot. When you ask for a ballot, you will state your name and the person distributing the ballot will mark your attendance on an approved list of voting members. After you have completed your ballot, you will drop it in a box and it will be counted by tellers following the balloting. Please wear a mask when interacting with the person(s) distributing the ballots. Please bring your own pen or pencil to complete your ballot. We understand this is very different than any other meeting we have had in the past. We are working to accommodate as many people as possible with pandemic limitations. **Please take the time to vote.**

Drive-Thru Communion

Drive-thru communion will be offered today and also December 13 and 20 from 11:00am-noon. Please enter the carport drive from the alley and exit onto Weldon Street. If you have offering or items for church, a box is available. Even though we cannot be together in the same way, we share a relationship in the body of Christ and are strengthened through our participation in this Holy Sacrament.

Advent Photo-A-Day

Each day a new word invites us to reflect upon the season of Advent. You can participate in two ways. Each day there will be a post on Facebook with a **new word**. You can share a photo in the comments each day. If you want to participate but are not a Facebook user, you can write a short reflection about each word as part of your devotional practice during Advent. Look for the word list in the December Triangle.

The Advent Word-A-Day is listed on the calendar below.

SUNDAY - 6	MONDAY - 7	TUESDAY - 8	WEDNESDAY - 9	THURSDAY - 10	FRIDAY - 11	SATURDAY - 12
Advent 2 8:15 Holy Communion 11:00am-1:00pm Council Elections 2021 Budget Vote		11:00 Pericope				1:00 West Penn Trail Hike
FAITH	LIGHT	6:30 Finance (via ZOOM)	CHOSEN	WATCH	6:00 Gingerbread House (via ZOOM)	WAIT
		BRANCH			HARVEST	



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Thank you for your special offerings that are bringing God's love and hope to a hungry, hurting, and broken world.

ELCA World Hunger Offerings: \$10,043.34

Offerings collected are used where help in the world is needed the most.

ELCA Disaster Response: \$1,219.75

Offerings received will help those suffering from natural disasters, including domestic disasters such as hurricanes, tornados, wildfires, and flooding.

ELCA Missionary Support: \$1,3045.36

YOU can make a difference in spreading the gospel around the world through your offerings to help support our missionaries.

Christmas Baskets Help Needed

This year, instead of food donations, we are asking for monetary donations. A team of people will purchase the food with your donations, another team will assemble and mark boxes, another team will fill boxes, and yet another team will be on hand for the day of pick-up. **Your help is needed!** If you are able to participate in any way, please contact the church office at 724-537-4450.

WELCA 2020 Outreach

This year WELCA is collecting baby items for "Blessed Bundles" by providing SWPA families with the following items:

- ◆ Disposable Diapers (Size Preemie through 7)
- ◆ Wipes-Scented, Unscented and Hypoallergenic
- ◆ Baby Toiletries Gently Used Baby Equipment
- ◆ Gently Used Toys, Activity Centers, Play Mats, Books, etc.
- ◆ New Bottles, Sippy Cups, Straw Cups
- ◆ Gently Used/New Bibs, Baby & Toddler Utensils
- ◆ Target Gift Cards (This is where most of our diapers are bought)

Contact the church office at 724-537-4450 to drop off items. Please contact Linda Reed with any questions at 724-433-2034.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to 'SWPA Women of the ELCA' with a designation of 'Blessed Bundles' and return to the Church Office.



Home Nativity Display

Each of us probably has a home Nativity that we display during the season. We'd love to see yours! When you have yours set up, take

a picture and send it to us either by US Mail or electronically and we will put the pictures together into a video to share on our Facebook page. Deadline to submit pictures is December 20.



Ornament Project

The Christmas Tree we normally have in the Narthex will be placed in the gazebo in the Reiner Garten this year. We need your help to decorate! Individual bags with supplies to make an ornament for the tree will be available in a red tote outside the Sacristy door at Trinity. Stop by, pick up a bag, complete the ornament and then hang it on the tree! This project is for *everyone*, young, old, or in-between!

Digital Gingerbread House Decorating!



Enjoy some holiday fun and fellowship with your Church family while creating and decorating a gingerbread house via Zoom on Friday, December 11 at 6:00pm.

Videos will be posted on Trinity's Facebook page and website that will show you how to prepare your gingerbread pieces for your house and make the royal icing used to decorate.

Please contact the church office at 724-537-4450 if you would like to participate. We will e-mail you the link to the Zoom gathering closer to the date of the event.

Trinity Northside Christmas Wish Lists



Thank you to those who filled the Christmas wish lists of our 20 Northside children! We are blessed to have such generous members. Please return your gifts to the church office by December 8, so they can be readied for delivery on December 13.

Shepherd Shop

The Shepherd Shop isn't open to the public. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact the church office at 724-537-4450. We will help to fulfill any requests. We are still accepting gently used clothing for all ages. Blankets are also always welcomed.

Christmas Poinsettias/ World Hunger Memorials

The congregation is invited to share in the decorating of the Chancel for Christmas by ordering poinsettias and/or donating to World Hunger. If you would like to memorialize or honor a loved one, fill out the order form below & return it along with payment (checks made out to Trinity Lutheran Church) by **December 18.**

_____ Poinsettia(s) @ \$8.00

\$ _____ World Hunger



in memory of: _____

in honor of: _____

given by: _____