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# Trinity Messenger

January 2023 Issue 2

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*A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.  
Matthew 3:17*

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The Incarnate Word, Jesus the Christ, God made flesh, has come into the world and dwells with us, and amazingly, dwells in us.

The theological concept of incarnation, our belief that God assumed human flesh in the birth of Jesus, lies at the center of our faith and our discipleship. For good reason, discipleship requires a body, our body, so that the God made fresh might continue to impact the world, in which we dwell, with God's love. Through our activity, depending on our level of faithful commitment and focus, the full embodiment of Jesus, dwelling in us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, has the remarkable power to give evidence to God's presence in our midst and the life-changing message that truth brings.

I imagine Jesus could have given the role of discipleship solely to the Holy Spirit without involving us, but in doing so, the human bond, the face-to-face connection that blesses us with the gift of talking and walking with each other in our day to day lives and all that entails, would be lost. We, and we alone, possess the power to make the incarnate love of God known in real time, day in and day out, through allowing the Incarnation living in us transform us and guide our discipleship.

As we separate ourselves from the hectic and distracting nature of the holiday season, let us take full advantage of the sacred time we have been gifted to consider the extraordinary event that has taken place through God's intimate presence among us, and allow that good news to transform our relationship with our Creator and our Savior who now abides with us.

Faithfully,

*Pastor Mark*

## **Stewardship Special Giving for JANUARY: WATER STREET MISSION**

**Who we are:**

We are a team of dedicated employees and volunteers who meet people where they're at and give them the tools to get where they're going. Our

motivation to help others is rooted in the premise that Jesus Christ has given each of us a second chance—we've been rescued, and now we get to provide that same hope and renewal to others.

**What we do:**

We provide the tools to people experiencing homelessness, so they have hope for a better life. This begins with a meal and shelter and unfolds differently for each person seeking help. All guests have access to medical, dental, behavioral health, spiritual and career support while on campus.



**January 8-14, 2023**

<b>Sunday, January 8, 2023</b>	
9:00am	Sunday Worship
10:00am	Adult Forum
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
<b>Monday, January 9, 2023</b>	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Evangelism
<b>Tuesday, January 10, 2023</b>	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
7:00pm	Finance Committee
8:00pm	Executive Council
<b>Wednesday, January 11, 2023</b>	
6:00pm	Bell Ensemble
6:30pm	Mazon: Middle & High School
6:45pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, January 12, 2023</b>	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
7:30pm	Council Meeting
<b>Saturday, January 14, 2023</b>	
7:30am	Walking Group



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## Office Hours: January 9-13

We recommend you call the office prior to stopping in to ensure hours have not changed.

Pastor Mark will be on vacation this week. If you need anything please call the church office or Donna Nace.

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - Noon	OFF

## Snow or Inclement Weather:

**Notice of worship/meeting cancellations can be found on:**

- TV Channel ABC 27 or their website: [www.abc27.com](http://www.abc27.com)
- WGAL 8 website: [www.WGAL.com](http://www.WGAL.com)
- Front page of Holy Trinity's website: [holytrinityephrata.org](http://holytrinityephrata.org)



*Notes of* **THANKS**

Dear Trinity Lutheran church council,

On behalf of the Historical Society of Cocalico Valley, I would like to thank you for allowing us to use your space for our monthly programs. This is a wonderful outreach for us to the community in general with a central location and we truly appreciate you having made this space available to us. We know this room was offered with strings attached but we are aware we are using your valuable resource in equipment, electric and heat, therefore we are offering you a small donation to hopefully offset some of these costs. Thank you for your generosity. With warm regards,

Peggy Lyba, HSCV Corresponding Secretary

Dear Members of Holy Trinity,

It was so uplifting how your "thinking of you", "praying for you" and "get well" cards, texts, emails and phone calls brightened my days during my recent hospitalizations. May God bless each and everyone of you. Special loving thanks to Donna and Pastor Mark for their visits, communion, emails and phone calls. The altar flowers that Heather Zimmerman delivered were beautiful. May you have a blessed Christmas!

In His Love, Marti Nissley

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, texts and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. A big thank you also to Donna and Pastor Mark for all their calls and texts. Kitty and I feel very blessed to have our supportive and loving Holy Trinity Family!

Sincerely, Tom Dickersheid

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Lebanon patients and staff, we wish to thank you for the recent donation of \$1220.51. 100% of your donation will be used to supplement the excellent care and services provided to our Veteran patients and their families. We are very grateful for your generosity and support of our Nation's Veterans.

Sincerely, Jason Lane, Chief, Voluntary Service

Dear Carolers,

It was so nice to hear your voices outside our door before Christmas. We thank the Youth Group and the adults for visiting us. We wish all of you a healthy and happy 2023.

Happy New Year, Sue and Carl Rentschler



### **Watching or Listening to Worship Services**

#### **To watch live:**

Go to

<https://holytrinitylutheranchurchepratapasermon.net/main>

click on *Now Playing*

click on *Tune in Live*

#### **To watch a recording of the service:**

click on *Now Playing*

click on *Play Video*

#### **To Listen Live on a telephone:**

call (717) 733-4134

Once the church message begins dial 7001. If that does not work, try 7001#.

Call five minutes before the service begins and wait.

Please remember to mute your phone during the service or remain silent during the service.

### **ELM Homeless Support Initiative**

As usual, when asked to step up, the members of Holy Trinity responded in caring and giving fashion. The ELM initiative to provide underwear and socks to the homeless who are taking advantage of the showers provided by Refresh Lancaster has been a huge success . . . so successful, in fact, that the folks from Refresh Lancaster are now telling us that the need

for underwear and socks is no longer as urgent as the need for thermal wear. The box marked ELM will remain in the back of the church, and while we'll still accept donations of underwear and/or socks, any donation for warm clothing as we approach the colder weather will be greatly appreciated.

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***Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!***

