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From the Pastor's Desk – January “All Things New”

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; **2 Corinthians 5:16-18**

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Revelation 21:5

What, exactly, changes simply because the calendar switches over from 2022 to 2023? Anything? Of course not. There is always the possibility of change. We are capable of making changes in our lives, but nothing is automatic. Then, theologically, we have to admit that, as sinners, we cannot fix ourselves. We do not, we cannot, keep even our best intended resolutions.

In 1971 John Lennon & Yoko Ono released the record: Happy Xmas (War is Over); a Christmas song, but also a powerful protest song against the war in Vietnam.

*So this is Christmas
and what have we done
another year over
and a new one just begun*

*A very merry Christmas
and a happy New Year
Let's hope it's a good one
without any fear*

Again and again, as this holiday song runs its course, there is this message in the background: *War is over . . . if you want it . . . War is over . . . now.* And, still, the cynic in me declares, “Yeah, and if wishes were horses, beggars would ride.” Change is hard. How many New Year’s resolutions will be made that will be dead and gone before

winter is over, maybe even before the end of January?

What will 2023 bring to us? What will our lives be like in this new year? Can this year be different? Can we make changes for the good, not only of ourselves but for our families and our communities? Yes, we CAN, but will we? When we’ve decided that this or that need to be changed, how do we make the changes stick? I’m going to say one thing that you’ll all expect – prayer. How typical, right? But it’s real. Committing yourself to prayer – asking God’s blessing and help, the inspiration and empowering of the Holy Spirit in sticking to the changes you’re determined to make – not only can help. It will help. It’s a form of accountability, but not about making yourself feel guilty if you slip. That’s the good news of forgiveness. Even when we slip and fall, we know the grace that is forgiveness and new beginning and, metaphorically, we get back on that horse and ride on, move forward.

Our God is the God of those new beginnings. That is the good news that grounds every day of our lives. Writing to the church in Corinth, Paul talks about the gift of new life in Christ, that all of us who find our lives in Christ are a new creation. We’re not bound to the past, to past mistakes and poor choices. We can find new hope and the strength we need going forward.

Then, at the end of the Scriptures, at the end of the Book of Revelation, we have the powerful message that God will make all things new. We are not bound to the old, to what we were. Change in this new year is not automatic but it can be done. It can become our new reality. I can be a better man. I can be a better pastor. I can be a better husband. I can be a better father and grandfather. I can be a better son. It won’t happen simply because I want it to. It will take work, hard work. It will take commitment and dedication and determination. It will take prayer. I ask for your prayers as I strive to

make changes and I promise that I will pray for you as well.

Happy New Year! Let's hope it's a good one but, more than that, let's work hard to make it so.

Blessings to you and Peace,



ANNIVERSARIES

January 18 Robert & Connie Reinhart 59 years

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- January 05 Eugene Perone
- January 06 Loren LaRose
- January 08 Lynann Everett
- January 09 Krystal Salter
- January 11 Karen Talamantes
- January 14 Donald Delich
- January 14 Tyler Sutton
- January 17 David Kraftician
- January 21 Charlotte Koenig
- January 22 Amy Allen
- January 27 Mia Samok
- January 28 Barbara Herman
- January 28 Jeanette Hyer
- January 30 Lori Zellers



[NOTE: If we have omitted your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

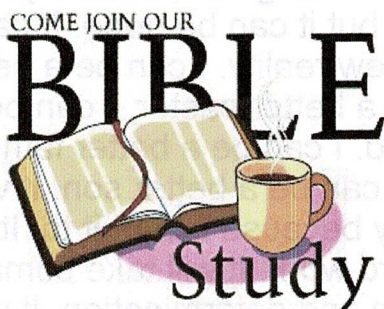
Children's special involvement has been cancelled until it is safe to have children gather together.



Children's Sermon

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Mondays at St. Matthew's from 1:30—3:00 PM
Here at Holy Trinity on Thursdays from 10:30AM—Noon.
Please feel free to join either of these. No experience necessary.



ADMINISTRATION



JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOURS
8:30am—12:30pm

January 1, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Rich Hyer
Ushers: Kelly & Scott Heinrich
Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15 AM

January 8, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish
Ushers: Ron Keblish w/Taylor, Terry Holland
Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15 AM

January 15, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Larry Arner
Ushers: Loren LaRose, Carol Heffelfinger
Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15 AM

January 22, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Debbie Hansut
Ushers: Richard & Jeanette Hyer
Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15 AM

January 29, 2023 HEALING SERVICE COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Vicky Holland
Ushers: Gordon & Mary Walls
Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15 AM

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, **January 22, 2023** after our 10:15 AM service. Please plan to attend either in person or on zoom.

Reports for Annual Meeting

All reports for the annual meeting need to be in the church office **no later than January 16, 2023.**



**HOLY TRINITY ACTION
MINISTRIES**

Tues. 9AM- 12:30 PM Thrift Shop

Please pick up a copy of "Word in Season" for Jan through March 2023. They are in the Narthex.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Jan 05 4:15 p.m. Worship & Music
Jan 16 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rich Hyer President
Don Delich Vice-President
Marlene Bollinger
Teri Delich
Scott Heinrich

Jim Miller
Eric Reif
Ray Talamantes
Karen Talamantes
Gordon Walls
Mary Walls

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

Larry Arner Treasurer
Carol Heffelfinger Financial Sec.

HOME VISITS

Home visits and shut-in visits are being planned for January. If anyone would like to receive communion from Pastor Mike, please call the office @ 610-826-2524.

2023 SPONSOR SHEETS

Please sign up!

2023 sponsor sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office: **Weekly Bulletin** \$10, **Altar Flowers** \$25, **Weekly Communion Bread** \$2.50, **Monthly Website** \$20, and **Altar Guild**.

2022 OFFERING STATEMENTS

Year-end giving statements for 2022 will only be available as requested. If you want or need a giving statement for your records, please call the church

office 610-826-2524. We will not be printing a statement for every member, and statements will only be mailed by your request. If you prefer, your statement can also be picked up at the church office.

FINANCE

Nov. Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$ 5,036
Nov. St. Matthews Pastoral Service	\$ 3,444
Nov. Additional Income	\$ 7,851
Nov. Monthly Expenses:	\$12,050
Attendance:	
November 6, 2022	42
November 13, 2022	37
November 20, 2022	40
November 27, 2022	38

Zoom information:

Join Zoom Meeting

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THANK YOU VOLUNTERS



Thank You to everyone that served on the Altar Guild in 2022. It is a very important service in the church. It is not a difficult job and doesn't take a lot of time.

So thank you:

June Andreas
 Krissy, Taylor, & Ron Keblish,
 Lizzie Reif,

Debbie Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer,
 Jeanette & Rich Hyer,

Lynn Perone & Karen & Ray Talamantes

Without your dedicated service to the Lord the church would be lacking altar flowers, paraments, and communion. Also thanks for fill in help from Eric, Zacary & Josh Reif and Nevaeh Keiper.

Thank You to all the Ushers:

Kelly & Scott Heinrich
 Carol Heffelfinger
 Loren LaRose
 Terry Holland

Rich & Jeanette Hyer
 Ron & Taylor Keblish
 Gordon & Mary Walls

Thank You to all the Assisting Ministers:

Larry Arner
 Debbie Hansut
 Vicky Holland
 Rich Hyer
 Krissy Keblish
 Lynn Perone

Finally Thank You to our Sunday School Teachers "God on the Go":

Don & Teri Delich

THANK YOU SPONSORS

Thank you for the Flowers:

Larry & Susie Arner
 The Family of Dorothy Berger
 Marlene Bollinger
 Carol Borger
 Gerry Dorshimer
 Ann Eckhart
 Jean Fritzingler
 Debbie & Steve Hansut
 Carol Heffelfinger
 Barb & Joe Herman

Vicky Holland & Jim Meldrum

The Keblish Family
 Bernice Kleintop
 Valerie Kleppinger
 Mary Mahon
 The Sosik Family
 Jean Suarez

Karen & Ray Talamantes
 Anonymous Donors

Thank You for the Bulletins:

The Donald Berger Family
 Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield
 Marlene Bollinger
 Debbie & Steve Hansut
 Barb & Joe Herman
 The Keblish Family
 Charlotte Koenig
 Mary Mahon
 The Reif Family
 Jean Suarez

Anonymous Donors

Thank You for the Communion Bread:

Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield
 Kay Elyse Gerhart
 Debbie & Steve Hansut
 Barbara & Joe Herman
 The Keblish Family
 Mary Mahon
 Jean Suarez

Ray & Karen Talamantes

Thank You for the Website:

Marlene Bollinger
 Carol Borger
 Debbie & Steve Hansut
 Barb & Joe Herman
 The Keblish Family

Thank You for the Times News Ad:

Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

A special Thank you to everyone for your help with stuffing all the Trick or Treat goodie bags and help on Halloween and the Children's Shopping Day this year.

We received a letter of Thanks from CACPAC for our donation of \$1,318.25. This was the proceeds from the Festival. The letter is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



**POINSETTIA FLOWERS ARE
PRESENTED
IN MEMORY OF**



Lee Bollinger - Marlene Bollinger

Delly Strohl - Marlene Bollinger

Ida Lichtenwalner, Marvin & Mary Spadt - Josslyn, Alec, Sierra & Kira DeLong

Loved Ones - Debbie & Steve Hansut

Loved Ones - Vicky Holland & Jim Meldrum

Our Parents - Rich & Jeanette Hyer

Larry Roberts, David Roberts - The LaRose Family

Lynn & George LaRose - The LaRose Family

Elinor Miller - Jim Miller

Alice Henning - Jim Miller

Gene & Virginia Crachy - Lynn Perone

Edward Rusin - Lynn Perone

Son, Thomas Schmidt, Jr - Nadine & Tom Schmidt

Kate & George Schmidt - Nadine & Tom Schmidt

Miriam & Sylvester Turnbach - Barbara & Ethel Turnbach

Apologies to Jim Miller for omitting his donation on the Christmas Eve bulletin.



**POINSETTIA FLOWERS ARE
PRESENTED
IN HONOR OF**



Glory to God - Charlotte Beers-Koenig

My Ten Grandchildren - Lynn Perone

Children & Grandchildren - Nadine & Tom Schmidt

January 2023

January 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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February 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 1, 23 10:15am Worship Service in Church and Zoom	2	3 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 9:00am Thrift Shop	4 Office Hours 8:30-12:30	5 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	6	7
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SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Generosity and Vitality in the **NOW** Normal

A Stewardship Extravaganza

January 21, 2023 | Trinity, Lansdale

Generosity And Vitality In The NOW Normal
Sponsored by the Southeastern PA and Northeastern PA
Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Saturday, January 21, 2023
8 A.M. To 4 P.M.

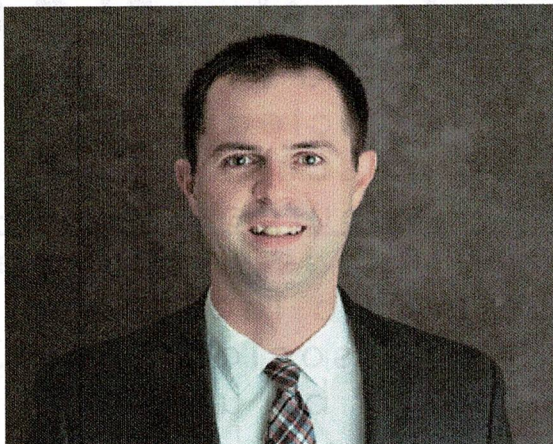
Trinity Lutheran Church
1000 W. Main St., Lansdale, PA 19446

An In-Person Only Event

Cost: \$40 per person (includes lunch)

FREE for SEPA/NEPA Synod seminarians and first-call
pastors

Engage with outstanding church leaders in plenary
presentations and question-and-answer sessions.



Keynote:

Ryan Burge: "The Nones:
From The Overlooked
Category to Impossible
to Miss in Less Than
Fifty Years"

Register Now!

Join us!

LEARNING MINISTRIES DAY

January 28, 2023

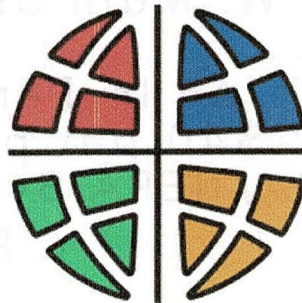
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SAVE
THE
DATE

SYNOD
ASSEMBLY
2023

JUNE
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A Fresh Look for the ELCA

The ELCA has released refreshed branding featuring a cleaner look and a modified color scheme. Learn more at elca.org/Resources/ELCA-Branding. The new logos should be used in digital media including websites, email, and social media. Printed materials may be used until they are depleted.