

The Trumpet

November 28, 2025



Worship with us online using **this link**.



Worship with us Sunday mornings in the sanctuary at 10 am.



Pray with us Wednesdays at 7 pm at a service of Evening Prayer on Zoom.



Advent: A Time of Waiting

The world feels chaotic and uncertain. As we wait and long for the Baby Jesus, we not only grow impatient for the arrival of the newborn King, but also for the arrival of peace, justice, equity and for the needs of all God's beloved children to be met. Advent is a time of hope, but it's also a time of longing. With the Psalmist, we grow weary of waiting and we cry out "How Long, O Lord?" How long until justice rolls down? How long until all are fed? How long until there is truly peace on earth, goodwill for all? How long O Lord?

We wait for all people to know the good news is for ALL people. Advent begins with a cry of longing: "How long, O Lord?" and as we light the first candle, we remember that we wait not only for Christ's coming, but also for all people to know that the Good News is truly for everyone. This week's worship invites us into prayer, scripture, song, and silence as we proclaim God's promise of hope and peace, and as we are called to live out justice, welcome, and love for all. (Excerpted from Nebraska Synod, ELCA)

*How Long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
.....I will trust in your unfailing love...and sing the Lord's praise.*

Psalm 13:1, 5-6



This Week at Trinity

Sunday November 30: No Food Drive this week.

Tuesday December 2: TAG Book Group meets at 11 am in the narthex to discuss *Raising Hare: A Memoir* by Chloe Dalton. Contact Heddy Martorelli at 610-247-6367.

Wednesday December 3: The Juliet's lunch meets at noon at P. J. Whelihan's, 180 Mill Road, Oaks. Please call or text Priscilla Myers 215-272-8570 if you plan to attend.

Thursday December 4: TAG Games Group meets at 1 pm in the narthex. Contact Jan Contino at 610-324-2003.

Friday December 5: Interactive Nativity at 5 PM. Baked goods are needed; contact Lynn Chialastri at 484-571-8438.

Looking Ahead

Trinity Library

Exhausted by the hustle and bustle of the approaching holidays? Want to keep 'Christ' in Christmas this year? During the first three Sundays in Advent, the library team will have a display of Advent and Christmas devotionals that you can check out from the Trinity Library. As you reflect on your life in Christ this year, come see the range of spiritual resources the library will have on display in the narthex on **November 30, December 7 and December 14**

Trinity Angel Tree

December 7 is the deadline to return your unwrapped gifts for the children supported by KenCrest Services.

Stuffed animal collection for Gemma Services

December 7 is also the deadline to bring your stuffed animals--the bigger, the better-- to give to children at Gemma Services.

Dine and Donate

Want a break from cooking dinner or holiday shopping? Join Trinity friends at the new MaGerks in Royersford on Wednesday **December 10** for fellowship and fund raising at a Dine and Donate where 15% of your food bill will be given to Trinity to add to the proceeds from the Country Fair. See Craig Moyer or Ray Nyahay to get a flyer to give to your server. Thank you for your support of our Country Fair

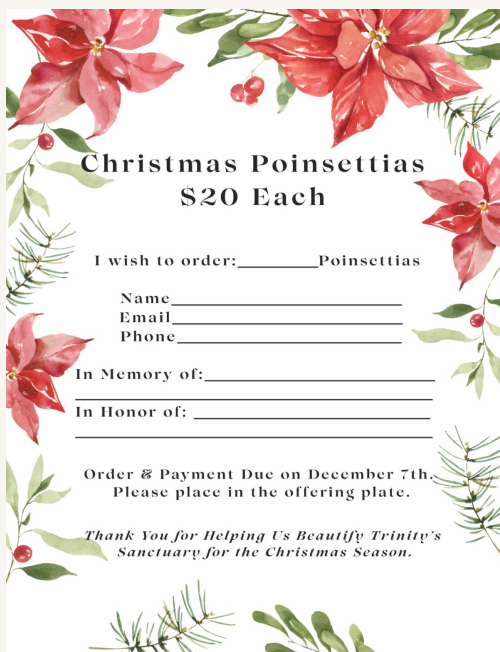
and our church.

Christmas Concert

Save the date and bring your friends and family on **Saturday, Dec 13 7PM**
Ed Bara, Tony Sandor and Larry Greenley in concert.

A delightful evening of Christmas songs from White Christmas to the Grinch. Lots of jazz, drums and stories suitable for all ages. Tickets are still just \$25 and a full 25% of gross ticket sales goes to support the many ministries at Trinity. So bring everyone out for some great music and support a great ministry. Tickets are available online, or at the door. Or see Ed to buy a seat in advance. These concerts have grown in popularity and we do anticipate a full house!

Use [this link](#) to order tickets.



Christmas Poinsettias
\$20 Each

I wish to order: _____ Poinsettias

Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____

In Memory of: _____
In Honor of: _____

Order & Payment Due on December 7th.
Please place in the offering plate.

*Thank You for Helping Us Beautify Trinity's
Sanctuary for the Christmas Season.*



Adult Faith Formation

Each Sunday in Advent, join us for a discussion of *A Child is Born* by Amy-Jill Levine, led by Pastor Karen after worship.



Food Drive

Every Sunday from 1 to 3 pm. Please bring your non-perishable food items for donation to the Daily Bread Food Pantry and St. James Outreach House.



Coffee Hour

Help is needed for setting up and cleaning up for coffee hour. See the sign up board in the narthex.

Trinity Community News

Notes from November Council Meeting

- The 2026 budget was the main topic at the meeting and will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 25.
- The work of the nominating committee continues as they seek candidates for council. Members are encouraged to prayerfully consider serving as a member of council. Nominating Committee members include: Kristin Stoeber, Dan Ditzler, Chris Cole, Peter Schell and committee chair, Lynn Chialastri
- Leslie Askonas shared two slides around Adopting or Amending Provisions/Bylaws in congregational constitutions and procedures for making those changes
- The implementation of a standardized church calendar (with fixed dates for regular annual events) was discussed and initial decisions made around the fall congregational meeting and the Stewardship campaign. We need to continue the discussions as we agreed that some level of consistency in the church calendar across the year is useful and important.

Coffee Hour

Many thanks to the volunteers who continue to set-up and clean-up each week! Each task is simple and takes less than 15 minutes. If you are interested in joining our hardy group of volunteers, please contact Lynn Chialastri; she will be happy to walk you through the steps. Lynn can be reached at 484-571-8438.

Supporting Trinity in your financial planning

Should you donate using a QCD? A QCD is a qualified charitable distribution whereby money from your retirement account is sent directly to a charity, such as Trinity. Do you have taxable retirement distribution (RMD) income and take the standard deduction on your federal return? Donating using a QCD reduces the taxable portion of your RMD by the donation amount. If your RMD is \$10,000 and your QCD donation is \$3,000 you pay federal tax on \$7,000 (not \$10,000). You are getting the standard deduction plus the charitable deduction. You can set up a QCD with your retirement company and set the distribution schedule for your donation to Trinity.



John Kraus
11/28

Beth Keenan
11/29

David Smith
12/1

Leslie Askonas
12/2
Elaine Gross
12/5
Brian Cole
12/6
Daniel Kenneson
12/6
Dorothy Capoferri
12/7

David and Connie Smith
12/5

Church Council Members:

Elaine Gross, *president*; Karl Schafer, *vice president*; Anne Meibohm, *secretary*; Dave Stone, *treasurer*; Leslie Askonas, Jim Bedrosian, Emma Berkmire, Marilou Doughty, and Jeff Shadle

Church Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 8 am to 1 pm.

For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411, extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.

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