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Announcements for the week beginning December 11, 2022

Welcome to Trinity!

We appreciate that the Holy Spirit has invited you to join us today! All are welcome, no matter your stage in life or your life's circumstances. And all of you are welcome, no matter how you are doing physically, emotionally, socially, educationally, financially, or spiritually. If you are new, please fill out a visitor card. You can either hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We want to begin a relationship with you! Thank you for being here!

Phase I Congregational Meeting

At our Phase I meeting last Sunday we elected four new Council members: Judy Driesbaugh, Evy Okerstrom, Cheryl Tucker and Jonathan Weinrich. We also approved a \$353,612 Spending Plan for 2023. We recognized and thanked all of our current council members, especially those whose terms came to an end and/or served faithfully: Nancy Hopkins, Larry Muchow, and Doris Will.

After the Phase I Meeting, the new Council met to elect officers. Our President is Joe Kellermeier, our Vice-President is John King, our Secretary is Evy Okerstrom, our Treasurer is Rosalie Kalman, and the other Council members are: Judy Driesbaugh, Bob Horak, Raeann Purcell, Cheryl Tucker, and Jonathan Weinrich. If you see these people, please remember to thank them for their service.

Commitment Cards

Thank you to all those who have turned in their 2023 Commitment Cards. We have received 39 pledges already! This is 62% of those who pledged last year. Also, remember that there are many ways to give. You can sign up for electronic giving, so that every month your offering will automatically be deducted from your checking or savings account. You can give via credit card through Trinity's website. You can give through your pension's Required Minimum Deduction. And you can give through the donation of stocks, bonds, or other assets. And, to help ensure the long-term ministry of Trinity, please remember to put us in your estate plans. All of these are ways we can all contribute to Christ's ministry.

Mission of the Month – Christmas Gifts to the Children of Chisholm and for Families in Need.

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) takes the lead on putting up a tree in the narthex and putting ornaments on it. These are not regular ornaments. These are tags that have items listed for a specific child in need at Chisholm. We also are collecting monetary donations for families in need in our



community. These contributions help ensure that they, too, can have a Merry Christmas. All donations are due by Tuesday December 13th. Please see Judy Driesbaugh with questions at 570-650-3478.

QR (or Quick Response) Code for Giving or Connecting If you notice, there is a card in the pew that has this odd-looking circle. There are instructions for how to use it on the card. In short, by using your smart phone's

camera, it will take you to our website where you can give to Trinity or connect to our YouTube page. Thanks to Karen Weinrich who got this to us!



Christmas Items

Make sure to stop by the Fellowship Hall to do some Christmas Shopping! All items are available with a good will donation. We also have Christmas quilts for sale for \$35.00.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

We will have two Christmas Eve worship services, one at 4:00 pm and one at 7:00 pm. The 4:00 pm service will also be live-streamed. Then, join us on Christmas Day at 9:30 am for worship (Christmas is on a Sunday this year!)

Calendar of Events:

Sunday (11) Worship – 9:30 am

Monday (12) Monday Bible Study via Zoom – 11 am

Tuesday (13) Mission Workshop (Quilters) – 9 am

Staff Meeting at 9:15 am via Zoom

Wednesday (14) Handbells- 6pm, Choir- 7pm

Sunday (18) Worship – 9:30 am

Those in Need of Our Prayers

Special Needs: Kathy Barrick, Millie Patterson, Skip Barnes, Les Haughwout, Barbara Fortney, Doris Will, Heather Hopkins, Trudy Bock, Kevin Tumia, John Rahme, Norman Hoffeld, Alice and Jim Hart, Jeff Purcell, Norma Nanni, Nelson Schaefer, Beth Parks, Rick Haughwout, and all of our members, friends and neighbors who are coping with the losses they suffered from the effects of Hurricane Ian.

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

Millie Hager (Bishop's Glen ALF, Holly Hill), Alice Rauch (Beachside, NSB), Murace Bullock (Wickshire Senior Living, Port Orange), Annette Sowder (Ann Arbor, MI), Joan Materna (Seashore Senior Living, NSB), Doris Will and Marilou Spencer (Alba Court ALF, NSB), Thelma Reus (Heritage Waterside)

Kathy, Millie, Skip, Les, Barbara, Doris, Heather, Trudy, Kevin, John, Norman, Alice, Jim, Jeff, Norma, Nelson, Beth, Rick, and these people we now name aloud or in the sanctuary of our hearts...

Prayer List Members

Kathy Barrick – broken arm
Millie Patterson - cancer
Skip Barnes – heart issues
Les Haughwout – heart issues
Barbara Fortney – broken arm
Doris Will – cancer (on hospice)
Heather Hopkins – depression

Trudy Bock – Else Abel's sister with cancer

Friends and Relatives

Kevin Tumia – Karen Beiersdorf's nephew with Covid
John Rahme -?
Norman Hoffeld – Nancy Hopkins' brother recovering from a stroke
Alice and Jim Hart – Raeann's parents recovering from Covid
Jeff Purcell – Raeann's brother-in-law dealing with heart and diabetes issues
Norma Nanni – Mary Parada's aunt with breast cancer
Nelson Schaefer – Karen Weinrich's father with COPD
Beth Parks – Deborah's friend and colleague with breast cancer
Rick Haughwout – Les and Jean's son with an infection

Extra Articles

A New Birthday Song (using the tune KREMSER, "We Praise You, O God") *Lyrics by Gretchen Marz*

We celebrate with you the life that God gave you.

We thank God for letting us share in your joy.

God bless you and keep you and shine Christ's light upon you.

With love we sing together happy birthday to you.

Taking Faith Home

Please remember to take your bulletin home with you so that you can re-read the lessons for your own reflection and personal, communal and spiritual growth. Also, pray the prayers daily. Many people pray for their own health and that of their families and close friends. At Trinity, we lift up the church, the world, our leaders, those in need, and the saints who have gone before us. All of these items (and more!) can help us grow more deeply and fully as God's beloved children.

Did you know about Trinity's Prayer Team?

Nancy and Gary Hopkins are our Prayer Team coordinators. If you have email and would like to be added on their list, please send them an email (grywhop@aol.com) and ask to be included. What it is not: It is not a gossip mill for nosey people. What it is: People who have concerns for themselves, their families, or their friends, can contact Nancy and Gary asking that they send out a prayer request. It can be as simple as "Please pray for my neighbor Sue who has been diagnosed with cancer." You can use last names, though that is not necessary. You do not have to give out medical information (Churches need to protect people's health privacy, too, unless we have been given permission by the person themselves.). Please consider adding this to one of the ways you can grow in your own communal spirituality.

Prayer list contacts-

Matt McKeever - shoulder Skip Barnes – spot on lung Les Haughwout – heart Barbara Fortney – shoulder Mary Matthews - self Doris Will – self Heather Hopkins – Post-partum OCD

Alice Hart – Raeann's mother

Jim Hart – Raeann's father

Jeff Purcell – Raeann's brother-in-law

Norma Nanni – Mary's aunt

Nelson Schaefer – Karen Weinrich's father

Beth Parks – Deborah's colleague with breast cancer

Zack Halpin – Grace's student electrocuted

John Rahme – Kathy Marquis's brother who had back surgery

Jimmy Marenic – Betty Still's nephew, diabetic with toes recently removed

Covid Precautions

The Omicron variant continues to rage across the U.S. Please, please take precautions as you go about your daily lives. Here, at Trinity, we are:

- Requiring everyone to wear a mask over your mouth and nose (if you see someone with their mask not covering their nose, simply say, "I love you. Please pull up your mask. Thank you.")
- + Requiring everyone to sit in the blue-taped sections of the pews. (As you sit down you should see blue tape over both of your shoulders. You should not see blue tape directly in front of you.)
- + Refraining from singing. (So that we are not expelling a lot of aerosols into the air.)
- + Distributing communion in the porch as we leave. (So that no one needs to lower their masks during the service.)

We hope that by taking these precautions we are being responsible citizens and faithful followers of Jesus Christ, who constantly asks us to care for our neighbors. These precautions help us do just that.

Scheduling

Please remember to inform the Office Administrator, Mary Parada, of the date, time, and location of your team, committee, or group meeting, so that we can get it on the calendar. Some spaces have been double-booked. Some meetings have not gotten on to this announcement page. Thank you!

The Sunday Study -

We are reading is *Though Shall Not Be a Jerk* by Eugene Cho. Cho is the President/CEO of Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice that works in a bi-partisan way to end hunger at home and abroad. This book is meant to strengthen our faith and unite our voices as followers of Jesus and not fall into partisan political trap. We will continue this morning and the

following Sundays at 11 am (EST) via Zoom. Today we will be discussing chapters 8 and 9. *Join us in the Fellowship Hall or from your home!*

Visits with Pastor Tim

If you would like to have a conversation with Pastor Tim, you can call him and schedule at time. His number is 763-439-9971.