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**HOLY TRINITY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Seasons of the Church

“Liturgy” comes from the Greek word meaning, “**Work of the people**.” Being a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran, you might understand the idea that worship requires you to work. Liturgical churches are pretty participatory: we are always standing up, sitting down, or kneeling; the congregation prays together out loud; everyone comes up to the front to receive communion.

Silverio Gonzalez is a staff writer at Core Christianity. His blog declares his love of liturgical Protestant worship, in-part, because it includes lots of Scripture reading throughout the service. He says,

***Usually there are readings from the Old and New Testaments, Psalms, Epistles, and Gospels. Sometimes the Psalms are sung. Protestant liturgies include a variety of arrangements and a number of Scripture readings. Hearing so much Scripture read in church is like being washed in God’s Word.***

The church calendar and the lectionary are part of a liturgical church. They help us keep our worship focused on God’s word and provide variety and depth to our services. Check out the summary of the association of lectionary and seasons on page 2.

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## SEASONS OF THE CHURCH (CONTINUED)

### What's a Lectionary?

"Lectionary" is a church's pre-assigned set of scripture readings for each season. The use of scheduled readings can be traced back to the early church and seems to have been inherited from Judaism. Denominations have adopted different lectionaries but Lutherans generally use a 3 year cycle (Year A, Year B, Year C). For the 2019-20 calendar, we are in **Year A**.

### THEMES

There are some special days that have become part of the cycle too.

#### Advent

- November 28, 2019 – December 23, 2019

Waiting; Expectation; Hope; Yearning; Need for a Savior; Joy; "Coming" of the Messiah. Hope for the Messiah's second advent.

#### Christmas

- December 24, 2019 – January 5, 2020

Celebration of the Incarnation of the Word of God; Salvation; Joy; Kingdom; Peace; Giving.

Epiphany

#### Ordinary Time

- January 6, 2020 – February 25, 2020

Ordinary time is not "plain, boring time," but rather "counted" time. Themes include the basic elements of the Christian life.

Transfiguration

#### Lent

- February 26, 2019 – March 8, 2020

Penitence; Morality; Human Limitations; Need for a Savior; Self-Denial; Preparation for Good Friday and Easter. Some traditions emphasize Lenten fasting - others focus on adding spiritual disciplines.

#### 3 Days

- March 9, 2020 – April 11, 2020

The death of Jesus and its meaning; Love for one another (Maundy Thursday). Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus as king, but leads into a solemn preparation for remembrance of his death.

#### Easter

- April 12, 2020 – May 31, 2020

Salvation; Victory; New life; Joy; Christ reigns.

Pentecost

#### Ordinary Time

- April 13, 2020 – November 25, 2020

Ordinary time again. HTLC breaks into this season with celebration days like Trinity Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, and All Saints Day. Watch for white and red paraments and perhaps gold communion ware used on these special days.

Trinity Sunday

Reformation

Christ the King

## JANUARY 13, 2020 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting called to order at 6:30 and began with devotions by Michele Russell

Attendance: Bob Montgomery, Nita Cunningham, Floyd Garrott, Pastor Doane, Stan Harlow, Michele Russell, Carolyn Claussen, Kevin Letcher, Al Davis, Dave Krueger

Absent: Paul Widmer,

Meeting agenda and Minutes of the December 2019 Council meeting were approved.

### Reports

Pastor's Report - Report Submitted.

Pastor Doane reviewed pastoral visits, committee attendance, continuing education, and prospective new members. After an increase in worship attendance at the end of 2019, there was a small decrease in the first weeks of 2020.

Digging Deeper has resumed on Tuesday evenings, and a new adult class begins during the Sunday School hour on January 19.

### Treasurer/Financial Secretary Report

Summary: Month Twelve of the Calendar Year 2019 - Target Percent is 100%

INCOME: \$34,986

Current Envelopes: Income for the month \$31,491 which is \$6,908 above monthly need of \$24,583

Total Income YTD: Income is above projection by \$5,586.

EXPENSE: Contained overall

NET INCOME:

December: Gain \$7,237

Year-to-Date: Gain \$7,455

CURRENT ASSETS

Total Balance: \$300,514

It is an excellent finish to quite an uneven year.



Thanks to all for efforts to save and to contribute in so many ways to God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church! Albert Davis, Treasurer

December 2019 Treasurer's Report was approved.

### Old Business

The annual Synod Assembly will take place in Noblesville, Indiana beginning on June 4, 2020. Stan Harlow volunteered to attend. One more volunteer is needed. The attendees will be voted on during the February Congregational Meeting.

Volunteers are needed to cook and serve dinner at the LUM shelter on one Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between January 27 and February 26. Contact Nita Cunningham by e-mail with one date that would work for this opportunity to serve.

It is recommended that the HTLC Mission Statement be periodically reviewed and revised, and guiding principles be created to support fulfillment of the mission. Revisions and/or new mission statements will be presented and voted on at the HTLC Congregational Meeting in February.

### New Business

February 23, 2020 was selected for the HTLC Congregational Meeting. This meeting is for presentation of committee reports, discussion of the mission of the church, presentation of awards, and the fellowship of a shared meal. Annual committee reports for 2019 should be submitted to Sue Lambert by January 26, 2020 for inclusion in the packet provided to HTLC congregation members. The council thankfully accepts Sue Phebus' kind offer to organize the meal again this year.

The advantages of long term planning of committee activities were discussed.

### Committee Reports:

Evangelism –Report submitted.

Events, including Friendship Sundays, speaker series, and the Community Fair are planned in advance throughout the year and will be announced.

Kevin Letcher has contacted churches whose attendance has held steady or grown. He submitted a written report of the conversations he has had

## JANUARY COUNCIL CONTINUED

with the pastors of five of these churches. Future discussion will include a deeper review of their suggestions as well as those of additional pastors.

### Technology - Report submitted.

Members of the technology committee met via e-mail. Members of the committee will schedule a face to face meeting to discuss and understand HTLC file and computer system back up, existing equipment, and terms of the existing computer service agreement.

### Property – Report submitted.

A detailed report on the timeline of installation and subsequent repairs on the east entry doors was submitted and discussed.

The property committee continues to efficiently support routine repairs and maintenance work on the church property.

### Mutual Ministry –No new report submitted.

### Christian Education –No new report submitted.

### Youth – No new report submitted.

### Stewardship – No new report submitted.

A letter summarizing stewardship in 2019 is being prepared for all members of HTLC.

### Worship/ Music – No new report submitted.

The Worship committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday, January 15.

### Outreach – Report submitted.

The Outreach Committee reviewed successful outreach events in 2019, including Jubilee Christmas, sock collection, Family Promise and others. They discussed upcoming opportunities in 2020, with a focus on Pack Away Hunger in coordination with Martin Luther King Day.

Next meeting: Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Carolyn Claussen

## *Words of appreciation*



### Advent and Epiphany Crews:

We would like to thank all the many Christmas tree elves that helped in setting up the tree, hanging the greens, and cleaning up the Thursday before Jubilee Christmas.

Also, those who worked so quickly and efficiently after Christmas, undecorating, then cleaning and storing decorations are greatly appreciated too.



### Tippecanoe Food Pantry:

Thanks to the following volunteers: Nell Kretzschmar, Judy Lokke, Dan Lokke, Sandie Donahue, Steve Hahn, Judy Hahn, Vickie Tetzloff. We ARE making a difference.





## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DOANE

You have heard me preach enough to know that I love history. Maybe you wish I didn't love history so much because you have to listen to me preach.

George Santayana, a philosopher, essayist, poet and novelist at the turn the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century is famous for saying or writing,

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

I think that is true, but it isn't why I love history. I love history because it paves the way for insight and understanding. When you read this article we will be in the second or third week of the Sunday School Class I'm teaching, “The New Testament You Never Knew.” It is the premise of the two writers, N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird that the only way you can understand the New Testament is to know the history behind it. Just so you know, I'm having a grand old time teaching this class. I sure hope you can find the time to join us. It is not too late.

In worship the last few weeks we have been reading about John the Baptist. It is said there hadn't been a prophetic voice in Israel for 400+ years. Into the Judean wilderness comes John the Baptist. The

people came out in large numbers to hear John preach and to be baptized by him. John said he baptized with water, but one was coming after him who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. He, of course, means Jesus. I think we under-estimate the harshness of John's message. He preached “*Repent, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*” (Matthew 3:2) The people who heard him must have believed him because many were baptized by him in the Jordan River. On the other hand, Jewish leaders from Jerusalem didn't believe him because he embarrassed them in front of the crowds, calling them “a brood of vipers” or “snakes in the grass”. But it was his criticism of an affair between Herod Antipas and Herodias, the wife of his brother, Philip that got him arrested”. They openly lived together which according to Jewish Law was adultery. Herod had John arrested and John was eventually beheaded.

That sets the stage for the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Basically, we all know what happened next. But there may be more to it than meets the eye. What don't we know?

Come join us on Sunday. 9:30 AM. Room 101.

See you there.

Pastor David



REMEMBER



## The Choir is Coming!

Grandview University is a private liberal arts university in Des Moines. It was founded in 1896 and is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Grandview has about 2000 students. We will be visited by the Grandview University Choir as part of their Spring tour. They will be here on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and will present a concert at 7:00 PM at Holy Trinity.

The choir has about 40 members with 2-3 chaperones/leaders. Holy Trinity is partnering with Our Savior Lutheran Church to host the Grandview Choir. They will be staying with us overnight and leave early Sunday morning for a concert in Cincinnati, OH. We will need 20-25 households willing to receive two students overnight. Holy Trinity and Our Savior are responsible for serving dinner for the choir at 5:00 PM. Students will go home after the concert with their host families who are responsible for a place for them to sleep, breakfast the next morning and shuttling back to the church in time to leave on the bus for Cincinnati.

If you are willing to provide overnight lodging or help with the meal Saturday at 5:00 PM please contact Pastor David ([didoane@htlcweb.org](mailto:didoane@htlcweb.org)) or contact the church office, 447-4205. If you have questions, talk with Pastor David.

### Lunch with the guys

This is an invitation to the first "Lunch with the guys" event. It will be held on February 20, at 11:15 AM. The location will be Cheddars Scratch Kitchen on State Road 26. This will be an opportunity for guys to share wisdom with each other, and enjoy each other's company outside of the traditional church setting. This will be a quarterly event so keep your eyes peeled for those in the future! Looking forward to sharing some time with you all! Please RSVP to T.J. Longdo by February 18 at [tjlongdo@gmail.com](mailto:tjlongdo@gmail.com) or text to 765-714-6148.



Evangelism is working on these events...

March 30, 2020: Join Dr. Stuart Robinson for a discussion of the influence of Judaism on our Holy week cycle.

May 7, 2020 Dr. Ploskonka will talk about depression as a part of Mental Health Awareness Month.





## SLAVENS AWARD

“Friendly” is just not enough to describe Paul Slaven. Let’s add warm-hearted, kind, congenial, inviting, pleasant, perceptive and fun to a short list of attributes that characterized our special guy. He set the example for a welcoming culture at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Visitors were greeted with a comfortable hand shake and a big smile. His warm and caring approach wasn’t reserved for strangers. He was adept at checking in with congregation members too; he spoke an encouraging word with every encounter.

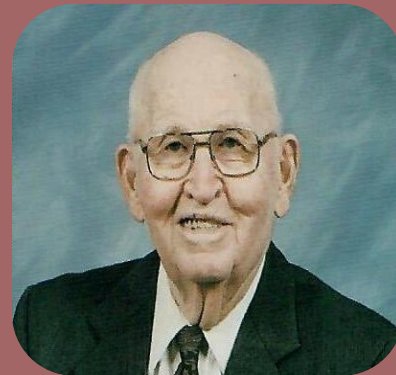
The Slaven’s award is made in Paul’s honor each year at the winter congregational meeting to highlight a person (or persons) who carry on Jesus’ command to love others.

Who has been recognized in past years? See page 13 for a list of honorees.

## Sunday, February 23 Congregational Meeting

### Lunch before the meeting —

From organizer, Sue Phebus, “We’ll provide the meal, except for desserts. Folks are welcome to bring those. Help would be appreciated for set up and clean up.”



## BARNABY AWARD

Wayne was a Property Committee Legend! He was part of the design and build of HTLC’s current home; he knew every nook and cranny of our modern facility. He could diagnosis and fix as well as mentor and oversee the maintenance of the church. As younger members of the committee joined, they followed him on a tour of the church and grounds with a video camera to record history.

Each year, an award is presented to a person who has demonstrated time and effort caring for HTLC facility and grounds with the love and dedication of Wayne Barnaby.



## FEBRUARY

- 3 Cribbage
- 17 Cribbage
- 19 Trinitarians
- 20 Lunch with the Guys at Cheddars
- 20 Book Club
- 23 Annual Congregational Meeting
- 25 Open Door articles due
- 26 Ash Wednesday
- 27 Walking the Footsteps of Jesus class
- 4,11,18 Tuesdays: Digging Deeper

## MARCH

- 2 Cribbage
- 4 Lent Services
- 5 Walking the Footsteps of Jesus class
- 11 Lent Services
- 12 Walking the Footsteps of Jesus class
- 16 Cribbage
- Trinitarians
- 18 Lent Services
- 19 Walking the Footsteps of Jesus class
- 19 Book Club
- 25 Lent Services
- 25 Open Door articles due
- 26 Walking the Footsteps of Jesus class
- 30 Speaker Series: Dr. Stuart Robinson

## APRIL

- 2 Walking the Footsteps of Jesus class
- 6 Cribbage
- 11 Our Savior: Pastor Schroder Installation
- 6 - 13 Family Promise Hosting
- Trinitarians
- 14 Grandview College Concert
- 16 Book Club
- 20 Cribbage
- 25 Open Door articles due

Please see details in other **Open Door** stories or watch for news in the **Epistle**

## LET'S CELEBRATE

### February Birthdays

- 2 Pam Deutsch, Mary McDonald, Scott Schwartz
- 3 Joann King
- 5 Franz Frederick
- 8 Colin Miller
- 10 Rudy Ahlersmeyer
- 11 Cindy Wolaver
- 14 Pinnie Wallace
- 15 Barbara Suter
- 17 Rob Wolaver
- 18 Brandin Tetzloff
- 19 Keith Vogelgesang
- 22 Sandy Back, Brian Eacret, Drew Koning, David Wehrspann
- 24 Jim Cahoon, Linda Keegan, Lauren Gustafson
- 25 Ryan Longdo
- 26 Dorothy Baker, Adam Krueger
- 27 Helen Glick
- 28 Donna Montgomery



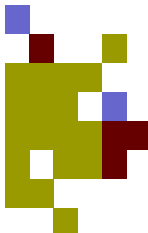
## PRAYER FOR MY CHURCH

God, give my church and me a heart for our community. Let me see the people through Your eyes. And give me the courage and the wisdom to let go of this church, so that others who best reflect this community can lead us and teach us.



## FAITH AND FINANCES

The most powerful thing that a Christian can do is pray. Yet how often do we allow prayer to be our last resort or give up if the answer is not immediate?



**“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” Matthew 7: 7 – 8**

Last April I reported an unhealthy current of “worry” and “concern” that was running through our congregation:

Attendance was down  
Giving was less than projected  
Members are leaving

### MY, OH MY!

While there was no limit of opinions explaining the circumstances, few had definitive solutions to immediately change the tide.

It seemed clear from the verses above that Jesus encouraged us to pray.

- Ask our Father for what we need;
- seek His guidance,
- knock on the door of the Father’s house so the it is opened to hear our deepest desire and become in alignment with God’s will.

We were invited three times – how many more were required before we accepted the invitation?

Even better than the invitations is the recognition of the promises:

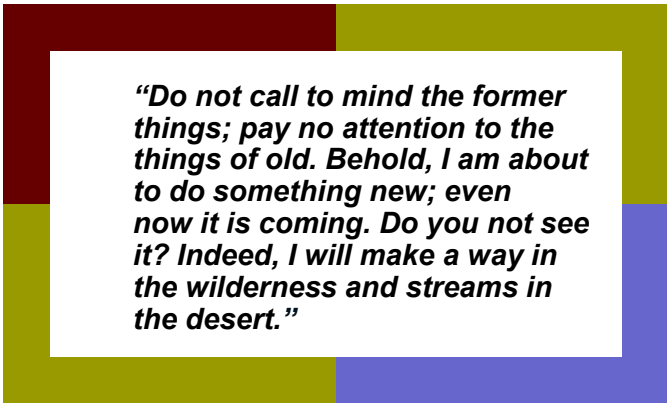
- (1) “and it will be given,”
- (2) “and you will find,”
- (3) “it will be opened to you.”

There are four more promises. Did you notice them?

It is so encouraging to witness how strongly the Holy Spirit is working in our congregation. Your faithful contributions and service are a testament.

In April, I suggested that God was up to something.

Bishop Bill has been quoting Isaiah 43: 18 – 19 for six years!



***“Do not call to mind the former things; pay no attention to the things of old. Behold, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert.”***

Somebodies ARE praying! I know that because that is what you tell me. It is not in vain.

Thank you for exhibiting patience and grace to all in this place where we gather to worship and support.

Be encouraged! Pray often and with confidence.

In His Service,  
Al Davis



## A Devotion for Our Day based on a reading from 1 Corinthians

By Pastor Derrick Fallon, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, New Canaan, Conn.

A group of quilters gathers around a piece of cloth. It is the genesis of an act of love that, when completed and given away, will change a life for the better. Among the craftspeople are differing political opinions, theological viewpoints, and ways of looking at the world. But they are united by baptism into Christ, and in that communion they are unified by Jesus' love. And it is a love that makes all the difference in the world.

Paul addresses the dark clouds of division that threaten the church in Corinth. He reminds his audience to look at the bigger picture. What matters most is their unity in Christ and their common, shared identity as baptized and beloved children of God. Paul's words can also shine some light for us today, reminding us of to whom we belong, in whom we are unified, and through whom we are blessed to bless others.

Lord Jesus Christ, keep us united in you, and in our communion help us to share your love. Amen.

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-21 The Message (MSG)

I have a serious concern to bring up with you, my friends, using the authority of Jesus, our Master. I'll put it as urgently as I can: You must get along with each other. You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common.

I bring this up because some from Chloe's family brought a most disturbing report to my attention—that you're fighting among yourselves! I'll tell you exactly what I was told: You're all picking sides, going around saying, "I'm on Paul's side," or "I'm for Apollos," or "Peter is my man," or "I'm in the Messiah group."

I ask you, "Has the Messiah been chopped up in little pieces so we can each have a relic all our own? Was Paul crucified for you? Was a single one of you baptized in Paul's name?" I was not involved with any of your baptisms—except for Crispus and Gaius—and on getting this report, I'm sure glad I wasn't. At least no one can go around saying he was baptized in my name. (Come to think of it, I also baptized Stephanas's family, but as far as I can recall, that's it.)

God didn't send me out to collect a following for myself, but to preach the Message of what he has done, collecting a following for him. And he didn't send me to do it with a lot of fancy rhetoric of my own, lest the powerful action at the center—Christ on the Cross—be trivialized into mere words.

The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God **works**, and most powerfully as it turns out. It's written,

I'll turn conventional wisdom on its head,  
I'll expose so-called experts as crackpots.

So where can you find someone truly wise, truly educated, truly intelligent in this day and age? Hasn't God exposed it all as pretentious nonsense? Since the world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, God in his wisdom took delight in using what the world considered dumb—preaching, of all things!—to bring those who trust him into the way of salvation.



## CHURCH PARTNERS:

Bethany Presbyterian Church  
 Calvary Church  
 Christ United Methodist Church  
 Congress Street United Methodist Church  
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Launch Campus Ministry  
 Our Savior Lutheran Church  
 St. Andrew United Methodist Church

PACK AWAY  
**HUNGER**

**THANK YOU FOR  
 MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

Nearly 200 volunteers were packing away hunger at Christ United Methodist Church on Monday. Nineteen member of HTLC joined the effort.

"It's an amazing day where we celebrate Martin Luther King and we have volunteers from all over the community," said Director of Missions & Outreach for Christ United Methodist Church, Carol Yarian as she spoke with WFLI news.

It's the ninth year for the event. Volunteers packaged over 50,000 meals for those who suffer through food insecurity.

"It's a very diverse group coming together to work for one cause and one purpose," said Yarian. "And that's to end hunger in Tippecanoe County and around the world."

PACK AWAY **HUNGER**



**#MealsThatMatter**







Gift Wrappers, Kitchen team and Basket Movers

# *Let there be Light!!*

In the winter when darkness begins to surround us around 5pm, we're more aware of the lighting in the HTLC parking lot. We're fortunate to have a bit of technology in place to help us out of the dark.

When the parking lot plan was designed, consideration was given to a number of factors including safety and security, operational costs, and courtesy to our neighbors. Flooding the entire area with light from sunset to sunrise not only uses more electricity than can be justified, it can disrupt the peaceful sleep of families in homes nestled up against our property lines.

The solution was to provide a baseline level of night-time light with an option to add more for church members to turn on when the building is in use during the evening hours.

- Automatic timers turn on a specified set of lights each evening.
- Additional lights can be activated by using a timer located in the chapel next to the front entrance.

If you are hosting an event or meeting that runs past twilight, you are welcome to stop in the chapel to fully light the parking lot for your event. The timer offers the opportunity to turn on the auxiliary lights for 2 to 12 hours.

What more info? Ask a member of the property committee to show you how to use the timer feature.

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## **Barnaby Award**

Wayne Barnaby 1998  
Paul and Anita Slavens 1999  
Jane Tolen 2000  
Geneva Werner 2000  
Helen Hoffman 2000  
Al Davis 2001  
Alice Mau 2002  
Leroy and Helen Smith 2003  
Alice Swingle 2004  
Jim and Bonnie Cahoon 2005  
Bernie and Jackie Graser 2006  
Rob Morgan 2007  
Ann Bullock 2008  
Jim and Gladys Fisher 2009  
Wayne and Judy Russell 2010  
Marcia Wooldridge 2011  
Hahns & Deb Pohlenz 2012  
Don and Sue Lambert 2013  
Wayne and Judy Russell 2014  
Jim and Sherry Holmes 2015  
Rob Wolaver 2016  
Nina Morgan and Ann Bullock 2017  
Laverne Glick 2018  
Dan Lokke 2019

## **Slavens Award**

Linda Hedman 2013  
Sue Frederick 2014  
Tom Cavanaugh 2015  
Fred Feigel 2016  
Mike Anderson 2016  
Marilyn Weber 2017  
Doug Phebus 2018  
Kevin Letcher 2019

