



# Holy Trinity Times

February 2026

*Newsletter of The Church of the Holy Trinity*

## February is Going to be BUSY & FUN!

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

We begin Lent with our annual Pancake Supper. Join us in the Parish Hall on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00pm. We'll have pancakes, sausage, coffee and FUN. Free to all. Donations are accepted and go to the Youth Service Trip to Santee.



### Ash Wednesday: February 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon or 7:00pm

Join us for worship at noon or 7:00pm. We'll mark the start of Lent and begin the journey to the cross. There will be imposition of ashes and communion. Livestream at 7:00.



### Lenten Program: Wednesdays in Lent at 11:30am or 6:30pm

Every Wednesday in Lent we'll be gathering at lunch or dinner to share in food, fellowship and reflection on the characters that encountered Jesus in the last week of his life. In the process we'll discover more about our own faith. Sign up by emailing [SusanE@HTLNK.org](mailto:SusanE@HTLNK.org).

**Give it Up**

Lent 2026

### Bishop's Visit and Dedication: February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8, 10:30 & 1:30

Bishop Barker will be here to officially dedicate our new facilities. He'll be with the kids at 9:15 to dedicate the Children's Chapel downstairs. Then join us at 10:30 to dedicate All Saints Hall – our new front door to welcome ALL.

Blessings,

*Clay +*



# February 2026

<b>Sun Feb 8, 2026</b>	11:30am - 12:30pm Service Trip Meeting (OR) 12pm - 1pm Souperbowl of Caring
<b>Thu Feb 12, 2026</b>	1pm - 4pm Bridge (PH)
<b>Sat Feb 14, 2026</b>	6pm - 8pm Youth Agape Feast (PH)
<b>Sun Feb 15, 2026</b>	9:15am - 10:30am Sunday School Celebration Sunday (PH) 10:30am - 11:30am Family Worship Service (S/PH) 11:30am - 12:30pm Connection Corner (PH)
<b>Mon Feb 16, 2026</b>	<i>Presidents' Day Offices closed</i> 7pm - 8pm Vestry (MR)
<b>Tue Feb 17, 2026</b>	5pm Pancake Supper
<b>Wed Feb 18, 2026</b>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12pm - 1pm Ash Wednesday Service 4pm - 6pm DOK (MR) 7pm - 8pm Ash Wednesday Service + Livestream 7pm - 8:30pm Youth Group Bible Study (Oasis Room)
<b>Fri Feb 20, 2026</b>	12pm - 1pm Stations of the Cross (S)
<b>Sun Feb 22, 2026</b>	Bishop Barker Visits: 9:15am – Children’s Chapel dedication 10:30am - Building Dedication and Consecration 11:30am - 1pm Service Trip Meeting (OR) 11:30am - 1pm Youth Lunch & Serve (MR)
<b>Wed Feb 25, 2026</b>	11:30am - 1:30pm Lent program (PH/entire upstairs) 6:30pm - 8pm Lent program (PH/entire upstairs) 7pm - 8pm Lent program (Zoom)
<b>Fri Feb 27, 2026</b>	12pm - 1pm Stations of the Cross (S)

PH-Parish Hall  
S-Sanctuary  
MR-Memorial Room  
CC-Children’s Chapel  
CR-Choir Room  
(downstairs)  
LGR/OR-Large Group Room/Oasis Room  
(downstairs)  
BR-Bell Room

## Sundays

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30am/Livestream Worship at 10:30am

Family Worship every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 10:30am

Children’s Chapel at 10:30am

Adult Sunday School at 9:15am

Dinka Language Worship & Sudanese Sunday School at 1:30pm

Coffee after each service in the Parish Hall

Free Library & puzzle exchange in the Memorial Room

**M-W-F** Exercise Class 9:30am Parish Hall

**Mondays** EFM 6pm Parish Hall

Full updated calendar of events

[Holytrinitylincoln.com](http://Holytrinitylincoln.com)



## Thanks to Everyone for a Great Annual Meeting

### Welcome New and Returning Vestry!

We had another great Annual Meeting. We elected three vestry people and confirmed two wardens.

They are:

Joe Fox, Johanna (JoMac) Machmer, Angee Dostal

Sr. Warden: Corey Wasserburger

Jr. Warden: Matt Lundak

Annual Council delegates:

Nancy Coffman, Mary Lu Long, Jill Lein

### Thanks to our outgoing Vestry Members:

Jeanne Gaertig, Mary Vaughan

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### Looking for Someone Called to Join the Children & Youth Ministry Team!

Do you have administrative experience? Are you graphic & computer literate? Do you have stellar communication skills? If so, consider joining the Children & Youth Ministry Team! This is a part-time position for a team player in *all* our goings-on, but primarily playing a key role as an administrative assistant to the programs serving our kids, youth, and families.



If you know someone passionate about kids, and experienced in education or ministry, feel free to send them to our website or pass on their name and contact info to Darby or Jill!

Email Darby at this address: [DarbyD@htlnk.org](mailto:DarbyD@htlnk.org)

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### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 to 7:00pm**

**In the Parish Hall**

It's still a way off, but get ready to be FED. The annual Holy Trinity Pancake Supper this year is going to be on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Hall. Tell your family and friends, then come REALLY hungry. No cost of admission, but free-will offerings accepted.



**Donations go to support the Santee Youth Service Trip team!**

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## Join us for Ash Wednesday Services – February 18<sup>th</sup>

We will have two IN-PERSON services on that day, with the imposition of Ashes and Communion. The 7:00pm service will be Livestreamed for our online attendees.

Service times are:

In-Person

12:00pm

7:00pm (with music)

Livestream

7:00pm (with music)



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WEDNESDAY

## Give it Up

Lent 2026

### Make a Radical Change This Lent!

Folks talk about the things that they plan to “give up” for Lent. Things like chocolate or social media or TV. Those aren’t bad options, but this Lent maybe there’s something far more impactful that we can give up.

We will be looking at some of the people who encountered Jesus in the last three days of his life. Each of them had something they needed to give up. We’ll hear their story and then perhaps see how we might need to “**Give it Up**” too.

### To Dig in More, Join One of Our Lenten Small Groups

Join us each Wednesday during Lent to dig more deeply into how we might actually Give Up some of the things that may hold us back from really growing our faith.

We’ll kick off each session with a very short teaching and then break out into a longer small group time for sharing. At the end of Lent we hope to be able to give up more than just chocolate.

We’ll be offering two sessions each week on Wednesdays in Lent. So, pick a time that works for you, invite a friend, then join us for food, fellowship and faith.

Sessions meet: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25.

**Lunch Groups:**  
11:30am – 1:00pm

**OR**

**Supper Groups:**  
6:30pm – 8:00pm



**Sign Up at church or via email to**

**SusanE@HTLNK.org**



## **Building Dedication and Consecration Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> With Bishop Barker.**

Join us as the Bishop of our diocese joins us for worship and dedicates our new spaces.

At 9:15am he will be with the kids as they dedicate their own chapel space.

At 10:30am he'll lead worship and prayers as we dedicate All Saints Hall and our new west entry.

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## **Holy Trinity Arts Festival: We Need Your Help to Make it Happen**

Last year's Arts Festival drew almost 2,000 people to the campus of Holy Trinity. It was an amazing and joy filled event.

We hosted Lincoln's coolest annual community Arts Festival and provided a venue for over 50 artists, performers, and florists to share their creative gifts. It was a great event to invite friends and family to come and see.

To make that happen we NEED your help. If you can volunteer for even a couple hours that day please let Michael Norris know by emailing Sue Everett - [\*\*SBEverett51@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:SBEverett51@gmail.com)



## Souper Bowl of Caring is BACK!

February 8, 2026

It's our annual food drive for Matt Talbott. Bring in soup, crackers and other non-perishables and place them on the table in the South Entrance foyer by February 8<sup>th</sup>.



Please drop any monetary donations in the offering plate and mark it "Souper Bowl".



# SOUPER BOWL OF CARING MOST NEEDED ITEMS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hearty canned soup (think meat and veggies!)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mac and Cheese
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canned protein (chicken, tuna, spam, etc)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Granola bars
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti'O's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New blankets
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peanut butter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Men's winter gloves (size L and XL)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cereal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deodorant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Powdered milk	

### How your donation helps:

\$12 - covers the cost of 3 nutritious meals

\$20 - provides a meal for a family of 5

\$50 - provides milk for all guests during lunch and dinner for 1 day



# Sunday School is Starting the New Year Strong!

The theme over January and February for Sunday School is “You’re Invited,” and we’re all about the *parties* with Jesus! Getting invited to a party is one of the best feelings, and being left out is one of the worst. But there’s good news—Jesus never leaves anyone out! He invites everyone to spend time with him, experience his love, and share it with others. This series will remind kids that Jesus’ invitation is always open, and we’re never too far away to join the party! In this 5-week series, kids are learning that **I'm invited to believe in Jesus, love like Jesus does, experience Jesus' miracles, ask Jesus for help, and worship Jesus.**



As we embark on a new semester, parents remember these key dates:



## NOW BOARDING: SUNDAY SCHOOL!

### SPRING 2026 IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES:

**February 15** - Celebration Sunday - Come dressed in your best PARTY attire!

**March 8** - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Start of Spring Break)

**March 29** - Celebration Sunday - Dress in your finest detective wear, ready for Palm Sunday!

**April 5** - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Easter Sunday; stay for the East Egg Hunt!)

**May 17** - Celebration Sunday - Arrive decked out in your summer clothes and enjoy our LAST day of Sunday School for the '25-'26 school year!

Don't forget about **Children's Chapel for grades K-5!!!** Follow the kids' cross out during the 10:30 service for chapel time downstairs in our NEW chapel!



Contact Darby at  
[darbyd@htlnk.org](mailto:darbyd@htlnk.org)  
for more info!

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Family Worship

10:30am

Come Join Us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month,  
February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Family friendly worship with communion, sermon, readings, prayer and music for young and old.

If you've been looking for a way to help your kids or grandkids feel like Holy Trinity IS a place for them, then this service is for you.

All Kids & Youth are invited to sing with us for our February 15<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday. Check out the video for words and actions for "Your Grace is Enough" by scanning the QR code.



## Igniting Our Faith with Others

After a week back at school this semester, several members from the youth group took off for Platte River State Park for the weekend. *Everyone* came away refreshed, reconnected,

and ready to continue igniting the fire in their souls! While we spent much time in Bible Study, Saturday Night Church, and Communion, we had a large emphasis on relationships with one another. We had all the FUN we could pack into just 46 hours!



# IGNITE 2025 - 2026

## February

### SOCIAL

Feb 14 - Agape Feast  
6:00 - 8:00pm

Join us in the Parish Hall and **bring the food you LOVE most** to share as we have a special meal with one another, followed by card & board games!

### STUDY

Feb 18 - Andrew  
7:00 - 8:30pm

This month's focus is on an instrumental apostle who led *many* others to follow Jesus! Join for the fun, stay for the study & discussion! Meet in the Oasis Room @HT!

### SERVICE

Feb 22  
11:30am - 1:00pm

Come after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service for lunch together, an opportunity to grow our relationships, and serve the community around us, both in church and in Lincoln/ surrounding areas!



Join us in  
Children's Chapel  
and serve by  
acolyting!

## Holy Trinity Youth & Adult Service Trip Dates CHANGE!

We are moving our trip a bit later in the summer to better serve our partners in Santee!

We plan on taking a team of youth AND adults this July. It'll be a great trip as we serve our Lakota partners at the Church of Our Most Merciful Savior. Together we'll trust God outside of our comfort zone and develop friendships with people from different cultures.

**New Date:  
July 5-9**

### For More Info:

**Attend our Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting Downstairs @ 11:30am**

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**Play Bridge February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Parish Hall.**

All levels of Bridge players are welcome on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Please contact Nancy Machmer at 618-704-4231 or [namach2020@gmail.com](mailto:namach2020@gmail.com) to sign up.



### Dinner Circles



Dinner Circles will be forming new groups in March. These groups of 6-8 adults will meet 4-5 times between March and August. You will be assigned a group with the intent of sharing a simple meal and getting to know one another. Groups can meet at homes or restaurants (all pay for their own meal). This activity is open to all adults. Each group will have a lead person that will arrange the first group meeting. Others in the group will then take a turn hosting or setting date and restaurant. Please consider this fun activity. Sign ups will be available in February. Contact Mary Jo Tietjen (402-560-4880) if you have questions.

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**The Order of the Daughters of the King is a Community of Prayer  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 4-5pm in the Memorial Room.  
February 18, 2026.**



This Anglican order is an international spiritual sisterhood for women and girls who are members of churches in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA), and Roman Catholic traditions.

The order focuses on a lifelong commitment to prayer, service, and evangelism, guided by a "Rule of Life". Its members strive to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others, strengthening both their own spiritual lives and their parishes.

The group prays daily but meets once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 4-5pm in the Memorial Room. For more info contact MaryLu Long at 402-429-1021.



## Chalice Bearers, Greeters, and Ushers Needed for Sunday Worship

Training will be provided to help orient you to your new ministry to this community.

The most common reaction of new chalice bearers is the surprise at how much more the worship means when they are actively engaged in it.

Ushers and greeters are the first people encountered when you enter the church for services. They are the face of Holy Trinity in a very tangible way. It is truly hard to overestimate their ministry.

If you feel called to serve in these ways at the 8:00 or 10:30am services please do let us know by emailing Nicole at [Nicoles@htlnk.org](mailto:Nicoles@htlnk.org) or scanning the QR Code.



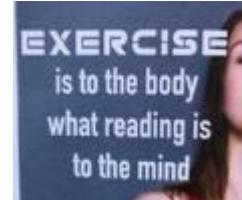
**NEW Process! We are now signing up online! Make your own schedule:**

<https://tinyurl.com/mrymjd4a>

**Or scan this QR code:**

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## Exercise Class M, W, F, 9:30-11am; Parish Hall



Aging is increasing my commitment to exercise. I learn new exercises at Physical Therapy whenever some issue comes along: shoulder, hip, knee, etc. The basic commitment though is God. The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, to be treated with respect and care. Body pain and that commitment to care for the temple of the Holy Spirit keep me exercising.

The routine: general stretching until 10:10, then some walk and others chat, and some do floor exercises. 10:35 we relax, then 10:45 we close with moving meditation called chi gong.

We're enjoying the new color and flooring in the parish hall! We meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:30-11:00 a.m. You're welcome to drop in. Casual attire. If you have questions, contact Christine Grosh: 402-560-0024 or [cgrosh@windstream.net](mailto:cgrosh@windstream.net).



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## LPS Emergency Pantry at Bryan Community School

**300 S. 48th St., 2:45-5:45pm**

**Volunteers Needed! One Friday A Month.**

Sign up in the south entrance on the NEW Community Ministry table.

The pantry is open three days a week when school is in session and Holy Trinity will provide three volunteers to work at the pantry on the fourth Friday during the school year.

Please consider signing up for one or more sessions and contact Cheryl Hejl  
[chejl380@yahoo.com](mailto:chejl380@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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Thanks to our many volunteers who make this effort successful!



## The Holy Trinity Prayer Chain

If you'd like to be part of Holy Trinity Prayer Chain just contact the email address below.

Anytime you need prayer, you can either call or text the Prayer Chain number or email us at the address below and we will include them for a total of two weeks. Please keep us updated.

**Prayer Chain #:** (531) 280-8515    **Email:** [HolyTrinityPrayer10@gmail.com](mailto:HolyTrinityPrayer10@gmail.com)

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## Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at Holy Trinity continues to create prayer shawls and pray for the people who receive them. As we work on each shawl, we are praying for the person who will be wrapped in the love and prayer that is in each garment.

Most of the time we know who will receive our shawls, but there are times when we do not. The warmth and love that the prayers said while making the shawl is there for the recipient to feel.

If you would like a shawl or blanket for someone, please contact Jill Lein 972-948-2211, [jilllein1@gmail.com](mailto:jilllein1@gmail.com) or Susan Zwickle 402-730-7107, [suzanzwickle@gmail.com](mailto:suzanzwickle@gmail.com)

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**Join us in the Parish Hall after each service for Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship!**

### Cookie Donations needed

We are looking for cookies or other treats to serve during coffee hour. If you would like to purchase or make something, please bring it to the kitchen or contact Vicky White [dixiejaz3@gmail.com](mailto:dixiejaz3@gmail.com) or 402-416-3404 or Liz Johnson 307-760-4623 [lizelliot172@gmail.com](mailto:lizelliot172@gmail.com)

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## Free Library in the Memorial Room has Expanded, Including a Puzzle Exchange!



We have expanded the library in the Memorial Room. Take a book or give a book. Exchange your puzzles for fresh ones! Please place all returned or new books in the basket (please, no dictionaries).

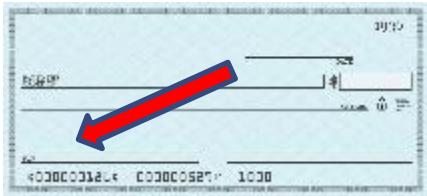
Thank you to Nancy Machmer for keeping the library & puzzle exchange organized and up-to-date!

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Gifts to Episcopal Relief & Development are a practical way to make a difference right now. They partner with local agencies with life-saving supplies and resources, medicine and emergency support. You can donate directly to them at [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org). Or write a check to Holy Trinity with "ERD" in the memo line.

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## Help Us Get Your Offerings to the Right Place Please specify (“Pledge”) in the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support to Holy Trinity. When you write a check, please let us know in the memo line what you want that check to be for. For example it could be marked as “pledge” or “food cart”. This will allow us to make sure that your giving goes where you want it to go. And as always – THANKS for Giving!



### Community Ministry Now Located in the South Entry

Please keep bringing your contributions to our outreach table in the south entry.

The FOOD BOX receives your food donations to be distributed to any persons in need who come to Holy Trinity with the overflow donated to St. Mark's on the Campus.

The BEST CHOICE labels are processed and the rebate distributed by the Outreach Committee.

ST. MONICA'S donations of unused, individually wrapped, travel size toiletries are given in gift bags in the season of Advent with your donations of calendars, scratch pads and greeting cards delivered during the year.

2026 Calendars will be taken to the City Mission.

Any questions please ask Cheryl Hejl [chejl380@yahoo.com](mailto:chejl380@yahoo.com)



### Holy Trinity Times & Bulletin Deadlines

Please send your articles for the next newsletter **by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month**.

Weekly Bulletin articles can be submitted as needed but will only be run as space allows for the following Sunday. Please email them to [nicoles@htlnk.org](mailto:nicoles@htlnk.org).



### Weekly Announcements

Are you receiving weekly announcements via email? If not (and you would like to) please email Nicole at [nicoles@htlnk.org](mailto:nicoles@htlnk.org) so we have your correct email address.



### Building Use Forms-Yes! We still need these more than ever!

Anytime a group of two or more people meet in the church, a Building Use Form is required. These should be updated once a year for recurring meetings. Please submit a form before you meet to ensure you reserve the space. They are located by the office door or on our website. [www.holytrinitylincoln.com](http://www.holytrinitylincoln.com). You may also contact the office to have one emailed to you. [Nicoles@htlnk.org](mailto:Nicoles@htlnk.org) or 402-488-7139.

## February Birthdays



6	John Connor	18	Elizabeth Brown
7	Darren Sherer	21	Karla Bahm
7	Tara Meyer	21	Jacob Cover
9	Linda Rabbe	22	Carol Cornell
10	Chris Wilhelm	22	Abraham Nhial
11	Mary Belle Beach	23	Machnhial Denyjok
13	Rev. John Long	23	Marial Akec
14	Mitchel Meyer	24	Marcus Panther
14	Allyson Stieren	24	Deanna Riggins
14	Larry Dietrich	26	Aislynn Bloomquist
15	Jo Darrington	26	Remy Patterson
17	Jay Schluckebier		



### Helping Your Church AND Yourself

You can do both. Your donations to Holy Trinity and other charitable organizations are no longer deductible when the standard deduction option is taken. You may still be able to receive the benefits!

Payments made directly from your IRA to Holy Trinity will not be counted as taxable income. So if you can't deduct the contribution, this provision removes the donation from taxable income, giving you the same benefit as the deduction.

You must start taking RMDs by April 1 of the year after you turn 73. Let's say you celebrated your 73rd birthday on July 4, you must take the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) by April 1. You'll have to take another RMD by Dec. 31 and by Dec. 31 each year after that. (For tax year 2022, the age for starting RMDs was 72).

Also, people do not have to wait until they are 73 to make those gifts. They are REQUIRED once they're 73, but they are allowed to make the same type of gift at age 70 1/2 which is called a QCD, Qualified Charitable Distribution.

What to do? Contact your IRA provider and arrange for your donation to Holy Trinity to be made from your required minimum distribution. The check must go directly from the IRA fiduciary to Holy Trinity in order to qualify as non-taxable income. Contact Nicole Sherer or Jeanne Gaertig at the church office for more information. [Nicoles@htlnk.org](mailto:Nicoles@htlnk.org)



**Giving statements are available ANYTIME at**  
**[www.Onrealm.org](http://www.Onrealm.org)**



**Church of the Holy Trinity  
Vestry Minutes  
December 15, 2025**

The Vestry of Holy Trinity met in the Memorial Room at approximately 7:00 p.m. Father Clay Lein opened the meeting with prayer.

Present were Father Clay; Senior Warden Corey Wasserburger; Treasurer Jeanne Gaertig; Vestry Members Karla Bahm, Michael Cover, Michael Fox, Roxane Graham, Donald Rabbe and Bob Winter. Absent: Junior Warden Matt Lundak; Clerk Mary Vaughan and Vestry Member Liz Bavitz.

Father Clay led a Bible Study on Matthew 1:18-25. Jeanne Gaertig presented the treasurer's report. She joined Father Clay and members of the Finance Committee in presenting the proposed 2026 Budget. Following discussion and review, Motion by Gaertig, second by Bahm to approve the 2026 Budget. It will be presented to the parish at the Annual Meeting in January.

The 2024 Audit presented by the Finance Committee was reviewed and approved. It was signed by the Senior Warden and acting Clerk and will be submitted to the Diocese. The Diocesan Asking was reviewed, approved, signed, and will be forwarded to the Diocesan office.

Extensive interviewing and discussion with potential Legacy Fund Investment Advisors by the Finance Committee resulted in their recommendation to retain Plittinger & Anderson to manage investment activities for the parish. The firm will also assist in development of financial policies and prepare an official policy statement. After detailed discussion, motion by Gaertig, second by Rabbe, to authorize retention of Plittinger & Anderson as advisors. Motion by Wasserburger, second by Bahm, to allow Gaertig to effectuate all actions necessary to engage the advisors.

Father Clay presented a report of Phase 1 Project Status, noting that all work is to be completed by December 19. Tentative plans call for the new West Entrance and All Saints Hall to be open on Sunday, December 21, as well as the Children's Chapel, Narthex, and East Entrance. The work has been done under budget and Father Clay said it was miraculous to have completion done so well and so soon. He said the Vestry and congregation should be grateful for the completion.

Senior Warden Wasserburger thanked the Vestry for all their hard work done this past year in providing leadership through the construction process as well as ongoing parish operations.

Father Clay presented a Holy Trinity Staff Organizational Chart denoting various responsibilities of the staff members. Interviews are continuing in retaining a Children Ministry Lead and Children Ministry Administrator. The staff has also helped in completing some remodeling projects.

A Closing Prayer was given by Father Clay and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Donald Rabbe  
Acting on behalf of Clerk Mary Vaughan

**Church of the Holy Trinity**  
**Vestry Meeting January 19, 2026**

The Vestry of the Church of the Holy Trinity met in regular monthly session at 7:00 p.m. on January 19, 2026. The Rev. Dr. Clay Lein called the meeting to order and gave an opening prayer.

Present were Father Clay; Junior Warden Matt Lundak; Treasurer Jeanne Gaertig; Vestry Members Karla Bahm, Liz Bavitz, Joe Fox, Roxane Graham, Don Rabbe, and Robert Winter. Excused Absent were Senior Warden Corey Wasserburger; Clerk Mary Vaughan; Vestry Member Michael Cover.

Father Clay led a Bible study on Psalm 27: 4-9.

Gaertig gave the Treasurer's Report which was discussed in detail. The report was accepted as submitted. A Resolution designating Father Clay, Gaertig, and Joni Cover to be signatories for the Pittenger & Anderson Investment Councilors was approved unanimously and a copy thereof is attached to the permanent minutes.

Also approved unanimously were 2026 Housing Allowance's for Father Clay and the Rev. Vernela Kelly. Copies of these resolutions are attached to the permanent minutes.

Father Clay gave an update on the Master Plan for the building and grounds. He noted that work is nearly complete on the new construction and remodeling projects and work on the children's playground will be completed in the Spring. He noted that all areas of work were completed (except the playground) on schedule and under budget.

Vestry nominees for a three-year term beginning in January 2026 are Angee Dostal, Joe Fox, JoMac Machmer, and Justin McCully. Fox was appointed to complete the term of Wasserburger when he advanced to the Senior Warden position and thus is eligible to serve a three-year term. Wasserburger and Lundak will serve their second year of a three-year term but must be elected annually. Having completed their terms as Vestry Memberss are Gaertig and Vaughan. Gaertig will continue to serve as appointed treasurer.

Lundak's report noted that several projects relating to the playground will be finished in the Spring but multiple other projects relating to the Master Plan have been or will soon be completed. Father Clay noted improvements to the Sanctuary sound system will be made in the near future.

A closing prayer was given by Bavitz and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Don Rabbe on behalf of  
Clerk Mary Vaughan

We are now signing up online! Make your own schedule:  
<https://tinyurl.com/mrymjd4a>, scan this QR code,  
 Or email Nicole! [nicoles@htlnk.org](mailto:nicoles@htlnk.org)



	<b>Feb 1, 2026</b>	<b>Feb 8, 2026</b>	<b>Feb 15, 2026</b>	<b>Feb 22, 2026</b>
<b>Serving</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)	<b>Chalice</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)  Rev. Dr. Clay Lein  John Schomerus  Julie Silvertrust	<b>Chalice</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)  Robert Hillyer  Rev. Dr. Clay Lein  John Schomerus	<b>Chalice</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)  Robert Hillyer  Rev. Dr. Clay Lein	<b>Chalice</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)  Rev. Verneda Kelly  Rev. Dr. Clay Lein  John Schomerus
	<b>Greeter/Usher</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)  Mary Graft  Wade Graft	<b>Greeter/Usher</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)  Jan Jacob  Ron Jacob	<b>Greeter/Usher</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)  Bonnie Engelhardt  Jon Engelhardt	<b>Greeter/Usher</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)  None scheduled
	<b>Reader</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)  John Schomerus  Julie Silvertrust	<b>Reader</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)  Patt Harper  John Schomerus	<b>Reader</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)  Robert Hillyer  John Schomerus	<b>Reader</b> (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)  Robert Hillyer  John Schomerus
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<b>Reader</b> (10:30 AM - 11:30 AM)	<b>Reader</b> (10:30 AM - 11:30 AM)  John Andrews  Justin McCully	<b>Reader</b> (10:30 AM - 11:30 AM)  Michael Browne  Sue Carraher	<b>Reader</b> (10:30 AM - 11:30 AM)  Not Needed	<b>Reader</b> (10:30 AM - 11:30 AM)  Louise Otero
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