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# The Trinity Trumpet

*Connecting people to Jesus*

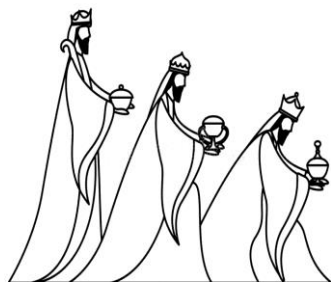
*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*  
Hebrews 10:24

Rev Matt Gehrke



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A big change is coming in my life starting in January! For a year now, one of our sister congregations, Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Baraboo has been vacant. Their pastor retired and for a year, they had their own vacancy pastor leading them in worship and helping them to hold fast to the confession of our hope. But now it is time for someone else to be their vacancy pastor.

That task will fall upon my shoulders. What does it mean that I am a vacancy pastor? It means that I am to oversee their ministry of Word and Sacrament much as I do at Trinity. It looks like that means leading them in worship or making sure someone can lead them in worship. It means that I am a temporary pastor to the congregation while they are vacant while at the same time I am still Trinity's pastor.

Why be a vacancy pastor? Well as our Bible verse of the month states, to help the brothers and sisters in Christ in Baraboo to hold fast to the confession of Christ. To make sure that God's people are given God's good gifts of Word and Sacrament during this time of transition. To make sure that their sick and homebound members get appropriate pastoral care. To help them continue in their ministry in Baraboo.

But I am still called to be Trinity's pastor! I will still be leading worship at Trinity. My office will still be at Trinity. I am happy to be your pastor and look forward to us together holding fast to that confession of hope in Christ Jesus.

For that is why I have been called to you. To help you hold to that confession that you have hope in Christ Jesus who died on the cross and rose from the dead. Everything else in this world will let you down, but not Jesus. He defeated sin. He defeated death. He defeated the devil for you. He has a hope for you even when everything seems bleak. He is Your hope. His hope will never let you down. Because He is faithful.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to not only be faithful to one another, but also to our neighboring sister congregations. So that together, we can all as the body of Christ, one day see that hope fully realized in Christ's return.

In Christ,  
Pastor Gehrke,

# Prayers

## We Pray this month...

*This is a guide to help all members of Trinity to study God's Word and be in prayer each week. The Scripture readings are based upon the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings so that each member can have a better understanding and grasp of what worship will be centered upon. Also it contains prayer requests that members can pray for in their daily devotions and members of Trinity can be united together in their prayers throughout the week.*

Beginning the week of...

Jan. 3 We read: Isaiah 43, Romans 6, and Luke 3:15-22

We Pray: For a blessed Epiphany season.  
For our sister congregation, Our Savior in Baraboo.  
For a blessed 2022 for the LCMS.

Jan. 10 We read: Isaiah 62, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, and John 2

We Pray: For our homebound members.  
For women dealing with a crisis pregnancy.  
For the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS.

Jan. 17 We read: Nehemiah 8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, and Luke 4:1-30

We Pray: For the peace of Jesus to overcome racism.  
For pregnancy resource centers.  
For the LWML.

Jan. 24 We read: Jeremiah 1, 1 Corinthians 13, and Luke 4:31-44

We Pray: For our college students.  
For adoptive families.  
For Lutheran Hour Ministry.

Jan. 31 We read: Isaiah 6, 1 Corinthians 14, and Luke 5

We Pray: An end to the pandemic  
For the abused.  
For the Gideons.



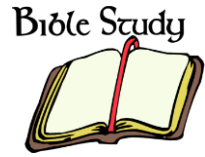
Book of Concord Quote of the Month:

“However, it is not enough for them simply to learn and repeat these parts verbatim. The young people should also attend sermons, especially during the times when preaching on the catechism is prescribed, so that they may hear it explained and may learn the meaning of every part. Then they will also be able to repeat what they have heard and give a good, correct answer when they are questioned, so that the preaching will not be without benefit and fruit.”

The Large Catechism, The Preface, 26 as found in Kolb/Wengert edition of the Book of Concord published in 2000 by Fortress Press.

# AROUND THE CHURCH

**Trinity Lutheran Church and School is online!** We have a Facebook page, an Instagram page, plus an awesome website. At the website, sign up for email or text updates at [www.trinitydells.org](http://www.trinitydells.org). When you sign up you can receive the newsletter via email and receive notifications if weather cancels an activity at church!



**Sunday morning Bible Study** continues in the basement at 8:30am Sundays before worship! We continue studying Lutheranism 101.

**Wednesday afternoon Bible Study** continues into the new year with a study on Isaiah. We meet at 1:00pm outside the Trinity Fellowship Room.

**Online Bible Study** continues to study the Minor Prophets, Thursday evenings around 7pm. Join our online Bible Study at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/295348361009451/> called Trinity Lutheran Church Online Bible Study.

**The next TEAM Trinity Event** will be Sunday, Jan. 16 at 3pm in the basement.

**Sunday School** is going great. Teachers are needed. Please sign-up on the sheet in the ramp hallway.

**Confirmation** resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 5! We will meet 5:30-6:30 in Mr. Motzkus's room. Our memory work due is the 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the Apostles' Creed and Meaning.

**Take down the decorations of the church!** Your help is needed on Saturday, Jan. 8 at 9am after worship. Many hands make light work.

**Voter's Assembly** will be Sunday, January 23 at 11am in the sanctuary. This is our regular, quarterly meeting. This means that Church Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 6pm.

**Development team** was able to meet in November and decided to have another dinner auction in March of 2023. There wasn't enough time to make a quality dinner auction work for spring of 2022. They are also planning a special meal in the fall of 2022. But they can use your help doing this work. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 6pm in the Trinity Fellowship Room.

**The Employee Handbook committee** had a successful first meeting. They will next meet on Monday, Jan. 31 at 5:30pm in the Trinity Fellowship room.

**The new envelopes** for 2022 are ready! They are on a table in the Narthex ready to be picked up by you and used once we start the new calendar year. If you have been keeping your 2021 envelopes in your mailboxes, please remove by Jan. 1!

**National Youth Gathering** is July 9-13, 2022. We need to get our registration forms turned into pastor, along with \$150 down payment. We will have a meeting on Jan. 9 after worship at 11am for parents and participants!

**Epiphany worship** will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 7pm.

**Choir will meet** on Jan. 5 at 6pm. They will then sing during our Epiphany worship service that evening. Then the choir will not meet again until Feb. 9!

# Serving Schedule

## January 2

Elder: Jeff Degner / Larry Kelly  
Musician: Ken Howe

## January 5

Elder: Doug Jonas  
Musician: Cheryl Harder

## January 9

Elder: Jeff Degner / Larry Kelly  
Musician: Ken Howes

## January 12

Elder: Doug Jonas  
Musician: Cheryl Harder

## January 16

Elder: Jeff Degner / Larry Kelly  
Musician: Contemporary

## January 19

Elder: Doug Jonas  
Musician: Cheryl

## January 23

Elder: Larry Kelly / Jeff Degner  
Musician: Ken Howes

## January 26

Elder: Doug Jonas  
Musician: Cheryl

## January 30

Elder: Jeff Degner/Larry Kelly  
Musician: Ken Howes

# Special Events

January 8<sup>th</sup> – 9 am Take Down Decorations  
January 9<sup>th</sup> – 11am National Youth Gathering  
Meeting for parents and participants  
Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 11am Quarterly Voters Assembly

## WOOD FOR SALE!

**Thank you to everyone who helped cut wood!**

**We are accepting orders** for wood to be delivered. The cost is \$75 per face cord. If you want it delivered, then there is a \$15 fee as well. Our wood sales are matched by a generous donor so your purchase is doubled for our school.

**Where does the wood money go?** In the recent past, the wood money has gone toward Tuition assistance. It has been used to help families unable to make full tuition payments still be able to send their children to Trinity! This wood project is a tremendous blessing to our school and to our school families. Your work and support are greatly appreciated!

## Thank You!

To everyone for their Christmas gifts and cards to Pastor Gehrke and Family.  
To our Staff for the continued hard work during the school year, especially preparing the Children's Advent Service.  
The Ladies who helped clean the kitchen in the basement.  
To everyone who helped with the Cookie Walk.  
To all who helped decorate the church, it was again beautiful.  
To our choir who helped to glorify God during our worship.  
Thank you to the musicians who continue to help us glorify God and tell the story of Jesus through music.



# Happy Birthday to You, January Birthdays!!!



- |    |   |    |                                   |
|----|---|----|-----------------------------------|
| 1  |   | 15 | Lexey Hammerly<br>Cindy Rhinehart |
| 2  | Gina Stolarski<br>Jackie Brown<br>Susan Howes                   | 16 | Judy Frederiksen                  |
|    |   | 17 |                                   |
| 3  | Jeff Degner<br>Aleksys Hitzeman<br>Krystle Hitzeman             | 18 | Joshua Anderson                   |
| 4  |   | 19 |                                   |
| 5  | Darlene Schuette<br>Kathee Ferris                               | 20 | Steven Zepplin                    |
|    |   | 21 |                                   |
| 6  | Amir Galvan   | 22 |                                   |
| 7  | Helen Picha<br>Casey Huefner<br>Jack Anchor                     | 23 | Sandra Adee                       |
| 8  | Hunter Foth   | 24 | Shae Cooper                       |
| 9  | Stephanie Hammerly  | 25 | Gary Picha<br>Katrina Grant       |
| 10 | Kathryn Anacker<br>Samantha Degner                              | 26 |                                   |
| 11 | Natalie Gneiser<br>Elaine Hall<br>Kira Borzewski                | 27 | Travis Slaght<br>Tara Leege       |
| 12 | Nathan Sobojinski   | 28 | Cheryl Giese                      |
| 13 | Shelby Adee   | 29 |                                   |
| 14 | Micheal Potter<br>Barbara Wagner<br>Tim Schultz<br>Ava Hitzeman | 30 | Evan Rogge<br>Hunter Hammerly     |
|    |   | 31 | Royce Fringer                     |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Blessed New Year!
<b>2</b> Adult Bible Class 8:30am  <b>Worship w/ H.C. &amp; Kids' Church 9:45am</b>	<b>3</b> 8:15am School Resumes!	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Chapel 8:30am Adult Bible Class 1pm Confirmation 5:30pm Choir 6pm <b>Epiphany Worship 7pm</b>	<b>6</b> Online Bible Study 7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Take down Church Decorations 9am
<b>9</b> Adult Bible Class 8:30am  <b>Worship &amp; Kids' Church 9:45am</b> <b>Youth Gathering Meeting 11am</b>  Adult Information Class 6pm	<b>10</b> <b>Bd of Trustees 5:30pm</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Chapel 8:30am Adult Bible Class 1pm Confirmation 5:30pm <b>Worship w/H.C. 7pm</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Quilting 1pm</b> <b>Bd of Education 4pm</b> Online Bible Study 7pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Adult Bible Class 8:30am <b>Contemporary Worship w/H.C. &amp; Kids' Church 9:45am</b> Team Trinity 3pm Adult Information Class 6pm	<b>17</b> <b>Bd of Stewards 4pm</b>  <b>Bd of Elders 6pm</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Council Meeting 6pm</b>	<b>19</b> Chapel 8:30am Adult Bible Class 1pm Confirmation 5:30pm <b>Worship 7pm</b>	<b>20</b> Online Bible Study 7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Adult Bible Class 8:30am <b>Worship &amp; Kids' Church 9:45am</b> <b>Voters Meeting 11:00am</b>  Adult Information Class 6pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Development Committee 6pm</b>	<b>26</b> Chapel 8:30am Adult Bible Class 1pm Confirmation 5:30pm <b>Worship 7pm</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Quilting 1pm</b> Online Bible Study 7pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Adult Bible Class 8:30am <b>Worship &amp; Kids' Church 9:45am</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Employee Handbook Committee 5:30</b>					