

# Trinity News

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**The Annual Congregational Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church  
Will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025  
at 11:15 a.m. in the Nave**

**immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Nave.**

*(Snow Date: Sunday, February 5, 2025)*

## **Agenda**

1. Approval of 2025 Operating Budget
2. Election of Congregational Council Members
3. Election of Nominating Committee Members
4. Election of Voting Members to the 2025 N.E. Synod Assembly
5. Other items as determined by the Congregational Council

*All reports are due to Chris Jackel, Office Manager  
by e-mail no later than Thursday, January 3*

*Bios and photos of candidates are also due to Chris Jackel  
by e-mail no later than Thursday, January 3*

The Annual Reports from the Ministry Staff, Committees, Ministry Teams and all 2024 Financial Reports will be available by Sunday, January 21.

Informational sessions on the 2025 Budget will be offered on Sunday, January 19 at 8:45 (in the Chapel) and 11:15 a.m. in the Nave

Please speak with Council President Roz Horn or Pastor Perry if you have any questions, concerns or would like more information.

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## UPDATE FROM PASTOR MARK

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**Trinity History Sharing Event:  
A Day to Honor our Past and Envision Our Future  
January 11, 2025**

All older youth and adults are invited to join us for a very special morning on Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 9 am to Noon, in Jeppson Hall, for a “History Sharing Event”. We will review, reflect upon and celebrate Trinity Lutheran Church’s history with its various trends and chapters with the goal of seeing what that suggests about who we are as a church and what should be focused on, strengthened or released for moving into our next chapter. This is intended to help us develop a more focused sense of our Mission and Purpose. The input from such events will be gathered up and included in the “Ministry Site Profile” (MSP), a kind of “resume” of the congregation that the Call Committee, when formed, will use to help us find the next pastor.

We’ll start by fellowshiping together with a potluck breakfast before moving into our discussion session. Please sign up on the sheet found on the bulletin board outside the Parish Office, in the hallway to the nave, or go online to Trinity History Sharing Event to the Google document found there. Please bring a potluck dish if you can but please do come even if you can’t. Coffee, tea, water and juice will be provided, as well as plates and eating utensils. Please also let us know if childcare is needed. Please also wear name tags, and if you absolutely can’t physically be present, there will be an available option to Zoom in. Contact the office if interested.

As we prepare for this event, we invite you to think about and bring some notes describing some of the major events and trends that were happening in the world, in this city/neighborhood, in religion and in the congregation during the decade in which you first joined or became active at Trinity. (If you joined as a child, think about the decade when your first clear memories began). This event is being planned and hosted by your TLC Transition Team: Jennifer D’Amico O’Connor, Mark Lin, Dale Mattice, Bess Sproul, Maureen Stake, Jessica Sutherland, and Pastor Perry.

For more information, contact Pastor Perry at the church office or by e-mail at mperry@trinityworc.org or talk to any of the team members. Please mark your calendars and join us for what promises to be a joyful and energizing morning! Invite your church friends and offer a ride, if you can! (Snow date if needed: January 18, 2025).

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## SUNDAY ADULT FAITH FORMATION AT TRINITY

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Our series on the Gospel of Luke is on “pause” for the month of January and will resume in February. Instead, we have some special sessions this month:

January 5<sup>th</sup> – NO Adult Sessions (New Year’s break)

January 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 & 11:30 a.m. Adult Forum, in the Library, to share information and input about the new Lattimore Icon painting on display in the Nave. Led by the Trinity LC Art Team.

January 19<sup>th</sup> – 8:45 a.m. (in the Chapel) & 11:30 a.m. (in the Nave) 2025 Budget Presentation and Q/A .

January 26<sup>th</sup> – NO 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum **11:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting in the Nave.**

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## COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT – ROZ HORN

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Here are some highlights from the regular monthly Congregational Council Meeting of Dec. 9, 2024. If you wish to read the complete, detailed reports, they are available in the church office.

### REPORTS:

Pastor Mark Perry submitted a report on his activities, including an update on the Transition Team, who are preparing a “History Sharing Event” for the congregation on Jan.11, 2025. See more information on that event in the December Trinity News. The Team is also gathering information to share about the various groups that use the spaces in our building.

Cantor Mark reported on his activities in the past month, and reminded us of the Advent Vespers Service on Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Other musical events include the Women’s Ensemble of the Worcester Chorus at 4 p.m. on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer Nancy Fontneau reported on Finances for November. Income and expenses are on target. Building Maintenance is above budget but this will be reconciled when we are reimbursed by Summit Academy for the renovations completed in their classroom and office spaces. The estimated budget for 2025 was discussed under New Business.

The Building Manager's report noted that the Property Committee, augmented by a few extra volunteers, has begun a review of the three bids for the roofing project to repair 2 leaks. Volunteers for the "Roofing Task Force" are meeting with the Property Committee, so there is no longer any need to consider a separate group for that task.

The Finance Committee reported that our accountant, Karen Spinelli, has reviewed our financial statements for 2021 and 2022, and found them to be in order. The report for 2023 is forthcoming. The Finance Committee recommends that the proposed 2024 budget be approved; to appear under New Business.

The Property Committee reported that plans are underway to prepare extra classroom space for Summit Academy as earlier approved by Council. A new Chair for Property Committee is being sought as Judy Willoughby is stepping down as Chair at the end of December.

#### Ministry Teams:

The Faith Formation Ministry Team submitted a report outlining upcoming events. Hospitality, Fellowship and Welcoming reported that church members have requested that Jeppson Hall be open on Sundays when there is no coffee hour so that members can "gather and gab." This will be done, but there will be no coffee or snacks provided. This group welcomes Judy Willoughby as the new Chair in January.

The Artwork Committee, having been asked by Council to arrange for some feedback from the congregation regarding the new Lattimore Icon, presented a plan for feedback via a written survey, because there appeared to be no time slots possible for a discussion on most Sundays, given the Faith Formation and Coffee Hour schedules. Citing the importance of personal interaction during "feedback." Council members re-arranged the Faith Formation schedule to allow for Sunday, January 12 to be available for discussions at both 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Cantor Mark will convey this information to the Artwork Committee. It was also suggested that Committee volunteers stand near the Icon on Sunday mornings and engage members in conversation while they wait in line to greet the pastor. The Artwork Committee also submitted some drafts of procedural guidelines for decision-making regarding actions concerning artwork in the church.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Recommendation by the Finance Committee to approve the proposed budget for 2025. Additional information regarding the proposed budget: Includes estimates for expenses for the Transition Team and Call Committee; difficult to estimate future Wages and Salaries because of calling a new pastor; for these reasons it is a deficit budget. Following discussion, the proposed budget was unanimously approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A well-written and detailed proposal by the Artwork Team to have a Black History Month Art Exhibit in Trinity's hallway met with unanimous approval. Over the next several months, the Council will be examining the process of decision-making at Trinity in order to see how it happens and to improve the process if needed. To begin, Council members gave examples of decisions made in the past by Council or persons in authority at Trinity and discussed the outcomes.

Following a reminder that Annual Reports are due in January, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

This report by the President of the Church Council is an informal summary of the business conducted by the Council each month. It is offered in order to facilitate open communication between Trinity's church leadership and the general membership. A detailed report of each Council meeting is recorded by the Council Secretary and reported to the Council at the next monthly meeting. Once those Minutes have been approved by the Council, they are available to anyone who requests a copy.

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART EXHIBIT AT TRINITY/** In February 2024, the Worcester Black History Project displayed artwork by people of color at the Worcester Center for Crafts. Thanks to the efforts of Mary Fletcher and the Art Committee, this project is expanding in 2025 to include Trinity Lutheran Church.

During the month of February 2025, artwork will be displayed in the hallway between the Office and the Nave. Artwork prints will be suspended from wires hung with hooks from the ceiling rails or on fabric suspended from the rails with prints affixed to it. These will be installed by a professional under the direction of our Building Manager.

The theme of Black History Month this year is, "I've Known Rivers, African Americans and Labor." Pieces of art will be chosen that are appropriate for families and children, and mindful that the venue is a church. Artists from all over New England will be considered.

This exhibit will be primarily for the people who use the church for rehearsals and meetings who will see the artwork when they are in the hallway, or heading to the Nave for services. Trinity will not be open other than for our usual business. There will be no cost to Trinity for this exhibit.

The purpose of this effort by the Art Committee is to do our part in making TLC a more open church, welcoming to all and respecting of every persuasion and ethnicity. We think Trinity will benefit from this project as it will give us an exposure and standing in the community. It is a 'public' effort to declare that we are truly a church open to all in keeping with our mission, and is soundly endorsed by the Church Council. Being a participant in the Black History Art Project will help 'put us on the map' so to speak as being the welcoming place we are trying to be. It is an attempt to widen our circle. Be sure to mention to your friends that Trinity is part of the Black History Month project!

**ARTWORK COMMITTEE UPDATE/** In November, the Trinity Council approved the relocation of the artwork featuring black children from its current location in the Library, to the downstairs education room CE LL 10 & 11. The Artwork team was encouraged by Trinity’s welcome statement that says “we are a community of faith that believes each person is a beloved child of God” and we are committed to work for racial equity and justice. By hanging this artwork of black persons, including, but not limited to children, we are providing a tangible representation of our work to be an inclusive body of Christ.



According to an article on Sesame Street Workshop, preschool children are already noticing physical differences between people such as skin tone and hair texture. The conscious choice to have this image hung in the downstairs education room CE LL 10 & 11 used for Family Sunday School provides an opportunity to showcase inclusion, encourage conversation among children and families and provide necessary representation of people of color.

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## STEWARDSHIP – KEVIN ERKKILA

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### SOME RESOLUTIONS YOU MIGHT KEEP

Change is hard, but that’s what we aspire to when making New Year’s resolutions. Yet, despite good intentions, our resolve often melts away before February. We set ourselves up for failure when we (1) overcommit ourselves to a radical change in our behavior and (2) don’t share our intentions with anyone in advance—after all, who wants to have to answer questions about their abandoned diet or exercise program? For 2025, the Stewardship Team is pleased to offer some suggestions for modest commitments to action that will benefit both you and others. They are painless (mostly), most involve interaction with others, and all incorporate a degree of generosity, kindness, respect and care.

1. **Drive less, walk more.** You’ll get exercise at your own pace, and a chance to see things you may have missed.
2. **Talk less, listen more.** You don’t have to agree with everything you hear, but you never know what you’ll learn.

3. **Volunteer for a new cause.** Join a new group, committee, or team. It could be a Trinity ministry, but other opportunities include government, education, sports, or public charities.
4. **Make time for friends.** Stay in touch, whether by phone, social media or in person. Do something together: organize a shopping trip, meet for breakfast, lunch, or coffee.
5. **Treat someone you don't know.** Donate to a food pantry, homeless shelter, or maybe pay the tab for the party in line behind you at the drive-up window.
6. **Smile when you don't feel like it.** Smiling when you're down lightens your mood and can actually make you feel good. Cats know this—it's why they purr when they're annoyed or in pain.
7. **Ask for help.** Share your load and give someone else a chance to do a good deed!

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## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

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TO: Trinity Lutheran Church  
FROM: Lutheran Disaster Response  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

DATE: Nov. 12, 2024

Dear Friends at Trinity Worcester,

Fall greetings and joy to you all! Thank you for your recent generosity to Lutheran Disaster Response. With your support, LDR is able to respond quickly and effectively while staying to support for the long-run. From emergency supplies and clean water to psycho-social support and reconstruction, God is at work in these places. Thank you again for helping make this work possible and sharing the hope and love of God.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Ben Hogue  
(benjamin.hogue@elca.org)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**MEAL PACKING EVENT** / Trinity is planning a meal-packing event on April 5, 2025. We plan to put together 20,000 meals for the local food pantries. The meals we will pack are either rice, pasta or oatmeal with a protein supplement and flavor packet. They taste good and provide 6-12 grams of protein, include real fruits and vegetables and are vitamin fortified. This is truly a community! We need your financial help and your help on April 5<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be coming in March. Right now, we need you to think about how much this is helping God's children, our neighbors, and how much you can help. The cost for the products is \$7,400. We have solicited financial institutions, but we need your financial help. Please consider a monthly donation to this worthy project.

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## ONGOING EVENTS

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**COLLECTION FOR CARTY CUPBOARD** / Items we will be collecting for the Carty Cupboard are: hot cereal, cookie mixes and cannot fruit. They also need reusable plastic bags. Thank you to all for your contributions over the past year!

**CHILDREN'S TIME** / At the time of the sermon, the children are invited to Christ Chapel for a time of singing led by Cantor Mark and age-appropriate activities led by Youth & Family Leader Christy Fyfe. Children are invited to return to the Nave at the Sign of Peace in time for the Lord's Supper.

**FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL** / The whole family is invited to attend Family Sunday School from 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month. We will meet in CC LL 10 and CC LL 11 (downstairs classrooms).

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY** / Thanks to all who have continued to stock the LFP. Currently, we could use toothbrushes and small soaps. We can also Ramen soups, nuts, water and tuna snacks. Feel free to put the items in the pantry at any time you are walking by.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY – CHRISTY FYFE

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Advent was a busy time for everyone here at Trinity. The Youth and Families were busy too! We learned about the people that foretold the coming of our Savior during time in the Chapel. The families joined in the Advent wreath decorating event. We made wreaths, decorated cards for the Lutheran Home, sang songs and ate yummy soup and bread.



We ended our evening by helping to hang wreaths in the Nave. It was a lovely evening of fun and fellowship. The families celebrated the Christmas season together with a holiday party in Fellowship Hall. We had delicious meal and created fabric stars for our Christmas tree. Everyone got to decorate and eat a sugar cookie and we worked together on a jigsaw puzzle. A good time was had by all! Blessings of the season to you all!



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## FAITH FORMATION

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**BIBLE STUDIES** / Bible studies will continue Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The appointed bible readings for the next Sunday are reviewed and discussed, preparing us to hear the Word read and preached the following week. Come join the group and hear (or hear again) how you can serve in a variety of ways for Sunday morning worship. For more information contact the Bible Study leader.

- **Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m. in the Library & Zoom** led by Cantor Mark
- **Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library & Zoom** led by Dave Horn

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## BLESSING OF 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY QUILT

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On October 27, 2024, there was a special blessing for the quilt created for Trinity's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The quilt was created by Carl Robertson to be the prize for a fund-raising raffle. Dick Liberty was the lucky winner of the raffle, and he generously donated the quilt to Trinity for display in the church. It was decided to display the quilt in the church Library, where it would be out of direct sunlight and safe from potential damage by human touch. Frank Ricardo, Building Manager, installed the quilt on the wall above the couch in the church Library.

Trinity owes a debt of gratitude to Dick and Frank for this special display, and especially to Carl for his beautiful creation! The quilt will remain in the Library, where members may view it. The church Library is the room immediately to the right after one enters the main building by the church office (handicap access door). We hope that you will take the opportunity some Sunday to walk through the church Library to enjoy our lovely 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt.

Here is the blessing that was bestowed by Pastor Melissa Buono:

Sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart the 75th Anniversary quilt. Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to bear witness to your splendor to our children; and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Send your blessing on the Anniversary Quilt, which is set apart today. We thank you for the generosity and faithfulness that prompted the making and the donation of this quilt. Bless those givers and all who share out of their abundance that they may continue to find joy in giving and strength in serving you and your people.

May this memory quilt remind us of the legacy of the faithful here who have gone before us and prompt us to also be faithful in our mission and ministry. May the material things of your creation, shaped by human hands, draw our hearts to things that can be seen only by the eye of faith. Amen.

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## **UPDATE ON THE SHAM FAMILY – BESS & ED SPROUL**

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On January 12, 2022, a group of excited Trinity Neighborhood Support Team members waited at the Worcester Airport for the arrival of our Afghan family of 8. They had flown that day from New Mexico to LaGuardia airport in New York, and were driven by van to meet us.

We gave them winter coats, and welcomed them to their new, cold home.

For the first week, they stayed at a hotel while our volunteers worked tirelessly to finish preparing an apartment for them. Ken Johnson helped with a Pashto translation app, and we were able to begin to communicate.

Three years have passed. Shah Mohammed, the father, is working at Chick Fil A in Marlborough. Noor Jamal, the mother, has received good care, thanks to Mass Health, for multiple medical issues. She supervises the immaculate home and cares for her family. Nader Shah, the eldest son, has recently begun work at Berry Global Corp. in Sterling. He has a car and his license, and is beginning to take some responsibility for driving his mother to the India market in Shrewsbury, where they find the kind of produce and Halal meats that they need. Shabana, 20, and Asmatullah, 19, will graduate in June from Gerald Creamer Center, a program of the Worcester Public Schools for students who are English language learners. They are looking at options for job training and continuing education. Shukria, 18, and Hedayatullah, 16, are students at Doherty High School. Asma, 10, is in 4th grade at Chandler School, and speaks English very well. To complete the family, a nephew and his wife came to Worcester in the fall of 2022, and welcomed a baby girl, who just turned 2.

All of the Shams are adjusting to life here, but they will always miss Afghanistan. They had a beautiful home with a lot of land, and Nader Shah recently told me that they had 500 apple trees. When Shah Mohammed came home from his job as security guard with the American forces, he would spend hours pruning and tending the trees. In season, the boys used to take the apples to the market to sell. They do appreciate their apartment, but obviously it's not the same.

Exciting news! In December, the family had an appointment with the legal department at Ascentria. They have submitted all the necessary documents to apply for their Green Cards. Hopefully they will have their interviews very soon. This will give them Permanent Resident Status, which will be a much more secure status than the Authorization to Work Cards that they currently have.

On behalf of the Shams family, **thank you to all who have prayed, contributed and volunteered in any way.** We have recently used the NST fund to pay for the medical exams for the Green Card applications, an expense that they would have had trouble paying. Shah Mohammed has not learned a lot of English, but he does know, and says often, "Thank you so much!"

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## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - 2024

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### *In Memory of:*

Paul S. Agerholm  
Carl W. & Helen M. Anderson  
Hilding & Grayce Anderson  
M/M Harry O. Anderson  
Rev. James Anderson  
Eric Angelsten  
Robert N. & Gladys E. Beck  
Douglas Behm  
Norman B. Bergdahl  
Pauline & Henry Berquist  
Norman Blodgett  
Andy & Elsie Bloom  
Leland Carlson  
M/M Carl E. Carlson  
Millie & George Carlson  
Ruth Carlson  
Gunnar Carlson  
Marjorie W. Clark  
Roland & Marie Clark  
M/M Edwin Cummings  
Mrs. Bertha Cummings  
Norman & Doris Danielson  
Rita Deely  
Ann Dinsdale  
Don & Judy Drackley  
Bob Erickson  
John & Helga Erickson  
Marian & Sonny Erickson  
Erickson Family Loved Ones  
Janice Finn  
John Foster  
Mildred & Walter Foster

Ruth & Leonard Foster  
Roland & Ellen Frodigh  
Berl & Juanita Getman  
Getman Family Grandparents  
Rev. Roland L. (Skip) Getman  
Vincent C. & Louise F. Gill  
Glidden Family Loved Ones  
Robert G. Goehrig  
JoAnne Beck Gottcent  
Lynn Grover  
Dagne Grusell  
Harry Grusell  
Ernest & Olive Gustafson  
Louise & Oscar Gustafson  
Richard Gustafson  
William Gustafson  
Grace, Oscar & Sharon Hirtle  
Elsa & Carl Holmberg  
Edwin & Helga Hutchinson  
Eva & Donald Ingalls  
Jerry Ingalls  
Carl E. & Margaret T.  
Johnson Einar & Astrid  
Kenneth & Jean Johnson  
M/M Nils Johnson  
Bradley Jones  
Calvin Jones  
Grayce Jones  
Florence Kirschbaum  
Roland & Patricia Lapierre  
Carl & Margaret Larson  
Roland (Bing) Levin  
Anna & Eric Lindholm  
Sharon Lindholm  
Dr. Rodney Lorenz  
Christine Loving

Elna & Eric Moberg  
Rev. Carl Eric Moberg  
Jean & John Morris  
Richard & Joann Mueller  
Doris & William Muller  
Herbert William Nelson, Sr.  
Roger Nettelblatt  
Helge Nordstrom  
Hans & Jeanne Nortness  
Einar & Ellen Olson  
Judy & Don Olson  
Ruth T. Olson  
Wilma Orne  
Roger M. Peel  
B. Webster Perkins  
Bruce Person  
Gertrude Person  
Jack Pike  
Rev. Louis J. Roder  
M/M Gunnar Robertson  
Elna Sandoval-Moberg  
George & Esther Semon  
Kathryn Semon  
Roy Semon  
Douglas Shoblom  
Grace Shoblom  
David H. Short  
M/M George J. Sikoris  
Ellen Sterner  
M/M Alfred Stolbom  
Frank Szerlag  
Dorothy & Coffredo Tarquinio  
Harlan & Jeanette Troftgruben  
Janelle Troftgruben  
Patricia Morris Walsh  
John Zorn



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## CELEBRATIONS

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### BIRTHDAYS

*We recognize the birthdays of our members age 75 and older*

Janice Brown – January 2  
Barbara Josephson – January 4  
Elizabeth Axelson – January 5  
Ann Risotti – January 7  
Sandy Pike – January 11  
Lawrence Jaquith – January 12  
Helen Nordstrom – January 12  
Floyd Snickars – January 12  
Fred Scanlon – January 13  
Richard Bourke – January 15  
Norma Aldrich – January 16  
Norman Danielson – January 16  
Rich Osterfield – January 20  
Linda Johnson – January 25  
Mary Fletcher – January 26  
Ann Forsberg – January 28  
Linda Brick – January 30

### ANNIVERSARIES

*We recognize the anniversaries of couples celebrating 25+ years*

Floyd & Mary Snickars – January 1  
Joseph McCarthy & Carol Sundquist-McCarthy – January 8

### + DEATHS +

David Crowley – November 20

# + Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church +

## **Sunday, January 5 Epiphany of Our Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6 *Nations come to the light*

Ephesians 3:1-12 *The gospel's promise for all*

Matthew 2:1-12 *Christ revealed to the nations*

Psalmody: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *All kings shall bow down before him*

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn 308, *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*, WIE SCHON LEUCHTET  
*The word Epiphany means "showing forth," and it names the day that the church tells Matthew's story of the magi from foreign lands who follow the light of the star and thus "see" Jesus as Christ. Their gifts are symbols: gold, because they honor Jesus as the king; frankincense, because they worship Jesus as divine; and myrrh, because they are readying for his death.*

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)**

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave)** livestreamed at [www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester](http://www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester)

## **Sunday, January 12 Baptism of Our Lord**

Isaiah 43:1-7 *Passing through the waters*

Acts 8:14-17 *Prayer for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 *The baptism of Jesus*

Psalmody: Psalm 29 *The voice of the LORD is upon the waters*

Hymn of the Day: ACS Hymn 916, *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways*, MERLE'S TUNE

*The gospel this Sunday is about Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist. A voice speaks from heaven, and the Spirit descends like a dove. This story is also about us: we too have been baptized, we have heard God's loving call, and we have received the Holy Spirit. What is God's voice like? Psalm 29 says that God's voice can break the cedars and strip the trees bare, but also give a blessing of peace.*

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)**

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave)** livestreamed at [www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester](http://www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester)

## **Sunday, January 19 Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 62:1-5 *God like a bridegroom and the bride*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 *A variety of gifts but one Spirit*

John 2:1-11 *The wedding at Cana*

Psalmody: Psalm 36:5-10 *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD*

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn 312, *Jesus, Come! For We Invite You*, UNION SEMINARY

*In Sunday's gospel, Jesus provides 175 gallons of wine for a newly married couple. Whatever for?! Come to worship and hear about God's good news in Christ.*

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)**

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave)** livestreamed at [www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester](http://www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester)

**Sunday, January 26** Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 *Ezra reads the law*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 *Jesus reads the prophet Isaiah*

Psalmody: Psalm 19 *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul*

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn 710, *Let Streams of Living Justice*, THAXTED

*We now return for much of this year to hear the gospel according to Luke. This coming Sunday we will hear that Jesus is filled with the power of the Spirit, and so are we. Come to worship!*

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**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave)** livestreamed at [www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester](http://www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester)

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