

Calendar for January

Week of January 1

Sun	1	11:00 am	Worship ** Happy New Year! **
Wed	4	12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice

Week of January 8

Sun	8	9:45 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Sunday School Worship - Holy Communion Von Bora Circle Bible study
Tue	10	7:00 pm	Council
Wed	11	12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice

Week of January 15

Sun	15	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship
Mon	16	10:00 am	Piecemakers Quilting Group
Tue	17	6:30 pm	Men in Mission supper & program
Wed	18	12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice

Week of January 22

Sun	22	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship – Holy Communion
Wed	25	12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice

Week of January 29

Sun	29	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship
Wed	Feb 1	12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice

Meeting Locations:

Bible Study – Library; Adult S.S., Council, Von Bora Circle – Parlor; Men’s Group, Quilting – Fellowship Hall; Choir - Sanctuary



HIGHLIGHTS

A Newsletter of

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Epiphany: January 6

We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany to commemorate the wise men being led to the Christ child by the star. This day begins the season of Epiphany – a season of God’s revealing the identity of Jesus for the sake of the world.



January Servers



Area of Service	Jan 8 Communion	Jan 15	Jan 22 Communion	Jan 29
Flowers	Fallers	Broadstreets	Wohlfords	Casteeles
Greeters	Casteeles	Casteeles	Casteeles	Habrechts
Ushers	Habrechts	J. Brockmeyer D. Huff	J. Brockmeyer D. Huff	J. Brockmeyer D. Huff
Acolyte	A Sealander	A. Sealander	A. Sealander	G. Brockmeyer
Crucifer	E Sealander	E. Sealander	E. Sealander	G. Brockmeyer
Reader	S. Bain	S. Bain	S. Bain	S. Bain
Communion Bread	P. Terrie		P. Terrie	
Communion Setup	J. Habrecht		J. Habrecht	
Communion Presenter	Sealanders			
Communion Assistant	E. Sealander		E. Sealander	
Teller	EL Frazier	EL Frazier	EL Frazier	EL Frazier

We SERVE

THANK YOU'S

December was a great month for sharing time and talent in our community. Thank you to all who took part in the following servant events:



- ♥ **Christmas Food Baskets for six families**
- ♥ **Free Hot Chocolate for the Christmas Parade**
- ♥ **Pulaski Christmas Store**
- ♥ **Christmas Caroling among our members**
- ♥ **Meals for Warming Station guests**

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Thrivent members are busy working on various projects and appreciate the help and contributions from members of the congregation. Watch this section of the newsletter from time to time for Action Team activities that you might want to join in on! Each project is funded by Thrivent with a \$250 gift card and invites others to take part through time, talent, and/or financial support.



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We WORSHIP

MANY THANKS

To you who made our Advent and Christmas worship meaningful and rich - befitting of our gracious God:

Childrens' Christmas Program "From Heaven Above" : youth of our congregation and adult leaders Sherry & Jim Casteele, Sandy Conner

Christmas Eve Instrumentalists and Soloists: Jane MacAdoo Cline, Linda Hawks, Zach Roope, Alex Roope, Crystal Conner, Elaine Gehrz, Lynn Loftus, and Linda Fasnacht

Choir Music by our adult choir

Congregational prayer, singing, attending to God's holy Word and sharing in the Lord's Supper: you

All of this is for the building of God's kingdom and praise to God for his awesome, wondrous love for us and all people and creation.

WOMEN'S & MEN'S MINISTRY



JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Von Bora Circle: Sunday, January 8, 4:00pm, Parlor. We will use the January bible study for our program. Everyone is invited.

Circle of Ruth: Saturday, January 16, 10:00am, Foy Aust Fellowship Hall. This will be a big quilting gala, and all women are invited to attend. There will be free T-shirts and lots of yummy food - hope you can join us!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO attended the December Christmas Program – to Circle of Ruth for superb refreshments, for all who donated to Fairview Home gifts/decorations, and Thrivent Action Team participants who helped us gather many kinds of items for the Warming Station.



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Our January 2016 meeting will be held on January 17, 6:30pm with pot-luck supper and a program. We hope many of our men will be part of our group in 2017. If you wish to know more, please contact Jim Castelee, 980-3625.

Miscellaneous News

Step Out for Better Health and Nutrition – 4 free lessons, 6-7:30pm at the YMCA on January 23, 30, February 6, and 13. Sponsored by the VA Cooperative Extension & YMCA in Pulaski. Register by calling 980-7761 by 1/16.

Lifelong Improvement Through Fitness (LIFT) – 8 free lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning January 31 – March 23, 10-11am at Dublin UMC. Target group: senior adults wishing to improve strength, balance, and flexibility to aid in functional fitness and independent living. Register by calling 980-7761 by 1/19.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

IN OUR PRAYERS for healing and safekeeping: Patti Sanders, Jim Stevens, Bill Thompson; **Friends/Relatives:** Joanne Allen, Shirley Bandy, Mary Jane Burris, Betty Carper, Bill Crisp, Vickie Gillespie, Robin Hurst, Vicky Sands; **Our Military/Peace Corps** including Angela Buysman, Michael Clayton, Seth Elich, Levi Osmondson, Tyler Simpkins, Jack Smith, Justin Smith, Bronson Underwood, 29th Infantry soldiers and families, and Allison Clark

SYMPATHY GOES TO:

- ☪ *Gary Hall and family* upon the death of his brother, George Hall, on December 1. We are grateful for the love of family during these times.
- ☪ *Todd and Brenda Conner* and the entire Conner family upon the death of their son, Brandon Michael, on December 6. Brandon's funeral was held at Trinity on December 13. *Eternal rest grant him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Lloyd Broadstreet, Christine Gill | 21 Kellen Wohlford |
| 5 Emmy Lou Frazier | 25 Sherry Barnett, Jim Castelee |
| 6 Zachary Clayton | 29 Karen Martin |
| 16 Stephanie Benedict | 31 Charlie Wade |

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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| 10 Henry Fink, Michael Clayton | 11 Nelson Wert, Sr. |
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Happy Birthday and Happy Baptismal Birthday! May God continue to bless the work of your hands and grant you continued favor in your life.

To the Members of Trinity,
My family and I would like to express our thanks and gratitude for the prayers, cards, calls, and acts of kindness shown upon the passing of my brother, George.
Gary Hall



**PLEASE REMEMBER,
2016 ANNUAL REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, AUXILIARIES
ARE REQUESTED BY JANUARY 22.**

Preferable: email the office with your report, but any format is welcome!
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We Learn, Pray, Worship, Share, Serve, etc.

“This Changes Everything” is the theme for the 2018 Youth Gathering to be held in Houston, TX. It is based on Ephesians 2:8 “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” We have several members who will be eligible to attend the gathering in July of 2018. The youth gathering is a life-changing event for 30,000 or more youth and adults from the U.S. and around the world where we learn, pray, worship, serve, share, grow, etc. Stayed tuned for more information throughout 2017!



“All Anew” is the theme for the 2017 triennial gathering of the Women of the ELCA from around the United States and beyond. This gathering will be held July 13-16 in Minneapolis, MN. A number of Trinity women are planning to attend this upcoming triennial! If you are interested in learning more about it, there is a registration booklet on the bulletin board – or you can read all about it at the Triennial Gathering website: www.welcatg.org. The purpose of the gathering is to *“Listen to inspiring speakers; participate in worship and praise; learn by attending workshops, viewing films and engaging in servant events. Visit the exhibit hall where you can gather, shop and connect. And don't forget our special events where women in their 20s and 30s can eat chocolate and join others to run it off later. It's all happening at the Minneapolis Convention Center.”* (from website)