

THE PIPER



DECEMBER 28/29, 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church

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First Sunday After Christmas

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

John Owens, Lou Mayer, Carol Smith,
,Linda Leslie, Alicia Musheno, Keith
Smith, K.C. Kim

TLC FRIENDS

Patrick Moseley, Rita Shetler, Debbie J,
Kendra Gettig, Jim Rearick, Tony Leach,
Dave, Hallie and Family

Readings

1 Samuel 2 :18-20,26

Psalm 148

Colossians 3: 12-17

St. Luke 2:41-52

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

10:00 am Worship w/Communion
w/Children's Church

Monday, December 30

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEARS EVE

5:45 ZUMBA

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

HAPPY NEW YEARS 2025!!

Church Office Closed



THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

5:45 pm Zumba

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION



CHOIR REHEARSALS

Get your vocal chords warmed up, regular choir rehearsals begin Tuesday January 14 at 7:00PM.

New voices are always welcome to join our
choir.

Cares and Concerns

GIFT CARDS REQUESTED

Nearly three weeks ago, Alicia Musheno, daughter-in-law of Bob and Sylvia Musheno, suffered a severe brain aneurysm. While she is continuing to face continuing health challenges we offer our prayers of strength and courage for her and her family. To help support Jonathan, Bob and Sylvia's son and his daughter, gift cards are requested. There is a basket in the back of our Worship Space for donations, either cash gifts or actual cards. Preferred are gift cards from Sheetz, for gas, and Giant, for groceries. Pastor Ron will secure gift cards and get them to the Musheno family. Thank you in advance for your support of this relatively young, struggling family.



Out Of Cold: Centre County

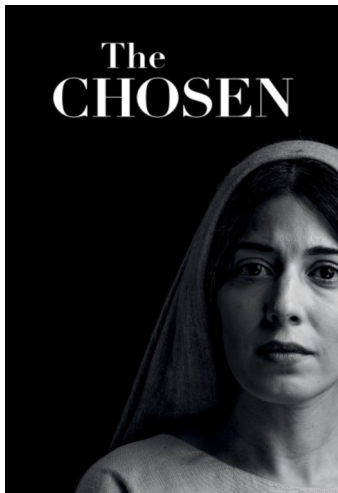
Did you know when you pass the shelter and see the blue lights on, you know it's cold outside. The blue lights mean that the shelter

has called a "Code Blue" due to extreme temperatures. A Code Blue, declared by the shelter is able to take in an extra guest in need for the night.

Please think of our guest when you see those blue lights on at, 318 South Atherton Street, State College.

Our blue lights will hopefully reach everyone in need of a warm inviting shelter.





Angela Garritano	1
Melissa Phillips	1
Eric Fedorko	5
Laurie Smith	5
Sean Belland	6
Elowen Kendall	9
Rick Whitmer	9
Alexa Oselinsky	11
David Oselinsky	12
Dee Frisque	13
Sean Grubbs	15
William Adams	16
Barbara Roberts	16
Noelie Garritano	17
Kevin Trostle	19
Dennis Weidel	23
Gina Motter	25
Brian Belland	27
Kylie Schoenauer	28
Liam Merritt	29
Scott Crain	30
Nancy Owens	31

Mark your Calendars for a new season!

Wednesday, January 8th we begin Series 4 Episode 1.

Dinner will be at 6:00pm

Movie at 6:30pm

All are welcome, if you've missed previous episodes, no

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friendly reminder, the Church office will be closed beginning Tuesday, December 24th and reopen Thursday January 2, 2025.

A CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings from Central Pennsylvania!

The Christmas story never seems to lose any of its charm or mystery. God born in the flesh. To a young virgin, yet, named Mary. Amazingly, Mary is naively open to what God plans to do with and through her as St. Luke tells his version of the story. Then there's Joseph who, according to St. Matthew, wants to divorce Mary because of the pregnancy, but quietly so as not to disgrace her.

Neither account really stresses all the scandal in any or all of this story. Both Mary and Joseph could be punished for getting pregnant out of wedlock. Perhaps, that's why they resorted to an inn for housing when they went to Bethlehem, because they either had no relatives living there or if they did, the relatives were not inclined to welcome them, given Mary's condition.

Just think of all the dynamics in this story and the challenges faced by both Mary and Joseph. Raising a Child who is all human and all divine, but that's what Christmas is really all about. God thinks enough of us, needy and wayward though we are, to send us the very best. Even better than Hallmark! In fact, God sends us Jesus precisely because we are needy and wayward. This reality never ceases to amaze.

The world is a mess, but then again, it always has been. Yet into this mess of ours God comes, not in power and might—realities many seek to acquire, even still—but in humility and weakness: a child, born to unassuming people from a backwoods town in the Middle East. Who could have imagined that one? What an amazing God we serve and who serve us. Of course, if we think about it, God continues to amaze us as he has throughout this past year.

We as a congregation continue to “recover” from COVID and adjust to this new “normal” we find worship attendance increasing and visitors once again looking to join us from on Sunday mornings. Children, for whom Christmas is an especially exciting time, are increasing with us as well. Our Congregation Council provides solid leadership for this ministry and an important partnership with me and the staff in many and various ways. Of course, all of you disciples who are Trinity Lutheran Church, step up time and time again whenever needed to help with volunteering as well as giving financially to our shared ministry and to those in need. This is truly as congregation I wish every pastor has an opportunity to serve!

In any event, retirement is a reality with which I continue to struggle. I trust God will provide guidance in that matter, but for now, I am blessed with just too much joy and fun in this ministry to make that transition just yet. So, thank you all for your love, support and partnership in this mission to which the Holy Spirit calls and for which God empowers us! I can hardly wait to see what God has in store for us and our country throughout 2025—especially in this midst of the mess of this world!

So, from my family to yours, God bless you with his many amazing gifts this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year!

Love, joy and peace in Christ,