



DONUT DELIVERERS WANTED!

We are seeking individuals to support our youth through the act of getting and delivering donuts for our Sunday morning gatherings. We could use between one and two dozen each week, and delivery can happen anytime before 9:25AM on Sunday mornings (the church is even open on Saturday mornings if that works better for you). You can bring them one time or every once in awhile - whatever you'd like. Please sign up using the QR code above. *Thank you – from your awesome, engaged youth!*



THANK YOU!

Thank you all for your incredible generosity in 2024! Your support has made a real difference by helping us renovate and upgrade Wagenhals Hall, the Fireside Room, and the kitchen through the Build a Bigger Table Campaign. Because of you, Trinity has had an amazing year. Our Waffle Church and Community Dinner have seen record attendance, and our youth had a life-changing experience in Washington, DC. There are now more ways than ever for people to grow in their faith. Trinity is thriving thanks to your contributions!

If you'd like to join in and support the Build a Bigger Table Campaign or make a gift to Trinity, it's not too late!

You can make cash donations at trinityenglish.org/give or by using the QR code below. For gifts like stocks or charitable distributions, feel free to reach out to:

Deacon Mary Lasits at mlasits@trinityenglish.org or 260.426.3424 x2480

Julie Shepperd at jshepperd@trinityenglish.org or 260.426.3424 x2250

Your support truly matters.



HOPE IN ACTION SERVICE GROUP

All are welcome to join HIA on Sunday, January 12, at 9AM as we work together to support our furry friends at Humane Fort Wayne. There will be activities for all ages, including making treats and toys for dogs and shelter boxes to protect outside cats in the cold months. Come hear about the programs at Humane Fort Wayne and meet a special four-legged guest!

HIA is also collecting pet food donations for Humane Fort Wayne throughout the month of January.

Come enjoy some fellowship and fun while making a difference in the lives of animals in need in our community.

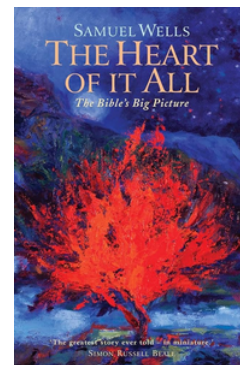


YOUTH RETREAT

Attention ALL **students in grades 7-12!** We are looking forward to the Youth Winter Retreat on **Friday, December 27** from **10:00AM - 4:00PM**. We will meet AT Trinity for a day of delicious food, faith discussion, gingerbread house decorating, and field trip to the Gosherts' wood shop to build our Lenten project.

If you have questions, need a ride, want to bring a friend, or anything else - speak with or email Amy at ahendersonhill@trinityenglish.org.

Parents and students: to always be in the up-to-date loop, make sure you're subscribed to the weekly **Family Newsletter** - sign up by visiting Trinity's homepage and scrolling to the very bottom.



BIBLE STUDIES

Do you have a Bible at home? Have you ever looked at it and thought, "I should probably read that..."? Have you caught yourself thinking, "I'm going to read the Bible this year."? Maybe you've tried to read the Bible, maybe you've made a new year's resolution that you're going to read the Bible this year... and you start and, ... it's really confusing, or it doesn't make a lot of sense. If you've thought this, you're not alone. A lot of people who try to read the Bible find it confusing or a little strange or even a little boring.

The Bible can be hard to understand, and it's not necessarily put together in a way that makes it easy to understand. But there are some big ideas that run through the whole thing, from Genesis to Revelation, and when you know some of these things as you begin to read, it gets a lot easier and almost becomes something of a treasure hunt! If you would like to try to read the Bible - the whole thing or maybe just a bit - next year, [maybe it's a New Year's resolution?] we have something that might help. A friend, Sam Wells, has written a little book: *The Heart of it All: The Bible's Big Picture*. It's a little guide [100 pages] that helps you see the "big picture" of what the Bible - and God - is all about. It has a guide that will take you through a six-week journey through the big idea of the Bible, and if you're working through the little book and get stuck, Pastor Lee and I will be here to help you out!

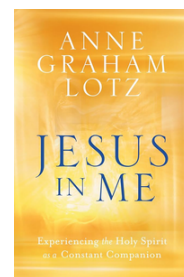
If you'd like to give it a try, we have some copies of the book here at the Church. They're \$12 at Amazon, but we'll give you one for \$5. If you have any questions, let me know.

Pastor Erdos

A new church year starts in Advent and with it, a new Gospel that we focus on during the next 12 months in our worship life. This year is Luke.

You are invited to a clergy-led Bible study that will be offered twice a week: Tuesdays at 7PM on Zoom or Thursdays at 12PM in Room 111 (feel free to bring your lunch). The same lesson will be offered twice each week. The first dates are Tuesday January 7 and Thursday January 9.

Questions? Contact Pastor Lee and hope to see you there!



From January 13 - March 3, Monday Morning Bible Study will be studying Anne Graham Lotz's 8 week study: "Jesus In Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion." *Cost of the study guide is \$14.*

Bible Study is available for anyone who might like to join the group. Meet from 10AM - 11:30AM on Monday in the Seeds of Faith second floor classroom.

Contact Cindy Goshert if interested: 437-3603. Books will be ordered December 16.

VOCES8 TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

It is a great honor for Trinity English to host the grammy-nominated **VOCES8** in concert on Wednesday, February 26, at 7PM. This internationally-renowned professional choral group will stun the audience with its beautiful sounds. You can find them singing a wide array of musical styles on YouTube. Tickets are now on sale through the church office or online. Please visit trinityenglish.com/voces8 for further details. **It will be a sold out concert, so plan to get your tickets early!**



BOOK STUDY WITH PASTOR ERDOS

Join Pastor Erdos for a zoom book study beginning Wednesday, January 8, at 7:30PM. Our book is *Reading Genesis* by Marilynne Robinson. Ask someone to stuff the book in your Christmas stocking and send a note to Pastor Erdos [gerdos@trinityenglish.org] to register for the class.



QUICK-REFERENCE CALENDAR

See our full calendar of events at trinityenglish.org/calendar

Sun 12/22

9:30AM Youth Sunday School
9:45AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Study

Mon 12/23

12:15PM Monday Meditation

Tues 12/24

3:00PM Christmas Eve Service*
5:30PM Children's Christmas Eve Service*
8:10PM Pre-service Music
8:30PM Christmas Eve Service*
10:40PM Pre-service Music
11:00PM Christmas Eve Service*

Fri 12/27

10:00AM Youth Group Winter Retreat

Sun 12/29

9:30AM Youth Sunday School
9:45AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Study

*indicates livestream

YOUTH CORNER

Attention parents and students in grades 7-12! Lots of things are happening in December and we want YOU to be a part of them! Make sure you have the following on your calendars:

- Friday, December 27 @ 10AM - 4PM → Winter Retreat
 - Meet @ Trinity for a day of delicious food, faith discussion, gingerbread house decorating, and field trip to build our Lenten surprise for the congregation.

If you have questions, need a ride, want to bring a friend, or anything else - speak with or email Amy at ahendersonhill@trinityenglish.org. More details in Family Newsletter - make sure you're subscribed by visiting Trinity's homepage and scrolling to the very bottom to sign up. Happy Advent!

FIND PEACE ON MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Come to Trinity English for yoga sessions on Wednesdays suitable for all ages, abilities, and experience levels! Class begins at 6:15PM in room 203 and is taught by a certified instructor. Please bring your own mat. It is a free-will donation class, with a suggested donation of \$10.

Looking for a little peace and calm in your midday? Join us for a Meditation at 12:15PM in Krauss Chapel on Mondays! Regina Leffers and Kimberly Kozan Flory will guide participants through a 20-30 minute meditation with the entire session lasting less than an hour. No experience or equipment is needed.

HOMEBOUND LIST

Do you know a Trinity member who has become homebound and would like to receive friendly phone calls or cards from our Deaconess Team? Please talk to, call, or email Pastor Lee.



FAMILY MINISTRIES FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Family Ministries invites you to a family movie Night Friday, January 17 from 5 - 8PM; bring your family and friends! Dinner and popcorn will be provided (free will donation).

New this year: a concession stand with for-purchase movie treats!

If you are interested and want to know more, you can reach out to Meghan or Amy. *Please RSVP by January 14.* This is a hard deadline in order to plan for dinner. We hope to see you there!

HOLY BAPTISM: QUESTIONS & INFORMATION



If you are considering baptism for yourself, your child, or your loved one, we want to connect with you! You are invited to a **Baptism Information Class on Saturday, January 4 from 9:30-11:30AM at Trinity.** This opportunity is for anyone with questions, concerns, or curiosities surrounding baptism. CHILDCARE and refreshments will be provided! Please RSVP using the QR code below. If you would like to know more, please contact Pastor Erdos or Amy Henderson-Hill.

The next Celebration of Holy Baptism will be at the 10:30 service on **Sunday, January 12**, which is also the day we remember the *Baptism of Our Lord*. What a beautiful day to also celebrate the baptism of individuals in the Trinity family!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome

If this is your first time visiting, or if you want to learn more about what we do, please feel free to fill in a connection card located in the pews. Thank you for spending your time with us and we hope you enjoy your visit!

Birthdays

Marilyn Yoder 12/20/1928

Prayer for Healing

Sharon Gerig
Bob and Jenny Hobby and Family
Shari Brooks
Kathy Bruce
Chris Bickel
Carol Scherer

Anniversaries

Robert & Barbara Ahlersmeyer 12/26/1971
Jim & Lanna Benjamin 12/14/1968
Dale & Corinne Fulkerson 12/21/1963
Jack & Sally Lawson 12/28/1960
Jerry & Juanita Jean Miller 12/28/1968
John & Debbie Peterson 12/29/1971
Kirk & Susan Scheeler 12/16/1961
Steve & Linda Sims 12/29/1972
Buck & Phyllis Thompson 12/21/1957

Birthdays & Anniversaries are drawn from our database; please let us know if we have missed an important date.

In Memoriam

Joan Ostergren
Marilyn Bruick
Matthew Haller



OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

12/23 8:30AM → 1:00PM

12/24 8:30AM → 1:00PM

12/25 CLOSED (no Worship service)

12/26 CLOSED (no Community Dinner)

12/27 8:30AM → 1:00PM

There is no 8:00AM Worship Service on Sunday, 12/29.



THE ANGEL TREE

Throughout the season of Advent, we have the opportunity to participate in the annual Angel Tree offering. We're supporting the Youth Service Bureau (a branch of the YMCA) in their work with at-risk teens and tweens.

You might remember in middle school and high school, it feels especially important to "fit in" and to be like everyone else. The "need to belong" is powerful, and you can help some adolescents experience that feeling with your financial donations or gifts of items that can be hard to acquire when your home life is chaotic or unstable.

Look for more information, including our Advent Devotional Booklet featuring first-hand testimonials from those involved in the program, at TrinityEnglish.org/Advent.

Want to be an angel?

- pick up a shopping list on the table next to the Angel Tree, purchase one or several items, and return those items here by the end of December
- use the QR code above or on the back of the paper ornaments on the tree to make a financial gift through our donation page (be sure to select the "Angel Tree" option from the drop-down menu)



HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE LUTHERAN FOUNDATION!

We are deeply grateful to The Lutheran Foundation for their generous grant supporting Trinity's Community Dinner. Your support has made a tremendous difference, enabling us to serve a record number of people this year. Thank you for being a vital part of this mission and helping us make such a meaningful impact in our community.



JANUARY JOY MAKE IT, TAKE IT DINNER.

January 21 from 5:30 - 7:30PM

Calling anyone who has to get a nutritious meal on the table! Come and enjoy the camaraderie of creating a meal to take home – an easy, tasty tray-bake – with all the ingredients and seasonings for a delicious stir-fry. We'll finish with a festive mocktail and raise a toast to our brilliance as we eat together.

Note to everyone: if you have an easy, nutritious meal recipe that kids like, please email a copy to Meghan Dohring at mdohring@trinityenglish.org. RSVP with the QR code by Thursday, January 16.

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