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# THE TRUMPET

**Friday, January 17, 2025**

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## **Agenda for Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

**At Approximately 11:15 AM, Following Worship and a Brief Coffee Break**

1. Opening Prayer- Pastor Karen Nelson
2. Approval of Minutes from the Fall Congregational Meeting September 29, 2024
3. Update to Constitution – Vote to Approve Changes
4. Election of two new Council Members - with thanks to outgoing member
5. Approval of two representatives for Synod Assembly- Vote to Approve/Disapprove
6. Pastor's Report/Remarks
7. Council Report to Congregation - Council President, Elaine Gross
8. Financial Report and Presentation of Annual Budget - David Stone
9. Vote to Approve Budget
10. Results of Elections with Installation of new Council Members
11. Closing prayer

### **COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Election of two new council members will be held at the congregational meeting on January 26th.

There are two seats to fill and we have two candidates: Marilou Doughty and Emma Birkmire. Emma is currently a council member and is seeking reelection. The nominating committee did its due diligence to find two additional

candidates but were unsuccessful even after asking many members. The ballot will have a space for a write-in candidate if anyone who is qualified would like to nominate themselves. Below is some information about each candidate.

### MARILOU DOUGHTY

I have been a member of Trinity for 15 years and have been active in several ministries over the years. Currently I organize the food drive every week; I am the chair of the Country Fair committee and I am a member of the Worship and Music team. I participate in Coffee Hour and serve as a Communion Assistant. I am one of the discussion leaders for the Trinity Christian Book Club and a part of the wonderful weekly prayer group. In the past I served as Vice President of Council and am aware of the responsibilities that come with being on council. My organizational skills, flexibility, dedication to Trinity and desire to have all voices heard would help me as a council member again. When I'm not at church many of you have seen me walking my crazy dog, Maxi, who helps me get lots of daily exercise. I also serve as a Citizen Advisory Board member for the Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth, where I worked for 33 years before my retirement 2 years ago.

### EMMA BIRKMIRE

I have been a member of the church for 18+ years. Myself and my grandson Adam were both baptized in the church. Adam made his first holy communion and was also confirmed in the church. I enjoy volunteering at the food drive and at the Country Fair. I have also volunteered at the dinner for the homeless in Norristown. I enjoy being part of the Trinity family and would like to continue to be part of the church council to serve the church as well as my community. Recently I was a Shepard at the Live Nativity and always enjoy sharing our church with the community.



### STEWARDSHIP NEWS

2025 Financial Pledge Campaign Results - Well Done Trinity! The annual financial pledge campaign realized a 6% increase in pledged projections (including assumed projections for those who did not pledge but contributed in 2024) for 2025 as compared to 2024 levels. This increase reflects Trinity's solid membership foundation and growth potential.



### FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

The community sends you a huge THANK YOU!! In 2024 you donated 6907 lbs of food and personal care items to the Daily Bread Food pantry and St. James Outreach House through our weekly food drive. You also made a total of 5512 PB & J sandwiches which were distributed in Norristown and Kensington by the Sisters Of Mercy in Norristown. With your help we also



### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We began a new year of Bible discussion by reflecting on Five Key Lutheran Principles:

- 1. Law and Gospel.** Lutherans say that the Word of God speaks both law and gospel and that both must be held together for God's word to be fulfilled. The law is that which accuses and judges us; the gospel is that which comforts us and saves us.
- 2. What Shows Forth Christ.** Lutherans say the Bible is the Word of God and reveals Jesus Christ to us. Lutherans are a Jesus people and they understand the Bible to be a Jesus book.
- 3. Scripture Interprets Scripture.** Lutherans believe that difficult passages of Scripture are to be interpreted in light of those passages that are more readily understandable, and all of Scripture is to be interpreted in light of the Bible's central themes. Example: Historically, single verses were used to justify slavery, however, a central theme of Scripture is that God does not want His people to live in bondage.
- 4. The Plain Meaning of the Text.** This means that

were able to deliver to Daily Bread a total of 68 new blankets! Our neighbors in the community were fed a bit better and kept a little warmer due to your generosity! The food drive continues on Sundays in 2025 from 1 -3 or you can easily drop off your donations on the way into church on Sundays on the food drive cart outside the narthex. Happy New Year!

## **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!!**

That's right 'SOUPER" not Super, though it is both! Help us to join with other community organizations to fight hunger during this time of year. When you are shopping for your playoff and super bowl snacks, please pick up some additional items for the local food banks and drop them off to the food drive on Sundays. The food banks always need staples like soup in easy open cans, but they also take snack foods that families cannot afford to buy, especially snack bags of chips or cookies for kids. Please help us make this a SUPER donation period for our community.



## **GEMMA CHRISTMAS FUN**

Many thanks to all who donated stuffed animals for our friends at Gemma. We collected over 120 animals that were given to the children at their Christmas party. Just over 30 children reside at the Gemma campus in

passages are to be understood in the sense that would have seemed obvious to the original readers. Example: Some contemporary interpretations of Revelations would have no meaning to the early Christians.

**5. Public Interpretation.** While Lutherans do believe that the Bible speaks to people as a Living Word with relevance to their individual lives, it's not a magic book giving us instructions. Individual insights are always interpreted in light of the general meaning. Example: When Isaiah says "You shall go out with joy", this doesn't mean you should ask a girl named Joy for a date. □

This Sunday, 1/19, Nancy Klein will lead our discussion of John 2: 1-11. All are welcome to join us after worship and coffee in Room 129.



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

The Annual Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday., March 4th. Always a fun and tasty event. Hope to see you there!

Please see Lynn Chialastri if you are interested in selling tickets, cooking, serving or helping with clean-up.



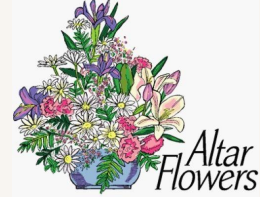
## **BOOK CLUB**

The Trinity Book Club will meet on Tuesday February 4th at 11 am in the narthex.

Please join us as we discuss the Pulitzer Prize winning book, "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout. Olive is a unique character and our chat should be fun.

Plymouth Meeting and another 30+ children participate in their day program.

Volunteers from Trinity were invited to help with decorating the staircase in the group home prior to their party. Your donations of time and treasure are an example of Trinity "serving others, as faithful stewards of God's grace" (1st Peter 4:10).



### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

A big thank you to everyone who has sponsored the flowers that enhance our worship space every Sunday!

If you do not wish to continue, please contact Linda Stone at [lgstone74@gmail.com](mailto:lgstone74@gmail.com) ASAP.



## **Upcoming Events at Trinity**

**January 26th**

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

### **Upcoming Birthdays**

Dale Brooks January 17  
Linda Moorehead January 17  
Emma Sassi January 17  
Meredith Booz January 18  
Tanya Hicks January 19  
Kathy Aspinall January 19  
Bob Chambers January 20  
Shannon Sweeney January 23  
Jean Murray January 24  
Michelle Woolsey January 25  
Lauren Cole January 29  
Doris Mohr February 2  
Katrina Stansbear February 5  
Emma Mulligan February 7  
Christine Steiner February 9

### **Upcoming Anniversaries**

John & Alma Nowmos February 10

**PASTORAL EMERGENCIES**

For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411 extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.

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