

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.



Christmas Eve at 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 pm
Christmas Day at 10 am

Make your Christmas Wonder.FULL

Invite Others • All Welcome •

Christmas Eve, Tues., Dec. 24: *Wonder.FULL*

- 2 pm* | Candlelight, brass ensemble
- 4 pm* | By kids, for all ages! Kids' choirs, bells
- 6 pm* | Candlelight, youth choir, bells
- 8 pm* | Candlelight, FaithX praise band
- 10 pm | Candlelight, adult choir, strings, bells

Christmas Day, Wed., Dec. 25: *GRACE.FULL*

- 10 am* | Carols, soloist

*Holy Communion offered



Pictures: 2018 Christmas Eve



The Dec. 24 worship times were selected to be hospitable and sensitive to the greatest number of people by providing equal intervals between services and thus more efficient use of building resources, parking, volunteers, and staff.



Fun for all ages! Experience Christmas around the world **HERE** on December 6

Meet in the Nave at 6 pm on Friday, December 6, and **see a special visitor**, then **travel through the church at your own pace** to learn about traditions of other countries. **End in Fellowship Hall** to make a special take-home ornament and get pictures with St. Nicholas.

This event is FREE, so spread the word. We'd love for you to (1) **RSVP** at www.trinitycamphill.org/christmasaroundtheworld and (2) **bring two dozen holiday cookies**—a dozen to share at the event and another dozen to share with our at-home members.

For YOU: Read these messages

From Pastor Jack Horner



A recent Council devotion came from the book, *212° the Extra Degree*. The premise is that, at 211°, water is hot; but, at 212°, it boils and produces steam to power a locomotive. Just one degree more!

The illustration shows how close a person, a business, or a church can come to generating tremendous energy and moving forward. I think

of all the blessings God has given Trinity, and of our great capacity to make a difference in our world. One degree more!

What if Trinity generated one degree more? One degree more of acts of love, of ministry, of service, of gratitude and generosity, to advance God's kingdom.

After sending angels, patriarchs, kings, and prophets, God sent his son, Jesus, as Savior of the world. For a gift as great as this, can we go one degree more?

Blessings, peace, love, and gratitude to all.

From Pastor John Brock

It's that time of year: there's too much to do, most of which I'll probably not get done, or do in a slapdash fashion. So before things get pull-out-what-little-hair-I-have-left crazy, I want to take a moment and thank all of you for your ongoing support of Trinity's Mission and Ministry. We literally CANNOT do any of it without you, the membership. So thank you, thank you!

And, believe me, you are thanked as well by all those who benefit from our hands-on ministries (home visitors, quilting group, prayer shawl folks,

ushers, lectors, so many more), and by those who receive simply our monetary gifts (New Hope Ministry, ELCA Missionaries, and again so many more).

May you have a blessed celebration of the birth of our Savior! May the new year bring you joy, happiness, and relief! And may you, by God's grace, continue to love, support, and be a part of the life of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church! God's peace to all.



From Pastor Liz Frey

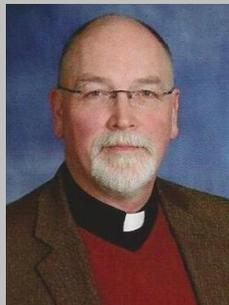
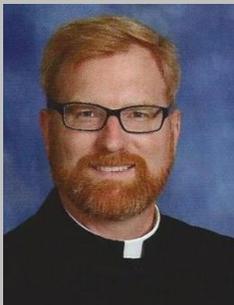


Wow, what a year 2019 has been. Looking back, I am grateful for the support and ministry of Trinity.

Some of my highlights of this year include the Community Connections breakfast, outdoor worship in June, and taking vacation bible school to Guatemala.

There are so many more events that I could mention, but ALL these mission events illustrate a key value of Trinity: sharing the gospel with our neighbors. And none of these would have been possible without your prayers and mission support.

Thank you, Trinity! Together, we have done amazing things this year and I can't wait for what 2020 brings!

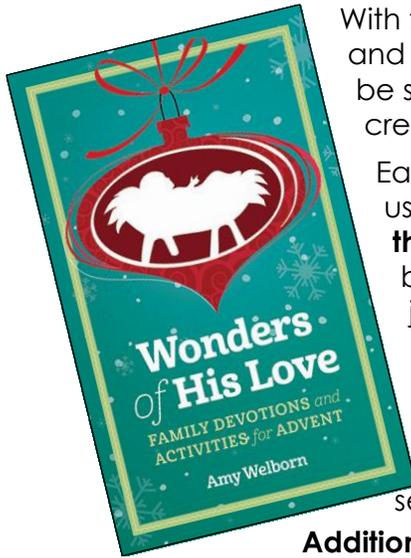


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Check out these Advent devotions/activities



With the start of Advent on Sunday, December 1, it's time to get our hearts and minds ready for the day of Jesus' birth. With that preparation in mind, be sure to pick up ***Wonders of His Love***, a booklet that takes you on a creative, wonderful, and family-centered Advent journey.

Each day of Advent, you'll find ways to **Think, Pray, and Do** as you make use of Scripture, reflection, prayers, and activities. You'll be guided to **think about these wonders**: God's only son being sent to us, our Lord's birth in the humblest of places, and Jesus' life of poverty to save us—just as we are—in a world of sin and mistakes.

And then there's this: Trinity's Faith Formation leaders will fill a Gathering Space wall with a **joyful Advent countdown!** You can look, study, and reflect on the great images as you wait in wonder for Christmas Day. Also follow this ***Wait in Wonder*** Advent sermon series: *All is Calm, Radical 180, No Fear, and Resolved!*

Additional resources: You'll find at least two other Advent resources in the Gathering Space. ***Advent Reflections*** is from *On Eagles Wings*, a Trinity-supported ministry serving folks in remote areas of northern Canada. You'll also find United Lutheran Seminary's ***Advent Star***, so named because it folds into a pretty cool star—that is, if you can figure it out!



Study our Christmas season messages

Christmas Eve starts our four-week "FULL" sermon series: *Wonder, Grace, Pain, and Joy*. You can study the themes beforehand by reading scripture as follows:

Christmas Eve. *Wonder.Full* (Horner). Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Day. *Grace.Full* (Frey). Isaiah 52: 7-10; John 1:1-14

Dec. 26, 28, 29. *Pain.Full* (Brock) Hebrews 2:10-18. Matthew 2:13-23.

Jan. 2, 4, 5. *Joy.Full* (Horner). Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12.



These concerts: WOW!

Concerts at Trinity are always popular, and especially those in December.

On Saturday, December 7, hear the **Harrisburg Singers** and **Harpist Elizabeth Efters-Asmus**. Concert Series Patrons get up to 4 free tickets.

On Sunday, December 15, arrive early if you want a seat for our beloved **Christmas at Trinity**. The Concert Choir and Orchestra will perform J. S. Bach's "Gloria in Excelsis" and other seasonal music, and you'll also hear our Cherub, Junior, Matins, and Bell Choirs, as well as our FaithX praise band. **Admission is free, and be sure to attend the reception that immediately follows.** The Arts and Fellowship teams request that food donations such as appetizers and desserts be brought to the kitchen by noon on the day of the concert.

**Saturday
Dec. 7
7:30 pm**

Celebrate the opening of the holiday season with the Harrisburg Singers' traditional concert of carols. Harpist Elizabeth Efters-Asmus will play the pre-concert recital.



Trinity Concert Series Patrons receive up to 4 free tickets, available now at the church office. Non-patrons pay regular Harrisburg Singers' ticket prices.



End notes

- **See the Every Member Prayer list** weekly in the *Trinity Weekly* (formerly *Trinity Today*), which is in our worship bulletins and also online. Go to www.trinitycamphill.org; click on "News and Events."
- **Make sure that any offerings you want credited to your 2019 Trinity contribution record** are received in the church office by Tuesday morning, December 31.
- **Come to Pastor Jack and Linda Horner's open house** on the weekend of January 4-5. Drop in any time that Saturday or Sunday between 1 and 5 pm. Call the church office for the address.
- **Watch for info about the next New Members' Class**, to be held in January.
- **Shop AmazonSmile** and designate Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church to benefit Trinity.



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