

TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

JANUARY 9, 2022

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

<u><i>In need of prayer</i></u>	<u><i>Submitted by</i></u>	<u><i>In need of prayer</i></u>	<u><i>Submitted by</i></u>
Amanda (thyroid surgery recovery)	<i>Diane Crews</i>	Jim Stewart [Brother] (cancer)	<i>Carol Masengale</i>
Art Sims (medical testing/possible surgery)	<i>Beth & Chris</i>	Joani Easterlund (peace & strength)	<i>Staff</i>
Betsy Henderson [Mother] (dementia)	<i>Jim Henderson</i>	John Kramer (Strength to endure chemo)	<i>Kathryn Wright</i>
Bob & Alythea Dykeman (life changes, health)	<i>Jeanne Ehlers</i>	Joyce Benson (palliative care)	<i>Connie Randall</i>
Bonnie Lee (hip replacement recovery)	<i>Shannon Lee</i>	Karen Gale [Sister] (love & care)	<i>Joani Easterlund</i>
Carol Durston (broken hip recovery)	<i>Greg & Pat Durston</i>	LaWanna Ahrendt [Mother] (health)	<i>Whitney Holland</i>
Carol Hartman (kidney surgery)	<i>Kathryn Wright</i>	Lisa & Joshua (stable housing)	<i>Diane Crews</i>
Carol Masengale (health)	<i>Roy Masengale</i>	Luella Edwards (cancer)	<i>Frank Edwards</i>
Carolyn Wright (praying for a miracle)	<i>Kathryn Wright</i>	Megan Soha [Niece] (ongoing cancer treatment)	<i>Lowell Kiesow</i>
Cheryl Weigel (healing, patience)	<i>Elaine Ramsay</i>	Melanie Piha (healing)	<i>Marlen & Ann Miller</i>
Daniel (dialysis)	<i>Diane Crews</i>	Michele (health issues)	<i>Lynn & Keith Cooper</i>
Del Taube (skin cancer)	<i>Karen Bell-Hanson</i>	Myron Thompson (health)	<i>Myron</i>
Don Pariseau (brain cancer, chemo)	<i>Sarah Ehlers</i>	Peggy Ostrander (recovering at home/pneumonia)	<i>Steve</i>
Doris Steeg (peace & hope)	<i>Joanie Easterlund</i>	Phil G. (addiction)	<i>Ely Smith</i>
Eileen Scott (cancer/chemo)	<i>Kathryn Wright</i>	Ray Shjerven, Sr. (hospitalized)	<i>Staff</i>
Elaine Ramsay (peace, successful treatment)	<i>Cheryl Weigel</i>	Rich Smaby (Vietnam Vet. with ALS)	<i>Kathryn Wright</i>
Elli Eastlack (cancer)	<i>Sherry Sinclair</i>	Rick Swenson (healing/rehab)	<i>Staff</i>
Eric Stenerson [Son] (healing)	<i>Lauren Stenerson</i>	Roy Masengale (chemotherapy)	<i>Staff</i>
Evonne Wise [Mother] (COVID19)	<i>Rebecca Drewes</i>	Sariyonna (mental stability, inner peace)	<i>All the staff</i>
Gary Jose (health & peace)	<i>MOT/Hank Mays</i>	Shannon Lee (health)	<i>Shannon</i>
Ken Edwards (health)	<i>Beth & Chris</i>	Tom Stenerson (neck injury/healing)	<i>Lauren Stenerson</i>
Jen (COVID recovery)	<i>Staff</i>	Family of Tracy Tillman at his death: (Mary, Cassandra & Jake)	<i>Kathryn Wright</i>
Jennifer Bannerman (health)	<i>Pastor Rick</i>	Trinity Childcare & Preschool (wellness & stability)	<i>Staff</i>
Jeremy Cathy (healing)	<i>Janice Shull</i>	Vernal Kensrud (back pain)	<i>Family</i>
Jim Scarce (health & peace)	<i>MOT/Hank Mays</i>	Veronica (living situation)	<i>Wanda Wentworth</i>

We also remember in prayer all those affected by the COVID19 pandemic; those who are first responders, medical workers and caretakers, those who are ill, those with family or friends with illness and those suffering anxiety, depression or long-term effects of the virus.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, January 9

Worship Service 10:00
Live stream online at 10:00
Food Pantry 12:00-2:00
CODA 6:30-8:00 Fireside Room

Monday, January 10

Trinity Quilters 9:00-11:30
Thompson Hall
Exercise For Life 10:45-11:15
Senior Meal Pick-Up 12:00-1:00—
Thompson Hall Entry
Men Of Trinity (MOT) 5:30-7:00
208 Garfield

Tuesday, January 11

Food Pantry Open 11:00– 3:00
Community Resources 1:00-3:00—
Thompson Hall
Canning 1:00-6:00
Thompson Hall Kitchen

Wednesday, January 12

Child Care Chapel 9:20-9:45—
Sanctuary
Morning Prayer -10:00-10:30 —
Sanctuary
Staff Meeting 10:30-11:30—Narhex
Exercise For Life 10:45 —
Thompson Hall
Finance Committee 3:30-4:30 —
Thompson Hall
Facilities Management 7:00-9:00 —
Thompson Hall

Thursday, January 13

Toastmasters 6:00-9:00—
Fireside Room

Friday, January 14

Exercise For Life 10:45—
Thompson Hall
Food Pantry Open 11:00-2:00
Mobile Shower Unit 11:00-3:00 —
Trinity Parking Lot
Senior Meal Pick-Up 12:00-1:00 —
Thompson Hall entrance
Community Resources 1:00-3:00 —
Library
Scrappy Ladies Quilting 6:30-11:00
—Thompson Hall

Saturday, January 15

FA Recovery 8:00 — Fireside Room

Sunday, January 16

Worship Service 10:00
Live stream online at 10:00
Food Pantry Open 12:00-2:00
CODA 6:30-8:00 Fireside Room

COVID19 Vaccination Clinics will be held at Trinity only on a monthly basis beginning with January 25 and February 22.

Help Find the Missing:

Two Christmas Tree Skirts were not located during preparations for the Christmas season.

If you know where the two gold-trimmed dark red tree skirts have been stored, please call the church office at 253-537-0201 or Joan Oldag at 253-666-3344.

Next Week's Readings: January 16

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11



All Trinity's services dating back to March 2020 are here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfvIVkTasS1TynHC6PDHZzA/videos>

In-Person Attendance
Sunday, January 2, 2022:
30

Men Of Trinity (MOT) Bible Study

- The study is every other Monday night at 208 Garfield.
The next Bible Study is January 10.
- Times are always 5:30 -7:00.
- Contact Hank Mays (hank.mays@pepsico.com) if you have questions.
New members are always welcome. Join us!

TRINITY'S FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: Income and Expenses

Last Week's Deposit: \$ 14,644.97

Deposit Details:

2021 Budget Year to Date

Budgeted Income \$ 1,146,393.00

Actual Income \$ 1,088,457.88

Budgeted Expense \$ 1,146,261.00

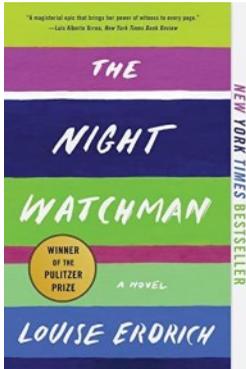
Actual Expense \$ 1,054,544.72

Positive Balance \$ 33,913.16

Ministry & Mission Offerings	\$	6,970.00
Heritage & Hope Offerings	\$	207.50
Capital Improvements	\$	265.00
Feeding Ministries	\$	295.00
SUDS	\$	90.00
Memorials	\$	430.07
Landscape Fund	\$	150.00
Designated Funds	\$	2,000.00
Rental Income	\$	850.00
Childcare Income	\$	6,987.47
Credit Card Fees	\$	(40.38)
<u>Fees Paid by Members</u>	\$	<u>27.50</u>
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$	14,644.97

We give thanks for all those who share their talents, time and treasure to support the ministries and missions of Trinity.

TLCW READS



This year our focus will be on Native American culture, art, and current issues. We begin the year with an opportunity to read and discuss a 2021 Pulitzer Prize winning book: The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich. Erdrich is a member of the Turtle Mountain band of Chippewa. The book is historical fiction, based on her grandfather's extraordinary life. Discussion will follow in February. A limited number of books are available to borrow. The book is also available through Amazon, at your library or on Audible .

Bible Study Update for TLCW

The January – April 2022 Gather study is *“The Kingdom of God/Kin-dom of God: What does it mean for God to be in charge”*, by the Rev. Mark Allan Powell.

January Circles will meet separately on 3rd Thursday – Jan 20th, 2022 in the Fireside Room:

Miriam Circle - 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and

Esther Circle - 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Questions: Alice Alexander (253-531-7183) or Virginia Garrison (253-471-9569)

Worship Volunteers

Worship is a work of the people. As such, it is important to have people involved in the leadership of worship. Each Sunday we have people help with welcoming people (ushers), reading the scripture lessons, offering the prayers, distributing communion, and setting up and cleaning up communion. If you would like to join with those already on our volunteer list, please contact the church office. Also, if you would like to volunteer for a specific date, please indicate that as well.

Dear saints of Trinity, beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

Yesterday a package arrived at our house. It was the bookcase that is a part of your generous farewell gift to us. Thank you! I have had boxes of books stacked up in my study and garage at home for months now, and I'm looking forward to emptying those boxes and bringing a bit of order and normalcy to life.

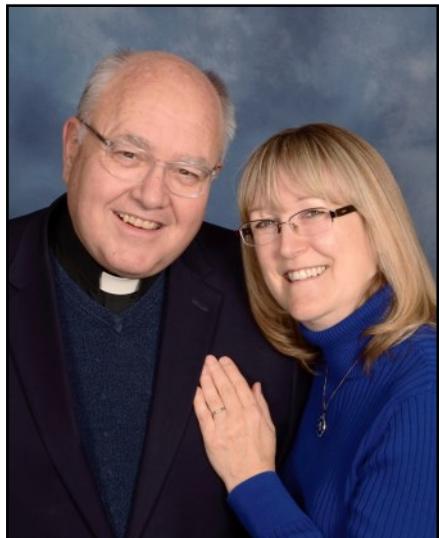
I am finding my work as chaplain at **eliseo** (formerly Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community) challenging and fulfilling. Like the rest of the world, we here continue to be impacted by COVID-19. Our daily chapel services are "virtual"—live streamed from my office and broadcast throughout the main complex on one of our television channels. On Christmas Eve we held live and in person "COVID Cautious Carols, Communion, and Candlelight" services throughout the community to limit viral exposure and spread. We'd scheduled six different services but had to cancel one due to a positive COVID exposure. I appreciate this community's caution and care, but like you I expect, long for the end of this pandemic.

Deb is now retired and is enjoying a return to a major creative love of hers—pottery.

Deb and I are both very grateful for your very generous monetary gift. All of the wealth of possible ideas Cheryl spoke of at our farewell luncheon could easily be the results of your gracious outpouring. We are overwhelmed. More, we thank God for your friendship, support, and love through the years.

Grace, peace, and health,

Pastor Jeff and Mrs. Deb Gaustad



TRINITY OPEN KITCHEN CLOSURE:

Due to concerns regarding the new COVID strain spreading in the Pierce County area the decision has been made to not sponsor the Trinity Wednesday lunches during January 2022. The situation will be reassessed at the end of the month to determine whether the Kitchen can reopen in February. "Watch this space."



Did you know that at no cost to you or the charity, Amazon will donate .5% of eligible sales to the charity of your choice? All you have to do when you

place an order is to go to 'Amazon Smile' <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/homepage.html> and select 'Trinity Parkland' and designate either 'Trinity' or 'Trinity Childcare' to donate. So far we've received \$74.11 in donations; if all of us who buy anything through Amazon were to designate Trinity as a receiving charity, we could build that amount into a significant sum! So, when you place an order, remember Trinity!

WHERE ARE MY DONATION ENVELOPES?

Trinity Stewardship Committee has decided to create our own Trinity Envelopes and print them for your use, in the correct numbers so that there are not overwhelming numbers of envelopes that go unused. This project will take a bit of time, so please give us your thoughts and the grace to do it right. And so much more importantly...Thank you for your continued faithful giving to Trinity. It is a huge part of what will see us through the opening back up and the creating of a vibrant future! **We have Envelopes that are available for use while you wait. Pick up at church office or in Narthex on Sunday.**

Beloved people of God,

How are you? We've had a full plate of things to cope with, haven't we? Weather that has limited mobility and caused cancellations, and now a new Covid variant (again!) that is disrupting life and causing anxiety.... It's a lot! I am hearing stories of fatigue and a sense that this will never end. So...

I want to shine a beam of light into your day today by telling you that YOU are remembered and held dear by me and the entire Trinity staff. We regularly look through the Trinity directory and our prayer list – we say your names out loud and pray for your well-being. We miss those of you we have not seen in recent months. We pray you are each finding things daily that sustain you in hope and joy, even if small and fleeting.

As you may know, some congregations are choosing to temporarily suspend in-person worship in response to the omicron variant that is causing a surge of Covid infections. **After thoughtful consideration, the staff and worship leaders of Trinity do believe we can safely continue to offer in-person worship (with masks) at this time due to the size of our sanctuary, which allows people to spread out, and the excellent ventilation in our sanctuary.** We fully support and understand the decision you may make to remain at home, if you are more comfortable doing so.

We want to let you know of a few changes we will make, however, out of concern for health and safety, mostly having to do with activity that involves taking off our masks, namely, eating and drinking. We will be hitting “pause” on serving food and beverage after worship on Sundays, as well as pausing Wednesday lunch service (Trinity Café) at least through January. We will revisit the situation for February. We will continue with Holy Communion during Sunday worship with slight modification.

The season of Epiphany invites us to celebrate the gift of God making Godself known to us in the flesh and life of Jesus. What a thing it is that our God chooses to be in relationship with us, to come in flesh, to be in continual pursuit of us, offering relationship and abundant life for all people, no matter who we are or the circumstance in which we find ourselves. God is with us!

May the presence and love of God continue to be revealed to you each day and bring you joy and peace!

In hope, through Christ,
Pastor Jonette Blakney

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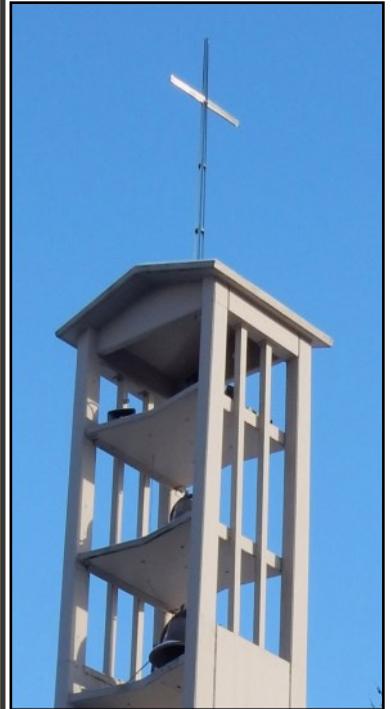
Trinity's Feeding Ministry on Instagram

[trinityfeedingministry](https://www.instagram.com/trinityfeedingministry)

TLC Preschool & Childcare

Director 253-535-2699 Karen Curtiss

Welcome



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