



January 2019

FROM OUR PRIEST-IN-CHARGE THE REV. DR. ROB CAVANNA

Dates to Remember

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| 1 | The Most Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ |
| 5 | 9:00am Women's Group Meeting, Parish Hall |
| 6 | The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ |
| 13 | The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ |
| 19 | 11:30am-1:30pm—Feed My Starving Children Ministry Day, FMSC Headquarters, Coon Rapids |
| 20 | Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Finance Committee and Vestry Meeting Follows Coffee Fellowship in the Church |
| 21 | Martin Luther King Observed |
| 27 | Third Sunday after the Epiphany |

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A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

Heavenly Father, you make all things new. You bring hope in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year and for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Advent was indeed a holy time of "waiting in hope" for Our Savior. Everyone was given a special meditation booklet titled *Surprises Along the Way*. I hope that you made use of the daily meditations and that you found them meaningful. For the four Sundays of Advent, we lit the four candles of hope, peace, joy and love. We also had an Adult Forum on Labyrinths and their use with Sheryl Rose, a **labyrinth facilitator. The 18' foot labyrinth was with us for the whole** of Advent and a number of you took advantage of it by walking it on your own either in the evenings or at other convenient times.

We offered once again the Community-Wide Blue Christmas Service of Solace and Comfort. A number of newcomers as well as a number of you participated in this very powerful liturgy of hope and comfort. The Annual Inter-Generational Advent/Christmas Pageant took place on December 16, 2018. We learned about the various customs and traditions of numerous countries told to us by fellow Trinitarians with the Sunday school kids with us.

The Season of Advent culminated in a Festive Choral Eucharist on **Christmas Eve. We literally had a "packed" house filled to overflowing.** Elijah Campbell brought the Baby Jesus to the manger and placed the Baby in its crib after which we sang Silent Night kneeling and with candlelight. The Senior Choir sang and it was a very moving and holy time. Fun followed in the Parish Hall with Sherry Toasts and a violin presentation by Peter Andersen of O Holy Night! Thank you, Peter, for a beautiful rendition of this popular Christmas hymn.

2018 is behind us and we face new beginnings in 2019. That's why I'd like to focus this month on being a servant, an essential part of our call to serve Christ in others. I'm basing this article on Philippians 3: 4b-14 and Matthew 20: 17-28 so you may want to read them before proceeding ahead with the article.

What comes to mind when you hear the word "servant" or "slave"? Most of us imagine a person who is not free to do what he pleases, one who lacks the power or freedom or resources to direct his own

life, one who must work to fulfill the desires of another. We think of a servant or slave as powerless in relation to his superior. His station in life demands that he constantly set aside his own desires to fulfill the desire of his master. For most of us, it is not an enviable position. How many of us would willingly sacrifice our independence and autonomy to become the slave of another person?

And yet this is what Jesus asks of his disciples, that they imitate him as one who “came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many” (v.28).

In his letter to the Christians at Corinth, St Paul writes, “*Think of us in this way, as **servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.***” (I Cor. 4:1,2) “Think of us in this way,” says Paul, “as servants of Christ.” He says this with pride, not shame. He is not embarrassed that he has been reduced to the role of a servant; he does not regret that he is no longer free to do his own will and is compelled to do the bidding of another. Nor is there any suggestion that he has been *forced* to become a servant – in fact, the opposite is true: Paul has voluntarily chosen to take up this role. He sees it as a glorious *privilege* to be considered a servant of Christ. He sees it as a *blessing* to live no longer for himself but for Christ. He is *honored* to have been entrusted with divine mysteries and feels both an obligation and a desire to be found trustworthy in this responsibility.

There is a great difference between one who has been *forced* into a position of servitude and one who has *freely chosen* to serve. It is LOVE that inspires in us the desire to serve. Only love can make such a choice. **How different it is to serve another for love’s sake than it is to serve out of obligation or duty!**

Jesus comes into the world not to be served, but to serve. He comes not to do his own will **but the will of the One who sent him. He “empties himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.” He does this for love!**

Similarly, the Letter to the Philippians 3:4b-14 reminds us, Paul sets aside his place of privilege in society, his reputation, his accomplishments and the honors he has earned – *everything* he has – **to be counted as Christ’s servant.** He does this for love. When we love we *want* to serve. We *long* to be given some task that will contribute to the good purposes of the one we love. A mother longs to serve her children – out of love. A husband longs to please his wife – out of love. We willingly set aside our own desires and preferences, we lay down our lives, for the sake of those whom we love. The greatest hope of those who have chosen to serve as the expression of love is that they may be found trustworthy; they can imagine no greater joy than to do what pleases the other.

I want to tell you a story that illustrates what this call to *service* is all about. The story is from Robert Coles, the well-known Harvard psychologist and teacher, and is recorded in his book, *The Call to Service*.

In 1961, Robert Coles traveled to New Orleans to meet and to study the six-year-old girls who were the first to integrate the New Orleans public schools. He was fascinated by them, by their strength and stoic courage in the face of tremendous pressure and opposition. He wondered what made it possible for them, day after day, to walk past angry, shouting mobs who hurled insults and threats at them, in order to enter their new school. The girls had to be accompanied to school by U.S. marshals because local and state police refused to protect them. He tells us about Tessie, a first-grader at the McDonough School.

One morning, when Coles was visiting Tessie’s home, he witnessed a conversation between the girl and her grandmother, Martha. For the very first time, Tessie was hinting that she might like to stay home from school that day. Coles writes,

On that day, Tessie was not so much reluctant to go to school as tired and weary. She was recovering from a bout of the flu; she had slipped and fallen while playing in a nearby back yard; and she didn't like her substitute teacher. The grandmother, privy as always to the child's worries, doubts and difficulties, knew full well her granddaughter's state of mind that early morning. Tessie had suggested (over breakfast) that perhaps, for the first time, she would stay home from school... The grandmother said yes, that would be fine if Tessie truly wasn't well. But if she was more discouraged than sick, that was quite another matter...

"It's no picnic, child – I know that, Tessie – going to that school. Lord Almighty, if I could just go with you and stop there in front of that building and call all those people to my side, and read to them from the Bible, and tell them, remind them, that He's up there, Jesus, watching over all of us – it don't matter who you are or what your skin color is. But I stay here, and you go – and your momma and your daddy, they have to leave the house so early in the morning that it's only Saturdays and Sundays that they see you before the sun hits the middle of its traveling for the day. So I'm not the one to tell you that you should go, because here I am, and I'll be watching television and eating or cleaning things up while you're walking by those folks. But I'll tell you, you're doing them a great favor; you're doing them a service, a big service."

She stopped briefly to pick up a fly swatter and go after a bee that had noisily appeared in the kitchen. She hit it and watched it fall to the floor, then plucked a tissue from a box on the counter, picked up the bee, still alive, and took it outside, where it flew off. I was surprised; I'd expected her to kill the bee and put its remains in the wastebasket. She resumed speaking, and again to my surprise, connected her rescue of the bee to what she had started to say.

*"You see, my child, you have to help the good Lord with His world! He puts us here – and He calls us to help Him out. That bee doesn't belong here; it belongs out there. You belong in the McDonogh School, and there will be a day when everybody knows that, even these poor folks – Lord, I pray for them! – these poor, poor folks out there shouting their heads off at you. You're one of His people; He's put His hand on you. **He's given a call to you, a call to service – in His name!** There's all those people, scared out of their minds, and by the time you're ready to leave the McDonogh School they'll be all calmed down, and they won't be paying you no mind at all, child, and I'll guarantee you, that's how it will be!"*

*As she was speaking, Tessie finished her breakfast, marched confidently to the sink with her dishes, put them in a neat pile, and went to get her raincoat and empty lunch pail from her room – **all without saying a word.** She was going to school...Robert Coles, *The Call of Service*, pages 3 and 4.*

The gift that Martha is giving to Tessie is the gift of vocation. She is instilling in her a sense that her purpose for being in the world is related to the purposes of God. She is teaching her the way of service. *"You're doing them a great favor," she says, "you're doing them a service, a big service."*

Martha helps Tessie to hear and to respond to God's call. *"You're one of His people,"* she tells her, *"He's put His hand on you. He's given a call to you, a call to service – in His name!"* And that is all the reassurance that Tessie needs. She knows that she belongs to God, that she has been chosen by God and "put here" for a specific purpose. She has been called *"to help the Good Lord with his world"* by loving and serving others – even her enemies – for Christ's sake.

Are you a servant of Christ? Have you freely, willingly, and with great generosity relinquished your own desires and purposes to align yourself with his purposes? Do you long to be given some task to please and help God? Do you want nothing more than to be found

trustworthy in God's service, to be one who can be counted on to be faithful, honest, and good? Do you count it an honor and privilege to be a servant of Christ?

Only love can make this choice! What will you choose in 2019? What ministries outside the walls of Holy Trinity will you engage in? Pray that you and I choose servanthood in 2019 whether it be volunteering at CAER, Open Doors for Youth, Great River Family Promise or at Feed My Starving Children. One ministry opportunity is to pack food for starving children at FMSC on Saturday, January 19, 2019, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Sign up on the sheet next to the office.

In closing, thank you for your 2019 Pledges. They will help us prepare and plan a realistic and meaningful budget for the New Year. Thank you also for your extra donations in this **year's Christmas Appeal. Your contributions will help us modernize our technology systems** and bring us into the 21st century.

Don't forget too that our All Parish Annual Meeting will be on February 17, 2019, during Coffee Fellowship. The Annual Newcomers'/New Members Dinner will be on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Let's remember to give thanks for our growing faith community, for our new members and for our renewal and commitment to Jesus Christ as our redeemer and savior in 2019. The better we know Jesus and serve others in his name, the stronger we will be as individuals and a church attracting others to a loving community of Jesus' disciples.

Stay well, be good of heart and let go, let God! Make 2019 a year of true servanthood!

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Rob+

SR. WARDEN

SUE NAGORSKI

Vestry News: We have a new Handicap door on the West door of the Parish Hall.

What a great gift kindly donated by one of our church community members.

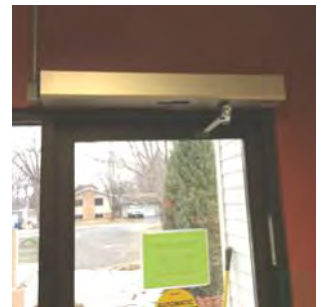
We are working on updating our technology to make things easier to stream video for overflow into the parish hall. This is a much needed update for larger funerals.

As we consider these important technology upgrades we are keeping a possible wish list moving forward into our budgeting year 2019. The vestry is thankful for those who have donated above their usual pledges toward making our technology wishes into reality.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual meeting in February!

Sincerely with the grace of God,

Sue Nagorski



SERVICE

DICK ANDERSON

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy New Years! Looking back on 2018, I want to thank everyone that helped at the many events that we had at Holy Trinity. One of the things that makes Holy Trinity so special is the people, always willing to help in so many ways. Looking ahead at 2019, we have many events coming up , thanks in advance for your help.

Have a safe winter if driving to friends and family.

Blessings, Dick Anderson

Happy 2019, everyone!!

I am looking forward this year to further exploring/defining my role here at Holy Trinity as your Deacon. I look forward to engagement with you in worship, community activities, and outreach. I have information interviews set up with Cindy Ley at Open Doors for Youth, The Rev. Jennifer McNally for Table 229, and possibly with the pastors of Elk River Lutheran and the Methodist Church around the work they have done around immigration for January. I also have been wondering if an outreach/justice work group might be something to invest our time in over the next year. Could you all let me know your thoughts on that?

I continue to serve on the Commission for the Diaconate and participate in a discernment group for those exploring Holy Orders. Those are at least monthly commitments until June. I also am excited to be a reader for the Integration Retreat on Jan 11th for a person in formation for diaconate. As my involvement here at Holy Trinity grows, I do plan on **letting these "big Church" commitments go so that I can concentrate** totally on being more present here at Holy Trinity.

I am glad to be here and glad you all are here too!!
Many, many blessings to you all this coming year!

Best to you,
Deacon Georgia



Gary Wedl and myself are going to replace the basement steps and install some type of hand rail. Also, I will be putting new screws in all the pews!

Jr. Warden, Timothy Ecklund



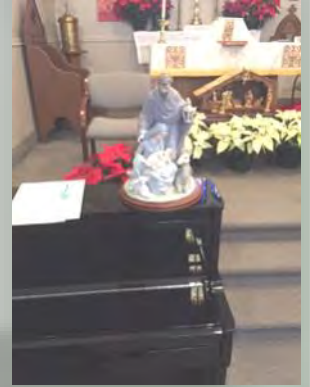
Happy New Year! As I finish my term as the Vestry Representative for Liturgy/Worship, I want to share my gratitude for the opportunity to serve. It has been both a joy and an honor to work with Father Rob who has such a passion for creating worship that is both unique and inspirational and Bea Bastyr and her exceptional gift for integrating music with our weekly services. I am grateful to them both and to all of you for your appreciation **and participation in worship. As Father Rob has written "Liturgy engages our lives and faith, our thoughts, feelings, hopes... it includes actions and words, symbols and ritual, scriptures and liturgical texts, gestures and vestments, prayers that are spoken or sung..."**

I am anticipating that 2019 will present many opportunities for us all to enrich our faith journey, through involvement in worship and service at Holy Trinity, where there is great love and abiding faith!

Joyfully,
Kate

SCENES OF RECENT EXCITING EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY LIFE

Recognize anyone?



Happy Birthday

Special Blessings to all our
January Birthday Trinitarians!

01 – Kylie Sheck	17 – Sherry Tyler
08 – AP Hopper	22 – Dan Krieger
12 – Ben Bastyr	26 – Stephanie Krieger
13 – Mikayla Warner	27 – Marilyn Bina
14 – Deacon Georgia Steele	30 – Tammy Whiteoak

Epiphany/King Cake and Ring - Anglican Tradition

Twelve days after Christmas is traditionally the day of the visit of the Three Kings, the Wise Men, to the Baby Jesus.

Holy Trinity will celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 6, 2019, with an Epiphany cake at Coffee Fellowship time. Inside the cake will be a special ring. The person who gets the ring in their slice of cake will be the Epiphany Royal for 2019, be given \$25.00 to grow and use for the common good and make the cake the next year.

Marion Marshall, our current reigning Epiphany Royal, will be telling us what she did with her \$25.00 on January 6, 2019. Special thanks to Marion for being our 2018 Epiphany Royal and for all she did to grow her \$25.00.



HAPPY EPIPHANY EVERYONE!



Help needed!!!

We need volunteers to shovel the sidewalks when it snows less than 2".

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes.

Thanks!!

Altar Guild

Gail Weber
612-850-4250

Meals on Wheels

Call or see
Cheryl Ecklund
763-443-8637

Senior Choir
and Contemporary
Ensemble Singers
and Musicians

Call or see
Bea Bastyr
763.441.4068

Chalice
Bearers
Acolytes

Contact the Church office

Feed My Starving
Children

Entire parish
Contact the Church Office

Women's Group

Call or see
Linda Krieger
763-441-7072

Men's Group

Call or see
Ben Bastyr
763.441.4068

Feast Days in January

- 10 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury 1645
- 18 The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle
- 20 Bishop Fabian, Martyr at Rome 250
- 23 Phillip Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts 1893
- 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

LOOKING AHEAD: FEBRUARY

- 17th 163rd Annual All Parish Meeting
- 22 Newcomers'/New Members Dinner, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall



HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ministry Rota

If you are unable to fill your volunteer position, please make your own substitution and leave word with the office. Thank you!

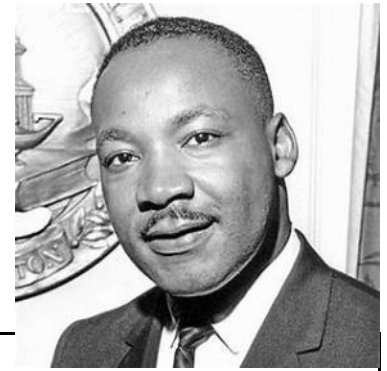
<u>Ministry</u>	<u>January 6</u>	<u>January 13</u>	<u>January 20</u>	<u>January 27</u>
Greeter:	Marilyn Bina	Jeanne Simonsen	Carl Newberg	Dan Krieger
Child Care:	Alex Stewart	Alex Stewart	Alex Stewart	Alex Stewart
Usher:	Dave Raitz	Adrian Russell	Gary Wedl	Dick Anderson
Acolyte:	Deb Krogman	Matt Krieger	Eric Andersen	Wiltie Russell
1st Reader:	Larry Brugger	Mary Brugger	Daryl Herrmann	Ken Schultz
2nd Reader:	Gail Weber	TBD	Gail Weber	Eric Hawkins
Prayers:	Jane Lindenfelser	Kate Hansen	Sherrill Newberg	Marion Marshall
Chalice 1:	Linda Krieger	Larry Brugger	Molly Liberto	Julie Raitz
Chalice 2:	Kate Hansen	Mary Brugger	Jane Lindenfelser	Scott Svoboda
Counter:	Molly Liberto	Linda Krieger	Jennifer Warner	Deb Krogman
Coffee:	Cindy Dols-Finn	Dawn Moyer	Nancy Ingram	Sandy Sisson



Our Mission Statement

Holy Trinity is a diverse, multi-cultural, growing, dynamic faith community rich in liturgy and music that serves Christ in all persons.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH			HTEC VESTRY MEMBERS		
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Parish Admin.	Jen Haag	612-685-6139	Service	Dick Anderson	612-812-2581 C
Director of Music	Bea Bastyr	763-441-4068	Liturgy	Kate Hansen	763-441-6061 H
Head Usher	Dan Krieger	763-441-7072	Education	Molly Liberto	763-742-2692 H
Altar Guild Chair	Gail Weber	612-850-4250	Evangelism	Nancy Lloyd	763-370-9598 C
Women's Group Co-Chairs	Linda Krieger Kate Hansen	763-441-7072	Pastoral Care	Christine Peterson/ Sandy Sisson (temp)	612-968-3445 H
Men's Group Chair	Ben Bastyr	763-441-4068	Treasurer	Jeff Nagorski	763-234-5000 C
Youth	Molly Liberto	763-742-2692	Vestry Clerk	Joyce LeClaire	763-263-7740 C



January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday: 10:00 Eucharist and Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship		1 The Most Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ	2 10:00am-12:00pm Fr. Rob's office hours and Fr. Rob by appointment	3	4	5 9:00 am Women's Group
6 The Epiphany and Epiphany Cake/Royal for 2019	7	8	9 10:00am-12:00pm Fr. Rob's office hours and Fr. Rob by appointment	10	11	12
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27 Third Sunday after the Epiphany	28	29	30 10:00am-12:00pm Fr. Rob's office hours and Fr. Rob by appointment	31  THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY <small>The Manifestation of Christ</small>		Sunday School Every Sunday with Child Care!

