



Trinity Dove

December 11, 2011 + Advent 3 + Blessing
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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+ Sabbaths & Celebrations

Sunday, December 18 ~ Advent 4

- + Joint Worship, Christmas Cantata & Quilt Draw.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures Christmas Program at 11:00 am.
- + Lessons and Carols at St. George's at 7 pm.

Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

- + Carols, Communion & Christmas Story at 5 pm
- + Traditional Service with Trinity Choir at 7 pm.

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

- + Joint Service of Readings and Carols (Advent into Christmas) at 9:30 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.

Sunday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

- + Joint Service of Readings and Carols (Christmas into Epiphany) at 9:30 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am. We honour Bob Marshall for his recent music ministry.

Sunday, January 8 ~ Baptism of Our Lord

- + Anchor Community Worship at 9:30 am.
- + Fellowship at 10:30 am. Meet Jamie Courtney!
- + Nurturing Faith at 10:45 am. Adults: Interesting Lives 1/4 - *Dee & Kitch Radke*.
- + Sanctuary Community Worship at 11:30 am.

Sunday, January 15 ~ Epiphany 2

- + Anchor Community Worship.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Nurturing Faith at 10:45 am. Adults: Interesting Lives 2/4 - *Hollice & Betty Stock*
- + Sanctuary Community Worship at 11:30 am.

Sunday, January 22 ~ Epiphany 3

- + Anchor Community Worship.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Nurturing Faith at 10:45 am. Adults: Ethics and Genetics (reprise) - *Matt Ramer*
- + Sanctuary Community Worship at 11:30 am.

Sunday, January 29 ~ Epiphany 4

- + Anchor Community Worship.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Nurturing Faith at 10:45 am. Adults: Interesting Lives 3/4 - *Derek & Kim Schwartz*
- + Sanctuary Community Worship at 11:30 am.

+ *andré lavergne*

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+ Pr. André ~ Blessing

Grace and peace to you.

On the First Sunday of Advent, our community was challenged in the following words: "You can't *tell* the story of Jesus if you don't *live* the story of Jesus." To put it positively, Christians —and the people of Trinity— are called to love both God and neighbour and to be a blessing to all in God's world. Love isn't a noun, so much as a verb. Our faithful journey is one of blessing. And blessing takes many forms.

The Jewish *berakah* is an ancient expression of praise or thanks *directed to God*. It is God who is blessed! The Hebrew *berakah* typically begins with the words *Barukh Attah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha-Olam... or Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Sovereign of Creation...*

The *berakah* is a form of blessing and prayer which Jesus knew well and which Jesus' friends would have experienced in connection with everyday meals and especially at the Last Supper.

From ancient times, our forebears and companions on our faithful Journey have been *blessing God!* Often-times, when I'm asked to bless a prayer quilt or shawl, I will use a form of *berakah*: "Blessed are you, O gracious God, for the warmth with which you embrace your people..."

Of course, we also bless *people*. Our liturgy provides for opportunities wherein we bless ourselves in remembrance of our baptism or are blessed by the presiding minister who *wishes us well* — the literal meaning of *benediction*.

We bless *objects*, setting them apart for sacred use or to express our hope that God will be present in, through and around them. For example, at Epiphany, we are invited to bless our homes and the people who gather there.

This Epiphany, Council will meet for its annual Christmas-Epiphany gathering at the home of Larry (our president) and Debbie Gravill. At some point in our festivity, we will use the rite (page 5) to bless their home. Perhaps your family might wish to do the same? Your entire household, together with friends and neighbours can participate!

So for now. May the living of our lives through Christmas and into Epiphany give evidence of our love for God and neighbour. May the living of our lives bless God and all of God's people.



+ andré lavergne

+ Christmas Preparation

Knitters, there's yarn in the narthex, and it's time to be doing your stuff! The **Advent Mitten Tree** will come down on Monday, December 12. Get your mittens in!

Christmas Hamper gifts are due on Advent 3, Sunday, December 11. We're also in need of cash to help fund the hampers. Mark your envelope "hampers".

Have you filled one of the bright yellow **We Care Bags**? The bags will be sent out through CLWR to children all over the world. Trinity's TYGers plan to fill 20 or more bags! A contribution of \$5 (cheque made out to Trinity in an envelope marked "CLWR") should accompany each bag to cover shipping.

Do you bake? On December 12, the Women of Trinity and their friends will be distributing **Christmas Cheer Plates** in our community. We'd welcome batches of cookies which could be brought to the church on Advent 3, Sunday, December 11. We'd also welcome some medium-

sized cookie tins. Leave them in the narthex.

Every year, Trinity sponsors a Christmas **Blood Donor Clinic** at Waterloo-Oxford. This year, the clinic falls on Boxing Day, December 26. (It's also Saint Stephen's Day, as in "Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the *Feast of Stephen*.") Please let Ken Seltzer know that you'd be willing to volunteer to help set up or take down. We'll also be offering a hot meal to the staff at the church. Pat Schmetzer will be pulling things together.

+ andré lavergne

+ Christmas Gift Ideas

Our **Tasting Trinity's Treasures** cookbooks are available for \$12 each from the church office. Gywin Murray's CD, **What A Friend** is available as a TYGers fund-raiser. The CD's cost \$10.

+ andré lavergne

+ Service of Lessons and Carols

Join us at St. George's on December 18, Advent 4, at 7 pm, for their traditional Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. Christmas cake and sherry follow thereafter.

+ andré lavergne

+ Sacraments & Seasons

Birth

We extend a word of welcome into God's world to Austraya Ruth Alves, a daughter for Stacey (Holst) and Bert Alves, born November 2, 2011; and to Abigail Dorie Ferguson, a daughter for Julie (Steinberg) and Troy Ferguson, born November 1, 2011.

January Birthdays

2 - Stephanie Price, David Ricketts, Pam Balfour, Kyle Hicks; **3** - Cindy Harrison, Christa Kieswetter, Gerry Legare; **4** - Mike Speers, Debbie Nickolas, Nicholas Pearson, Kieran Johnston, Joseph Heise, Brooke Medley; **5** - Edward Faruzel, Logan Arnott; **6** - Steven Wettlaufer, Raelyn Cook, Meghan Jantzi; **7** - Doris Langford, Bob Ruthig, Curtis Steinmann; **8** - Anne Hammer, Nathan Otterbein; **9** - Daryl Junker; **10** - Emma Giilck, Bob Cook, Fred Straus, Bradley Barnes, Samantha Junker, Ada Bender, Joseph Durrer; **11** - Krista Durrer; **12** - Sarah Clarke, Danika Parkin; **13** - Peyton Ayre, Owen Burchatzki; **14** - Amy Steinman; **16** - Michael Hayes, Erika Mueller, Michaëla St-Pierre; **17** - Cliff Wootton, Dagmar Otto, Ashley Sheard; **18** - Raimond Danner, Peter Kellendonk, Jacob Durrer; **20** - Trisha McCormack, Reese Faulhafer; **21** - Liz Livingston, Brady Schmidt, Logan Becker; **22** - Daniel Mueller; **23** - Bob Anger, Cindy Hammer, Hilmar Hofmeyer, Dave Mueller; **24** - Hollice Stock, Mike Gascon, Matthew Parsons, Chantelle Schwartz, Aspen Schwartz; **25** - Peter Scheid, Tracy Klaassen, Alayna Bailey; **26** - Todd Diebel, Laura Shantz, Steven Jokic; **27** - James Anger, James Oldenburger, Garrett Schwartz, Isabelle Otterbein; **28** - Clarence Schamber, Ken Hoffman, Larry Keller, Mike Otterbein; **29** - Norma Steinman, Jane Eichler, Leanne Snider; **30** - Ralph Becker, Noni Stewart, Shawn Burchatzki, Sophia Haffner; **31** - Jean Shantz, David Kleine, Serge Blaquiere, Jason Brodrecht, Mackenna Schaaf. Happy birthday, friends!

January Anniversaries

3 - Bruce & Debbie Jantzi; **7** - Charlotte & Mike Speers; **9** - Kevin & Val Dupree; **13** - Dianne & Hugh Stere; **14** - Karen & Mark Jutzi, Sheila & Stan Leis; **16** - Serge Blaquiere & Traci Jutzi; **18** - Daryl & Ron Junker; **22** - Crista & Steve Coughlin; **23** - Ed & Marjorie Stix, Bert & Stacey Alves. Happy anniversary, friends.



+ jill merner

+ Choir News

Beginning in January, the rehearsals for the Affirmation Singers will move to Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. A name change for our young choristers is also contemplated. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. Stay tuned!

Trinity Choir will maintain rehearsals on Thursday evening, but will move from 7:45 pm to 7 pm.

So... Would you like to join us to sing?

A number of choristers who took a break over the last few months—mostly owing to health concerns—will be returning to sing. Moreover, Jamie Courtney has lots of ideas and great plans. Come, sing with us!

Jamie is also looking for musicians who might play at worship, with the piano, with the organ, or on their own.

Jamie will be with us for his first rehearsals on January 3 (Affirmation Singers) and January 5 (Trinity Choir).

Come and make Jamie and his family welcome and... come and sing or play!

+ andré lavergne

+ Advent & Christmas Greetings

Members of Trinity's parsonage families and leadership team wish our parish family every blessing at Christmas and hope for a holy and happy New Year. We are grateful for the many expressions of warmth and affection. God bless you, each and every one.

+ Nurturing Faith ~ Adults

January 8 ~ Interesting Lives 1/4 - *Dee & Kitch Radke*.

January 15 ~ Interesting Lives 2/4 - *Hollice & Betty Stock*

January 22 ~ Ethics and Genetics (reprise) - *Matt Ramer*

January 29 ~ Interesting Lives 3/4 - *Derek & Kim Schwartz*

February 5 ~ Interesting Lives 4/4 - *Bob & Anne Thaler*

+ andré lavergne

+ Bishop's Sermon

In late October, Bishop Pryse preached the following sermon at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. His text was John 8: 31-36, as appointed for Reformation Day.

Then Jesus said ... 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?'

Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Lord be with you!

It's wonderful to be here today ... to visit and worship with you ... but it is especially wonderful to gather around Word and Sacrament in commemoration of a very special day in our liturgical calendar — the festival of Reformation Day; a day wherein we recall the Protestant reformation by which many Christian churches, ours included, came into being.

It's always a daunting task to preach on this day. I always feel a particularly acute presence of the communion of saints on this day and can almost imagine Martin Luther sitting and listening very carefully with notepad in hand. And, truth be told - I've always had a kind of love/hate relationship with this festival. The "pull out all the stops/pomp and circumstance" part of me has always loved this annual celebration of "all things good and Lutheran", and yet, at the same time, it's sometimes felt a tad self-congratulatory. "Aren't we just too wonderful!"

The worst Reformation Day sermons are overdone memorials characterized by a blind idolizing of our past heroes, pivotal and inspired though they may have been. If all the important things happened long ago, what is left for us?" We march around to *Ein Feste Burg*, proudly slapping ourselves on the back all the while sidestepping the fact that Luther's challenge to re-claim, re-language and re-embody the Gospel is a call to the church of every generation —that it's a call directed to us, here, today, as much as to anyone!

We, too, —perhaps even more so than the church of the sixteenth century— fall victim to the same traps that people of faith have struggled with since the beginning of

time. We too are prone to seeing right relationship with God as an "accomplishment," as something that people can earn, attain, maintain and then hold onto (whether by right sacrifice, right action or right belief) rather than as a free and gracious gift that we are continually in the process of re-claiming, re-discovering and entering more deeply into.

That, of course, was the problem that afflicted the group that Jesus was talking to in our Gospel today. When Jesus tells them that his "new truth" will make them free, they in effect answer, "What do we need a new truth for ... we're good children of Abraham ... how is it that you say you will make us free?" (Perhaps they had already heard that, before setting you free, the truth would first make you miserable!)



It's the same cry that has been heard in every age since the dawn of time. "But I'm a good Jew ... I'm a good Catholic ... I'm a good Lutheran ... I'm a good Rotarian ... I'm a good citizen. I'm for Cephas. I'm for Apollos. What do you mean you will make me free?"

And our Lord's answer is very clear. "None of those things stand for anything in the household of God. The slave doesn't have a permanent place in the household. But the Son does. And if the Son makes you free, you will be free, indeed! As such, St. Paul is able to say, "What then becomes of our boasting?" "It is excluded!" "By what law; by that of works?" "No, but by the law of faith! For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the law!"

It's a truth that's so big and beyond us that I don't think we are ever fully capable of "getting it" in this life. It's like the clothes your mom would buy for you when you were a kid. She always got them a few sizes too big so you had room to grow into them. That's what the doctrine of justification is like. We never completely get it. We're always growing into its fullness.

In one of his commentaries on the book of Romans, Luther writes, "This life, therefore, is not righteousness but growth in righteousness; not health but healing; not being but becoming; not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified. We are always in motion, and we who are righteous need always to be made more righteous. For there is no stopping place on God's way. Delay in itself is sin. Hence, he who in the present moment trusts that he is righteous has already lost righteousness."

Self-righteousness is never a becoming vestment. We're

always “on the way” ... we never fully arrive. We’re like the 401 ... always under construction and the tradition that has formed and shaped us is itself still being formed and shaped into something new. Like it or not! It simply can’t be avoided, because, to experience the grace of God means that we will, by definition, experience a new truth that will change us, again and again and again! For God’s grace cannot, and does not, leave us where it finds us.

Good news? Absolutely! But also unsettling and challenging news. The fact is, we don’t see with total clarity what that new thing will be and what it will look like. Faith isn’t like a spotlight that takes away all the darkness. It doesn’t make difficult questions go away. It’s more like a lantern that illumines just enough space for you to see where your next step or two might be headed. We don’t see with total and complete precision. We really do see through a glass dimly!

And that means that the church needs to continually be about the work of discernment. It means that we will often need to struggle with different visions; different understandings of what God is calling us to do; calling us to be in each incarnation of its life. But that’s nothing to be afraid of. It may, in fact, be integral to the process by which our collective way is ultimately discerned. For as we rub up against one another, testing our ideas and understandings with one another - inch by inch and step by step - we come to a fuller collective vision of who we are and what it is that God is calling us to be at this time in our life. And as such, it is not so much a unity of opinion that we should be seeking, but rather a unity of the spirit; another gift that comes from God—a gift we can’t create—but a gift we can certainly dispose ourselves to either receive or not receive.

“Ecclesia reformanda, sed semper reformata.” “The Church reformed, but always in the process of being reformed.” That’s what the festival of reformation shouts out to us, year after year after year! And that’s why, in spite of our occasional lapses of self-righteousness — it is a celebration well worth honouring. Because at its heart, it’s a celebration of the Gospel! It’s a celebration of the power of that Gospel to breathe new life into us. It’s a celebration of the continuing reformation that the Holy Spirit is effecting within the world and within the life of church; a celebration of the freeing and saving truth that Christ spoke of in our Gospel lesson. May God grant us the desire and the will to stretch and grow within the light of wonderful and always new truth, for our sake and for the sake of the world. Amen.



+ Chalking the Door

On the Epiphany of Our Lord, Friday, January 6, family and friends gather at the main entrances to homes or apartments—nursing home quarters, extended care facility, hospital rooms!—and ask God’s blessing on their dwellings and on all who live or visit there. Leadership may be shared with a change of voice at each Leader’s part (L).

L Peace be to this house and to all who enter here.

L A reading from Proverbs: "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

L Let us pray: Gracious God, as a shining star once guided the magi to the birthplace of the infant Jesus, so enable those who dwell here to be your light in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Using chalk (hence, "Chalking the Door"), people are invited to inscribe the lintel of the home (the horizontal frame above the door) with the inscription shown below. The letters C M B come from the traditional (9th century) names for the "three kings" —Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar. Some also suggest the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat or "May Christ bless this dwelling!"

Each person is afforded a turn to make a chalk mark:

20 + C + M + B + 12

L A reading from Isaiah: "The effect of righteousness is peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and quiet places."

People may join hands or extend their hands outward and upward (orans) for the prayers.

L Let us pray: Sovereign God, we pray that you will bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence, that your love may be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

L Lord, remember your children and teach us to pray:
Our Father in Heaven...

L May the Lord watch + over our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

+ Tintinnabulations

December 12 ~ Christmas Cheer Plates are prepared at 9 am. Cookies should be brought to the kitchen on Sunday, December 11.

December 12 ~ Mitten Tree comes down. Christmas Tree goes up at 7 pm.

December 13 ~ Christmas Hampers prepared by Women of Trinity at 9 am.

December 13 ~ Gentle Friends Readers ~ Gather, 7 pm, in Trinity Hall. This month: HIGH ROADS by Terry Fallis. Copies available at the Library.

December 14 ~ Nurturing Faith (Children...) Team ~ We gather at 7 pm.

December 17 ~ Trinity-Optimist Christmas Breakfast ~ Begins at 8 am.

December 26 ~ Trinity's Christmas Blood Donor Clinic ~ Gather from 1:30 to 7:30 pm at the W-O Cafeteria.



January 2 ~ Women of Trinity ~ Gather, 12:30 noon.

January 3 ~ Adult Learning Team ~ Gather at 8 am.

January 3 ~ Prayer Circle Update ~ Shirley Unrau & pastors meet, 9:30 am.

January 16 ~ Blood Donor Clinic ~ Gather from 5 to 8:30 pm at the Legion.

January 17 ~ Gentle Friends Readers ~ Gather, 7 pm, in Trinity Hall. This month: HANDLE WITH CARE by Jodi Picoult. Copies available at New Hamburg Library.

January 19 ~ DOVE Prep Team ~ Gathers at 9 am.

February 6 ~ Secrets Sisters Pot-Luck ~ 6:30 pm.

February 12 ~ Congregational Meeting ~ 10:45 am.

Tuesdays, 9 am & 6:15 pm ~ TOPS ~ Taking Off Pounds Sensibly in Trinity Hall and the Martin Luther Room.

First Wednesdays, 11:30 am ~ Congregate Dining ~ Gather at Zion United Church.

Saturdays, 8 pm ~ A/A ~ Open meeting in Trinity Hall.

+ *andré lavergne & jill merner*

+ November Council News

- Every month, Council sends a number of thank-you notes. This month, we thanked Pat Schmetzer (helping to host Messy Fiesta); Dave Mello (Confirmation photography); James Brown (Assisting the Minister of Music Task Group).

- Our General Fund is in relatively good shape for the time of year. The Capital Fund has been depleted owing largely to recent roofing costs. People are invited to help replenish the Capital Fund.

- Council is looking toward 2012 and will look at a draft budget in December and a second version in January. The Mutual Ministry Team will meet before Council to provide salary guidelines. The Property Team has already provided input.

- Our Life-long Learning Plan sees us looking ahead through into the fall of 2012.

- Messy Church will come to Trinity in February, 2012.

- Our Worship Rota covers Bob Marshall's tenure over Christmas and begins to reflect the direction of our new Minister of Music for 2012.

- The Mutual Ministry Team is working on a new edition of the *Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual*. It will begin to take account of our new staffing.

+ *krista durrer and friends*

+ The Women of Trinity

Secret Sisters' Potluck

The Women of Trinity host one of Trinity's most wonderful ministries. It's the Secret Sister program in which women are paired with one another as "secret sisters." During the year, each sister sends birthday and anniversary greetings, seasonal cards and small gifts to a "secret sister." The latter does not know the identity of the former. Participants gather for a February pot-luck supper at which identities are revealed.

Are you a current participant? Terrific! Not aboard? Consider joining on February 6, 6:30 pm, at this year's pot-luck supper! Call Shirley Unrau, 662-1515, for details.

+ *pat schmetzer*

+ Financial Update to November 30

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Transfers
Income	\$ 252,191	\$ 16,363	\$ 31,687
Outgo	263,790	35,503	14,868
Balance	(\$ 11,599)	\$(19,140)	\$ 16,819

Overview

We have a substantial deficit —though less than anticipated— in the General Fund. We must get caught-up now!

We began the year with an accumulated Capital Fund surplus of \$23,737. This will be more-or-less wiped out when we pay the December bill for the three exterior doors which are now being installed. The church kitchen door is already in. Two exterior Peel Street parsonage doors are due any day.

Please take to account both our General Fund and Capital Fund needs as we close upon the end of the year. Your end-of-November offering statement is being made available at the same time as this issue of TRINITY DOVE.

The last Sunday of this Church Year is December 25, Christmas Day. (There is no Sunday after Christmas, this year!) Please endeavour to get your last-week-of-the-year offerings in at worship or via the mail.

✝ bob ruthig & rick ritz

+ Sanctuary Potluck

Our pot-lucks are the best! The next one is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, at about 12:30 noon (after our 11:30 am worship). Please sign-up. Come, bring a friend!

✝ anne anderson

+ Nurturing Faith & Affirmation

Prayer Partner Kick Off ~ We will be kicking off our prayer partner program once more on Sunday, January 8. We're inviting you to commit to praying for one of our young people for the winter season and to join us for two Sunday morning events on March 4 and April 29 to meet your young partner and to spend some time together. Forms will be available in the narthex and we will have a sign up sheet with more info.

Winter Family Celebration ~ We are having our annual winter afternoon together with sledding and games and treats on Sunday, January 29, from 2 to 4 pm. The location is TBA. Look for the sign-up sheet in January. Mark your calendars now. All are welcome!

Affirmation and Confirmation Classes

Students in grades 3 and 4 are invited to attend class on Friday, January 20, 9am - 3pm. Lunch will be provided.



Grades 7 & 8 have four Saturday classes for the year, on January 28, February 25, March 31, April 21. All sessions run from 9 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please mark your calendars now to avoid missing the fun!

Please note: Confirmation Camp will run from Sunday, August 26 to Friday, August 31, 2012. Mark your calendars. Forms will be available January.

✝ anne anderson

+ TYGers

December 22 ~ TYGers Caroling ~ We'll have our fourth annual caroling event at 6 pm. We'll meet at the church and head out into the Trinity neighbourhood for some singing and then return to the church for hot chocolate & cookies. Choir members —Affirmation Singers & Trinity Choir— are invited to join us. Look for the sign-up sheet.

January 13 ~ TYGers Hangout ~ We will gather at the Anderson home at 7 pm. Join us to put the finishing touches on space and play some games. All are welcome.

January 20-22 ~ TYGers Retreat ~ We'll head out to Edgewood Camp at Eden Mills from Friday, January 20, at 7pm through Sunday, January 22, at noon. Cost is \$100. Forms are available from Erika Mueller. Please speak to pastor Anne or Erika if cost is an issue. We want everyone to be able to attend.

"What a Friend" CD Sales ~ Gywin Murray has produced a lovely CD of organ music. Gywin is making it available as a TYGers fund-raiser. They cost \$10 and make a great stocking-stuffer. The sale runs through Dec. 18.

Quilt Draw ~ Our Trinity Quilters have provided another magnificent quilt. You can see it being crafted in Trinity Hall. We are tremendously grateful for TQ support. The draw will take place at the conclusion of worship on Sunday, December 18. Tickets are \$2 or 3/\$5.

✝ erika mueller