



# Plantings

January 2020

Tree of Life Lutheran Church

1492 Linglestown Rd.

Harrisburg Pa. 17110

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Office Hours: M-Th 8:30am – 1:00pm

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

January has arrived and with it the close of the Christmas Season. Thanks to all our members whose time and gifts contributed to the joy of our Christmas celebration- from decorators to musicians to cookie bakers.

As we move into the Sundays after Epiphany, we are reminded that the presence of Christ continues to be made known through his people, the Church. The prophet Isaiah writes, "Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." During this season of growing light, let your light shine. Practice generosity. Show kindness. Heal what is broken. Offer forgiveness where it is needed. Be a good neighbor. Pray for peace. Be the face of Christ for others.

You are part of the radiant light of Christ that beats back the darkness of the world!

Blessings!  
Pastor Richard

## **Our Stewardship of Time and Treasure**

Date	Sat 5 PM	Sun 8:30	SCS Att	Sun 11	Offering
12/1	56	67	----	95	\$ 9,554
12/8	71	159	80	156	\$11,572
12/15	71	116	65	183	\$13,166
12/22	116	97	150	146	\$12,456
12/29	80	10 AM: 72			\$11,899

Christmas Eve: Noon-300; 5 PM- 325; 7:15- 250; 9:45- 165 Off: \$16,110

## **Thanks To**

Recent Adult SCS leaders Cindy Hartman and Pastor Jody Silliker!

The Arts Committee for making beautiful new window displays for Christmas!

The Social Ministry Committee and all their helpers who packed up and delivered the Angel Tree gifts and all our members who generously responded to brighten the holidays of our neighbors!

All the children and adults who came out to bake and deliver Christmas cookies to our older members and friends and decorate the worship space for Christmas!

Our many musicians- singers and ringers and instrumentalists, children, youth and adults, who provided such a lovely array of music on Christmas Eve, as well as our friends, Seasons, who provided music for the noon service!

All our Christmas Eve worship leaders and those who helped clean up and prepare for each service!

Sandy and Sam Wood who rounded up lollipops for Christmas Eve treats!

Our Hospitality Committee members who helped organize and serve Harry Dolby's funeral lunch!

All our Sunday offering counters!

Our treasurer, Sue Grumbine, and financial secretary, Sandy Brandt, for their hard work throughout the year but especially as they close out the books at the end of the year!

Our Saturday evening service musicians- Ginny Bechtel, Marcia Bendiksen, Pastor Cathy, Linda Fitzke and Lindsay Price!

All those who provide communion bread and sponsor communion wine!

Linda Fitzke and Lindsay Price for directing the SCS Christmas Pageant and all the children who participated!

Luke Grumbine for hard work clearing the bank behind the church!

Randy McPherson for organizing carpet cleaning in the church!

Jim Sommer for fixing toilets and various odd jobs right before Christmas!

Linn and Diane Bell, Shelley Sollazzi, Alex and April Hartman and Luke Grumbine who cleaned the Sunday School Hallway walls!

Tom Krape for setting up the nativity scene in the worship space!

The Pet Ministry Committee for packing up holiday treat bags for Christmas distribution at New Hope Ministries and the Harrisburg Area Humane Society!

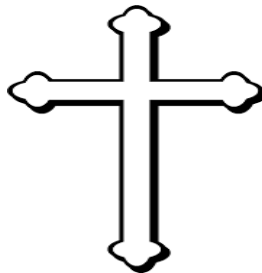
Seminarian Kristen Barnes who covered emergencies while the pastors were in Georgia after Christmas!

Our hardworking Stephen Leaders and Ministers!

All our Committee Chairpersons and Committee Members!

### **Pastoral Acts**

Burial of the Dead  
12/23/19 Harry James Dolby



*Rest Eternal, Grant Him, O Lord!*

## **Congratulations To**

Our December College Graduates:

Zoe Clark, Susquehanna University  
Emily Matte, West Chester University  
Tyler Steiner, Penn State University

## **Thanks to TLC**

Thank you for your generous gift to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund. Your donation Ensures that LWR quilts and Kits get into the hands of A person who needs it. Warm Regards, Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret) President and CEO, Lutheran World Relief

Thank you for your recent in-kind gift of various supplies designated for Nawaka Program use. Thank you for your generosity. Yours in Christ, Michael Youse, Executive Director, Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Penna.

## **Social Ministry Request**

Do you crochet and have some spare time? If you answered yes, please consider crocheting prayer shawls for our Social Ministry Committee to distribute to anyone in need. Please contact Debbie Clark by email [dmyersclark@gmail.com](mailto:dmyersclark@gmail.com) or by phone 717-608-2847 leave a message or text.

## **Pet Ministry Request**

The Pet Ministry will be collecting items for the "2nd Chance 4 Life" animal rescue for the months of January and February. This group's mission is to provide loving and safe homes for homeless and abandoned dogs while encouraging responsible dog ownership. Items needed include: Canned food, Squeak toys, Dog beds, Bleach, Ammonia, Laundry pods, Clorox wipes, Amazon gift cards, Giant gift cards. Items can be placed in the designated box in the narthex.

## **Bread Schedule**

We are looking for more people to participate in our weekly bread baking. We do this on a rotating basis. You can either bake the bread or purchase it (2 loaves per week). If you are interested in helping us, please sign up on the narthex table or call the office at 717-238-8733 or email at [office@tree-of-life.us](mailto:office@tree-of-life.us).

## **Christmas Greetings from:**

Tracy Klein – Frey Village  
Natalie Kratzer – Thrivent for Lutherans  
Bob, Rosalie & Gary Frampton  
Rev Martin Otto Zimmerman – United Lutheran Seminary

## **Christmas Thank You**

Thank you so much for your generous gifts from you congregation. We truly appreciate the time and money it took to bless us. God bless all of you! Mr & Mrs Brian Malone and son, Stephen O'Brien

To the children at Tree of Life...What a beautiful surprise you gave me when you knocked on my door with your delicious cookies. Thank you so much for your kindness for giving me great joy. Love & Blessings, Sandra Stotler

Thank you so much. The cookies were delicious. Jayne & Dennis Hoover

## **Free**

Crib, Changing table and play platform. Tree of Life nursery has a changing table, full size crib and a wooden play platform covered with green felt that need a FREE home. If you could use any of these items please contact Jill McPherson 717-576-4947 to arrange pick up. The items are marked with a tag that says FREE if you want to check them out.

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### *Mission Statement*

Welcome in love to Tree of Life Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! We Affirm that we are a community called and empowered by God through Word and Sacrament. We Believe that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, sends us into the world to share God's love through our words and actions. Though we are a community shaped by diverse traditions, we affirm one Lord, who is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and one Faith, that brings all peoples together. We Commit ourselves to a life of worship, service, fellowship, education and witness in this place, in the world, and to each other. To this purpose we pledge our time, talent, and treasure, and invite all persons to share in the growth of the Christian ministry of Tree of Life Lutheran Church.