

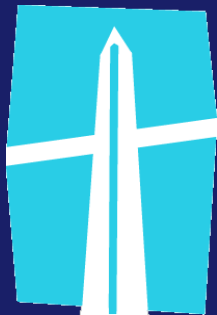
First Trinity & St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Weekly Mission and Ministry Opportunities

January 22, 2017

Third Sunday after Epiphany

In times of vocational transition, people may experience a lot of waiting, feelings of anxiety, and doubts about meeting high selection standards. For those who are wondering if they are good enough or have what it takes to follow a certain employer, school, or program, today's gospel might be an important reminder that Jesus doesn't wait for people to apply to him. Jesus calls followers and then uses what they already know. We need not worry if our résumés or letters of recommendation will be good enough; Jesus knows they are.



We are a community of faith, sent by God to pursue God's hopes and dreams for DC and the world.

To Our Visitors and Guests

Welcome! Please fill out one of the visitor cards found in the pews and add a prayer request if you wish so that we can pray with you this week. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider First Trinity and St. Matthew's. Any of the pastors would be happy to discuss this with you further. Please join us after the service in the parlor, adjoining the sanctuary, for snacks and refreshments.

Architect Presentation: TODAY

On December 14 the church council recommended an architectural firm to be approved by the congregation on February 5. If hired, the architects will lead the congregation through a process to help us determine what our vision and goals are for the current space we use both now and in the future. The architects will present to the congregation TODAY. This will help everyone who attends get a good idea of what they plan to do and it will help inform our decision on February 5 when we vote on whether to move forward with them.

New Member Classes

Want to find out more about First Trinity and St. Matthew's? Then please consider coming to our new members class on Sundays in January! We hope you can join us. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tom Knoll at tknoll@firsttrinitydc.org.

TODAY: Sunday, January 22 @ 9:15-10:15am

Sunday, January 29 @ 9:15-10:15am

Lifeline Chili Cook Off: January 29

We are looking for chili chefs who would like to share their talent with the community. First, Second and Third place prizes will be awarded. Whether or not you enter a chili, please join Lifeline for our annual Chili Cook off **January 29** after church. Chili with sides and desserts. There is no cost for this event but you are welcome to make a free will donation. Contact Pastor Susanne if you would like to enter a chili or have any questions – Lifeline@firsttrinitydc.org or 202 628 4819.

Congregational Assembly: February 5

Our annual Congregational Assembly is scheduled for **February 5** immediately following worship. We will be approving a new budget for 2017 and recommending an architectural firm to help us with future visioning of our space.

Want to be part of Worship on Sunday mornings?

First Trinity and St. Matthew's need your help on Sunday mornings! Be a part of the service by serving as a Crucifer (Cross Bearer) or Worship Assistant (Reader and Prayer). OR be a part of the hospitality of our church by serving as a Greeter or Usher! Be one of the first people to welcome members, friends and visitors into our church each Sunday. To help, please contact Anne Corti in the church office (202) 737-4859 or office@firsttrinitydc.org.

Next Sunday, January 29: 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Readings: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12