



The Trinity Lutheran

Gathering in Faith, Living in Hope, Serving in Love

. . . Blown by the Spirit

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

begins **Sunday, December 3**, kicking off the new church year. During Advent, we light the Advent candles during our worship services as we await the coming of Jesus, our Savior.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

December 3, December 10, December 17 & December 24

9:00 Traditional Service / 11:00 Praise Service

Advent...is the a time of preparation...getting ready...and waiting and watching. It is the four weeks before the coming of the Nativity of our Lord. We do this in several ways at Trinity. We gather for worship. We celebrate with the music of the season. We come to hear our children tell the story in the Sunday school program. We serve our neighbors. Advent and Christmas is a time for family and friends to gather and celebrate the coming of the Christ to bring reconciliation to the world.

As we begin the Advent Season, we will be celebrating a worship series over the next four Sundays preparing us for Christ's coming. This series will be marked by the four themes of *Be Present...Send Peace...Share Joy...Wrap in Love*. I invite you to plan to follow this path of preparation each Sunday for worship as you and your family get ready for Christmas.

December 3 - Be Present (Mark 13:24-37) – *We are encouraged to know that as we deal with the day-to-day struggles in our lives, in our relationships, in our families... that our Lord is near, and we can be assured of his coming and his presence with us.*

December 10 - Send Peace (Mark 1:1-8) – *We come to know that "this is the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ"...among us. John the Baptist comes announcing a repentance that will deliver us into a life of peace and freedom...the forgiveness of sins.*

December 17 - Share Joy (John 1:6-8, 19-28) – *We see John coming "as a witness to the light" of the Christ who was coming into the world. We too are witnesses, called to share the joy of Christ's coming...in our families...among our friends...with co-workers...to all the world.*

December 24 (one service at 10:00) - Wrap in Love (Luke 1:26-38) – *Love comes down...in the form of this Child, called Jesus, who is to be born to the Virgin Mary. In this child...God comes among us in the most intimate of ways.*

We come...we hear the story...we celebrate as the family of God.

We come together to decorate on Saturday, December 2, at 9:00 a.m.

We bake and share in the Goodie Extravaganza bringing Christmas cheer to friends and family and raising funds for Spiritual Growth.

Our children tell the story *Something's Up Down in Bethlehem* at the 11:00 service on December 10.

Our choirs and musical groups join together to share *A Vision of Christmas* as told through the eyes of Mary on Friday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.

We serve Christmas Dinner and share in the giving of gifts with our neighbors on Sunday, December 17, at 12:30, 2:30, and 4:30. Christmas Eve services will be Sunday, December 24, at 5:30 and 8:00.

Christmas...is a time of telling the story...hearing the story...and living the story...in our lives. Come...and be a part of the story.

December



COME WORSHIP WITH OUR TRINITY FAMILY

Sunday Morning Worship

Traditional Service

9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship/

Education Hour

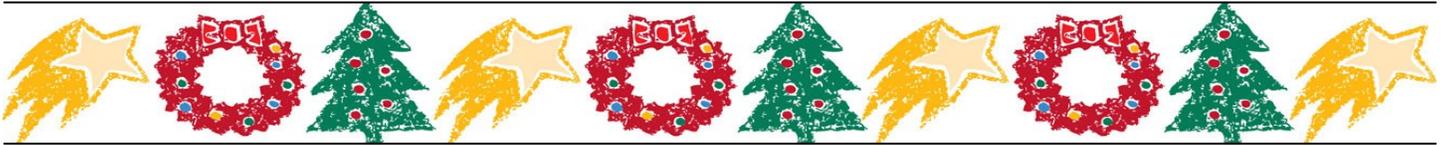
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Praise Service

11:00 a.m.

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**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24**

The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve.

It is important that we light the 4th Advent candle and complete our Advent worship theme, so there will be one service at 10:00 that morning.

The Christmas Eve Service times are found below.

**1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 31**

The 1st Sunday After Christmas falls on New Year's Eve.

We will gather together for one service at 10:00 that morning for a service of Lessons and Carols.



**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Sunday, December 24**

Two Christmas Eve Worship Opportunities!

There will be two different Christmas Eve Worship opportunities offered for you and your family based on time of day and your worship preference:

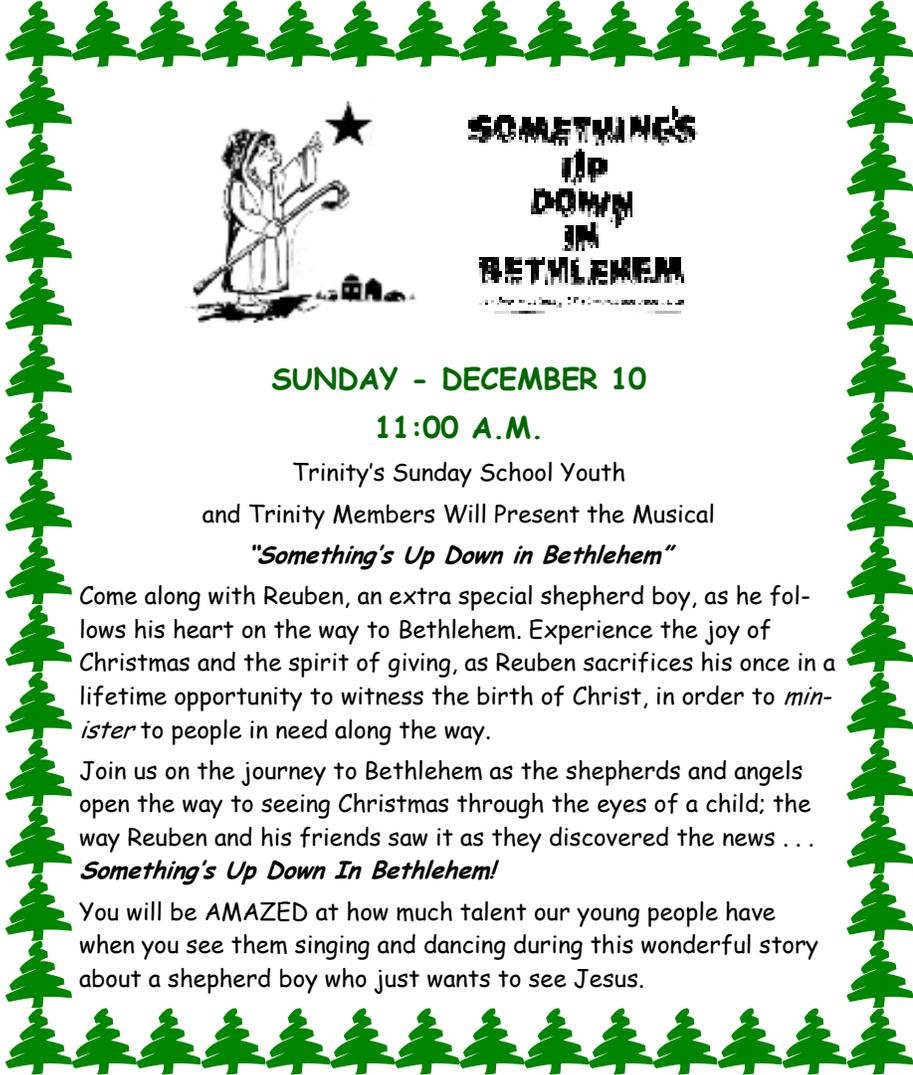
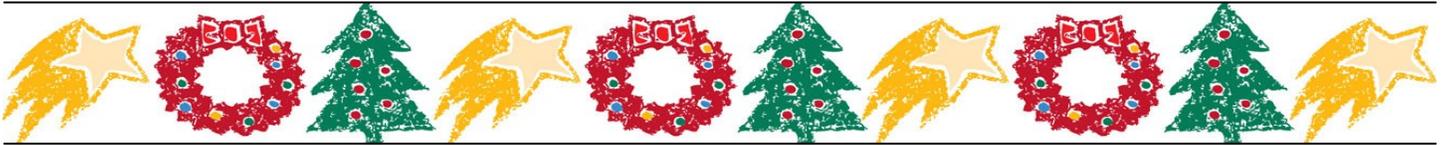
**5:30 p.m. - A Joyful Christmas Celebration
(with prelude music starting at 5:00)**

This service will be traditional Christmas Eve worship with bright Christmas sounds of the season, singing of carols accompanied by pipe organ, choirs, hand bell choir, Christmas message, Holy Communion, ending with Silent Night and the lighting of candles.

8:00 p.m. - A Silent Night at Trinity

This service will be for those who wish to quiet down in anticipation of the coming of the Savior. We will experience gathering in darkness in the presence of candle light, beginning with soft instrumental music and singing of familiar carols, Christmas message, Holy Communion, singing of Silent Night and the lighting of candles, and ending with the declaration of Joy to the World as we prepare to leave on Christmas Eve.

Both worship experiences promise to be meaningful for you and your family. Choose the one that works for you.



**SOMETHING'S
UP
DOWN
IN
BETHLEHEM**

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 10

11:00 A.M.

Trinity's Sunday School Youth
and Trinity Members Will Present the Musical
"Something's Up Down in Bethlehem"

Come along with Reuben, an extra special shepherd boy, as he follows his heart on the way to Bethlehem. Experience the joy of Christmas and the spirit of giving, as Reuben sacrifices his once in a lifetime opportunity to witness the birth of Christ, in order to *minister* to people in need along the way.

Join us on the journey to Bethlehem as the shepherds and angels open the way to seeing Christmas through the eyes of a child; the way Reuben and his friends saw it as they discovered the news . . . *Something's Up Down In Bethlehem!*

You will be **AMAZED** at how much talent our young people have when you see them singing and dancing during this wonderful story about a shepherd boy who just wants to see Jesus.



The Sunday School offering and birthday money collected this year is going toward buying a cow or chickens, etc., for a family as part of the ELCA Good Gifts program.

The Sunday School Christmas program is Sunday, December 10, so a special offering for the ELCA Good Gifts program will be taken during both services to help the Sunday School youth in their efforts to raise funds for this program.

We **ARE** making a difference in one or more families by participating in this program, so please remember to send offering and birthday money with your kids to Sunday School and also bring a little extra on December 10.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE
THRU ADVENT/CHRISTMAS**

December 1	6:00 p.m. Christmas Program Practice
December 3	10:00 a.m. Christmas Program Practice
December 8	6:00 p.m. Christmas Program Practice
December 10	9:45 a.m. Christmas Program Preparation 11:00 a.m. Christmas Program
December 17	10:00 a.m. Sunday School Fun Day
December 24	No Sunday School
December 31	No Sunday School
January 7	Sunday School Kick-Off

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE
THROUGH DECEMBER**

- December 6 - Confirmation, Chancel Choir, Mass Choir, Handbell Choir, Praise Team
- December 13 - No Confirmation, A Vision of Christmas Program Practice with Chancel Choir and Praise Team
- December 20 - No Confirmation, Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir
- December 27—no activities

Confirmation, Chancel and Handbell Choir practices will start up again on January 3.



**YOUTH GATHERING
CHRISTMAS GOODIE
CONTAINERS**

Need a great gift for teachers, babysitters, etc.? Our youth are in the process of making Christmas Goodie containers filled with pretzels, puppy chow, brownie mix and hot chocolate.

These will be sold during December at the following events:

- Dec. 9 - Goodie Extravaganza
- Dec. 10 - In-between Services
- Dec. 15 - Before the *A Vision of Christmas* Concert

The proceeds from the sales of these will benefit the youth who are attending the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston.

HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING

As a fund-raiser for our Youth Trip to Houston in 2018, we're offering a Gift Wrapping Service to help you take some of the stress out of your busy Christmas season.



Boxes, bags, wrap, ribbon, gift tags, and wrapping will be done for you . . . Just pick up your completed gifts and pop them under the tree!

Between services on every Sunday in December, either drop off your gifts to be wrapped, and you can take them home with you, pick them up later, or have them dropped off at your home or work.

Special requests and arrangements are welcome!

Fees

- \$5 per package - small to large
(\$7 for extra large)
- \$12 per 3 or more packages

Procrastinators:

We'll be wrapping through Christmas Eve, but any heads up you provide will be appreciated!

Contact Jim at (712) 204-6322 or email jejtrinity@yahoo.com

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Pew Duty	Comm. Setup	Altar Linens	Polishing
Jane Olorundami	Patty Den Beste	Barb Stansbury	Volunteers?

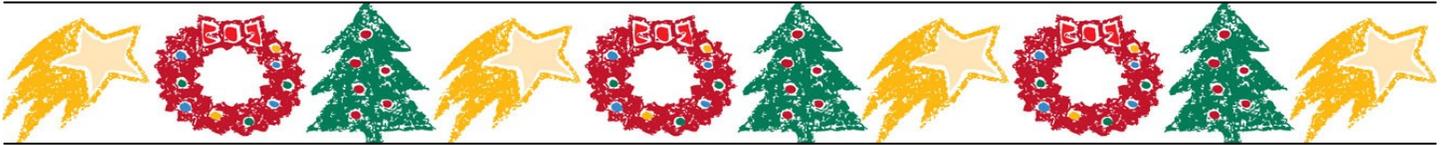
Thank you to Tom & Karla Lohry for donating the communion wine that is used each week.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated baskets and to those who bid on the baskets for the Silent Auction youth fund-raiser!

We raised \$1,925, which will be deposited into the Youth Gathering account.

Did You Know?

- **The Christmas at Morningside Concert is on Friday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Eppley?** Their vocal and instrumental groups will perform. The concert is free and open to the public.
- **The Siouxland Youth Chorus will present *And All the Angels Sang* on Sunday, December 3, here at Trinity?** The concert starts at 4:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.
- **The church office will be open from 9-12 on Friday, December 22, and closed on Monday, December 25, for the staff to celebrate the Christmas Holiday?** Pastor Paul will be on vacation December 25 thru January 1. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 1, for New Year's Day.
- **We are looking for special music to be sung or played during the half hour prelude before the 5:30 Christmas Eve Service?** If you would like to sing or play an instrument during the half hour prelude from 5:00-5:30, please contact Shirley Luebke at 251-9355 or the church office at 258-0519.
- **Trinity's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28?** The meeting will be held in-between worship services, around 10:00. Please mark this date on your calendar.
- **Trinity's Men's Group meets every Saturday at 9 a.m. here at the church?** Come and enjoy a good breakfast and fellowship with other men from Trinity. We are now studying passages from the Bible that speak to how we as men live our lives in our families and in the world as called by faith. Come when you can!



Gifts for the Staff

Dear Trinity Family,

It is hard to believe that it is already Advent, and that Christmas is only a short month away. As we take time to reflect on how God has blessed each and every one of us throughout the year, let's also remember those whose time and talents enhance all the experiences at Trinity. Cards and monetary gifts may be placed in an envelope in the offering plate or placed in the large gift box that will be located in the narthex. Please make any checks out to Trinity Lutheran Church. If you would like to designate your gift to an individual or individuals please leave a note telling us how you would like that to be distributed. We will collect all gifts and distribute them to our paid staff. The names of our outstanding paid staff are listed below:

Pastor Paul Johnston
John Luebke

Jane Olorundami
Amy Linder
Johnny Hansen (Custodian)

Shirley Luebke
Kerry Patterson

Trinity is very fortunate to have numerous members who volunteer their time and talents week in and week out at Trinity as well. Remembering the many people who give of their time with a nice personal note or kind words is always greatly appreciated.

Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season.

Lynne Clark, Council President



MERRY CHRISTMAS

We pray that you will have a most blessed and Christ-centered Christmas season, and for God's richest blessings for you and yours both now as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, and throughout every day in 2018.

From Your Trinity Staff,
Pastor Paul, Jane, Amy, Shirley,
John, Kerry & Johnny



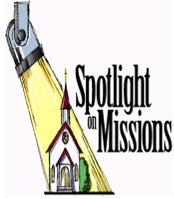
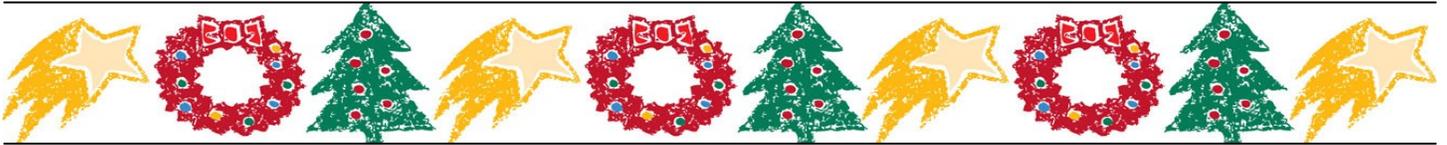
A VISION OF CHRISTMAS: MARY'S STORY

**Friday, December 15
7:00 p.m.**

A beautiful program filled with music from all of Trinity's choirs will be presented on December 15 at 7:00 p.m. here at Trinity.

John Luebke has been working with our choir directors in organizing this event, and Christy Clark has written the story which accompanies the specially selected music. Mary's vision of the Christmas story, her struggles and her joys, will be presented by Lydia Davis (all members of our Trinity family).

We hope you will come and enjoy this evening with us and experience *A Vision of Christmas* with your Trinity family and friends.



**DOLLAR SUNDAY/FOOD BASKET
SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3**

Don't forget to bring your \$1 on Sunday, December 3, for our Dollar Sunday donation to the neighborhood dinner in December. The total raised so far from our Dollar Sundays is \$1,387.81, which is a little under our \$1,500 goal.

Please give generously on December 3 so we can reach our goal. Please also remember to bring non-perishable food items for our Food Basket which will be donated to Midtown Family Community Center.

ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS

- Back Door Ministry
- Soles 4 Souls - Trinity has donated 1,240 pairs of shoes so far!!!
- Purses & Bags to be filled with toiletry items.
- Hotel Toiletries
- Warming Shelter - monetary donations needed
- Clothing Drive for Veterans - winter clothing for men, women & children; socks & underwear in all sizes. Next event is December 11.
- Shesler Hall Wish List - items can be placed in the basket in the narthex
Prayers, Toothpaste, Body Wash & Cleaning Supplies, Cash Donations
- Mercy Child Advocacy Center - need older teen clothing, male and female, pants or sweatpants with elastic waste bands and sweatshirts in all sizes. They also need stuffed animals!
- Hy-Vee Receipts - bring in your receipts and place in the box in the narthex for our neighborhood elementary schools.

**PLEASE GIVE AS YOU CAN!
WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**



**NEIGHBORHOOD
CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Sunday, December 17
12:30 / 2:30 / 4:30**

We will be serving three back-to-back turkey dinners to our neighbors who have signed up through Midtown Family Community Center. Together with the dinners we will also be distributing gifts to the children which have been previously picked out by their parents and wrapped.

We will need numerous volunteers who can help the week prior to the dinner. Set up will be on Monday, December 11, beginning at 9 a.m., and we need people to help wrap the gifts on Tuesday & Wednesday, December 12-13, from 8:00-4:30, and on Thursday, December 14, from Noon-6:00. Volunteers are also needed to help set up and cook on Saturday, December 16, at 8:00 a.m., plus we need people to serve at one of the three meals on Sunday.

This is a Christmas celebration for families and people of all ages. Look for the sign-up sheet on Sunday mornings or call the church office to volunteer.

UP FROM THE EARTH NEWS

Up From the Earth has completed its fourth growing season in more ways than one. UFTE continues to provide local fresh fruits and vegetables to many of our food pantry recipients, and continues to raise our communities' awareness of local food insecurity issues. More produce from more gardeners is getting to our collection sites and is being distributed to those in need. UFTE sincerely thanks all the produce growers and volunteers in this pipeline who make it happen! Our community support and UFTE volunteers are amazing!

This past season we increased our collection sites by two to a total 24 in our Woodbury and Dakota counties.

In spite of some very adverse 2017 weather conditions, over 24,000 pounds of fresh produce were donated and distributed through our existing pantry system, an increase of over 4,000 pounds from last season. Thanks to the fantastic community response, in the four years of our existence over 71,000 pounds have been shared with those in need, equaling over 213,000 services of fresh produce.

UFTE looks forward to this next growing season as we continue to help feed those in need in our community. We ARE making a difference. And, as always, this cannot be done without your help. UFTE sincerely thanks all of you so much for all you do.

Randy Burnight, UFTE



TRINITY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP (TWF) NEWS

The women of Trinity, or **Trinity Women in Fellowship (TWF)**, work together to fund-raise for a variety of projects within Trinity and in the community. TWF includes all women who attend Trinity Lutheran Church.

Trinity currently has two women's circles. Each circle meets monthly for Bible Study and fellowship. Below are the meeting dates and times of our circles. We hope you will come and see what we're all about!

Miriam Circle - Meets the 4th Monday evening of the month at 6:00. Their next meeting date is **January 22**. If you would like to join us, just drop in on the 24th. We meet here at the church.

Abigail Circle - Meets the 3rd Thursday morning of the month at 11:00. They will start up again on **January 18**. Call Glenda Carstensen at 252-0662 if you would like to join this circle, or stop by the church on the 20th.



CHRISTMAS CANDLE PAINTING FUND-RAISER RESULTS

THANK YOU to everyone who signed up to paint Christmas Candles for our round table fund-raiser! We raised over \$400 and had a great time in the process.

Our instructor, Annika Kolbo, was awesome! She inspired us to paint some beautiful candles with the theme *All is Calm, All is Bright*, and everyone's painting turned out beautifully!

Our women's group now has enough funds raised to purchase 10 more round, lightweight tables for our fellowship hall!



CHRISTMAS GOODIE EXTRAVAGANZA!

IS COMING SOON!

Candy — Cookies — Bars

Saturday, December 9

10:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon



TRINITY FAMILY FUND-RAISER FOR THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

A Yummy Plate of Goodies Makes a Great Christmas Gift!

Tickets sell for \$5.00, which allows you to pick up a plate of a dozen goodies,

or you can choose a dozen assorted goodies,

on **Saturday, December 9, from 10:00-12:00.**

If you haven't purchased or sold tickets, please do so before December 6. We also need our members to bake your favorite Christmas goodies, sort and plate up the goodies on **Friday, December 8**, and help on **Saturday, December 9**, any time between 9:00-1:00.

Please sign up on the clipboard to volunteer or call the church office.

Thank YOU to everyone who has signed up already and have purchased or sold tickets. We're well on our way to another great Extravaganza!



RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED: Jeri Snyder, Brian Luther, Jacque Birkes, Ryan Sjaarda, Ron Heaton

REMEMBER THESE IN PRAYER . . .

(Each week we pray daily for the members and friends of Trinity)

- 12/03** - Gladys Decpetris, Ed & Patty Den Beste; John & Taylor Den Beste; Ardella Doerr; Bob & Barbara Doran
- 12/10** - Klay & Lori Evers and Kaylee & Jared; Mike & Tracy Feathers; Jonita Fields; Crystal Finchum; Kathleen Fischer and Lea
- 12/17** - Andy & Jessica Foster and Paige & Andrew; Stacy Geesaman and Jade, Jacie & Jennaca; Marcia Giffrow; Pam Gisel; Pam Glick and family
- 12/24** - Crystal Gomez and Ismael; Lee & Karen Goodwin; Amy Graves and Amanda & Samantha; Varien & Nicole Green and Simone & Varian; Jim & Carie Haden and Cody
- 12/31** - Mary Hansen; Merle Hanslip; Roger & Donna Hanson; Jeff & Jasmine Harstad and Laylah & Alexandria; Stew & Mary Ellen Hartman

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Bobbie Myers - health problems
- Barb Bobier - receiving treatments
- Bill Van Osdel - cancer treatments
- Gordon & Ella Swanson - health problems
- Diane Plum - cancer treatments
- Maxine Durig - health concerns
- Charlotte Richards - recently hospitalized
- Mary Hansen - receiving treatments
- Pastor Paul - cancer treatments
- Jeri Snyder - recovering from broken femur
- Jacque Birkes - recovering from surgery
- Ron Heaton - back surgery

- David Berg - recovery from stroke
- Betty Kragthorpe - health concerns
- Barbara Holtze - health problems
- Don Lehmann - recovering from lung surgery
- Bola Olorundami - cancer treatments/eye surgery
- Ann Stump - health problems
- Levi Weber - recovering from motorcycle accident
- Gerald Jorgensen - recently hospitalized
- Dottie Kontz - recovering from stroke
- Florence Brewer - recovering from broken ankle
- Ryan Sjaarda - recovering from trampoline accident



Prayer Chain

Call Jane in the church office if you would like Trinity's Prayer Partners to pray for you or a loved one.



Our Deepest Sympathy

OUR SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO . . .
 Barbara Bobier and family on the death of her husband, Jim.
 May the Lord provide comfort to this family as they mourn their loved one.



On Sunday, November 19, we celebrated new life in the church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of **Bodhi Lee Hindman**, who was born on May 14, 2017, to Tom & Brooke Hindman.

Bodhi's sponsors are Todd & Tammy Wieck. Join us in welcoming Bodhi into the family of God and into our Trinity family.

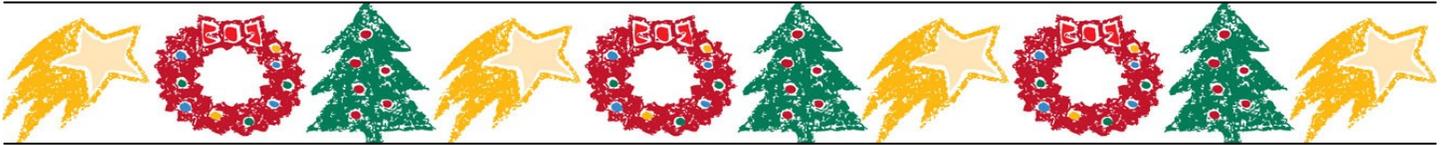
NEW MEMBERS will be received on Sunday, January 14 during both worship services.

If you are interested in joining our Trinity family, please contact Pastor Paul or the church office so you can be a part of this special day.

A New Member Class will be scheduled after visiting with all the prospective members.



To Levi Weber and Russ Snyder for sharing their thankful hearts with us during the Thanksgiving Eve Service. Your stories were very inspiring to all who attended the service.



REFORMATION SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS



Seven of our youth affirmed their faith on Reformation Sunday, October 29, during the 9:00 service.

Back row from L-R: Cameron Johnson, Caleb Weber, Hannah Meehan, Pastor Paul

Front row from L-R: Mercedes Cisneros, Lukas Clark, Nathan Patterson, Owen Burrack

We pray for the Lord's guidance in the lives of these young people as they continue their walk with God as members of the body of Christ and of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Ministry of Sacred Service:

This year's confirmation class has chosen as their Ministry of Sacred Service to assist in the serving of the Neighborhood Christmas Dinner with other members of Trinity on December 17, 2017.



Trinity celebrated the 500th Reformation Anniversary of the Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 29, which was Reformation Sunday.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther (pictured left) nailed a list of 95 theses (items to be debated) on the door of the church at Wittenberg, Germany (looks just like Trinity's front door). His intent was to reform his church, the Roman Catholic Church. But, the church was not ready for the reforms Luther had in mind, and the foundations of today's Lutheran church were laid.

Many reformers died in the 16th Century as they fought to establish the right for all members of the congregation to worship God through the word and song in their own language.

Also that morning, we were visited by Katy Luther, Martin's wife. They greeted us at each worship service and visited with our youth during the children's message.

We were very grateful to have them share a piece of history with us.

(Thank you to Jim Jensen and Patty Den Beste for portraying Martin & Katy Luther on this special day. They really brought the story to life.)



On Sunday, October 22, area ELCA Lutheran churches gathered at First Lutheran Church in Sioux City for a combined 500 Commemoration Reformation Service, followed by a dinner. Pastor Paul, Pastor Lil and Gail Berger sang in the combined mass choir.





Trinity Lutheran Church
Financial Overview
October 2017

DOLLARS & CENTS

- **Net October 2017 Operating Income/(Loss): (\$5,484.26)**
October 2017 Gross Operating Income = \$14,919.18
October 2017 Operating Expense = \$19,993.44
- Cash in the checking account as of 10/31/2017 = \$37,135.36
- Current Assets as of 10/31/2017 = \$85,351.35, of which \$79,716.31 is of restricted use. ("Current Assets" total is comprised of checking account, savings account(s), certificates of deposit and restricted funds).
- Balance of Thrivent Loan = \$120,041 and is due in 2025. The current monthly payment is \$1,721. Monthly payments are made by electronic withdrawal from a savings account that has a balance as of 10/31/2017 of \$7,009.65.

Please feel free to contact me at (712) 204-6322 or at jejtrinity@yahoo.com with any questions, comments, or concerns. Itemized financial records are available for review at any time.

Respectfully submitted,
James Jensen, Treasurer

October Attendance/Offerings

Oct. 1	115	\$ 2,274.11
Oct. 8	115	\$ 2,301.30
Oct. 15	104	\$ 2,062.77
Oct. 22	156	\$ 3,134.00
Oct. 29	196	<u>\$ 4,515.00</u>
		\$14,287.18
Other Income		\$ 132.00
AA Donation		\$ 150.00
SDAC Donation		<u>\$ 350.00</u>
Total		\$14,919.18
Building Fund Deposits		\$ 547.75



2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

- Your box of offering envelopes for 2018 will be available to pick up on December 10. Please stop by the table in the narthex and pick up your box of envelopes and any others that you can deliver. You will need to use these envelopes beginning in January. (Simply Giving and Easy Tithe members will not receive a box of envelopes unless you request one.)
- If you have joined our church family this year, you will receive a box as well. If for some reason you cannot find your box of envelopes, please call the church office.



**A GENTLE REMINDER
FROM YOUR TREASURER**

All contributions that you wish to have qualify for 2017 Income Tax purposes must be received **no later than Sunday, December 31.**

Donations must be delivered or mailed and postmarked by December 31 in order to claim a charitable contribution for 2017. Checks written in December 2017 and placed in the church offering during worship services in 2018 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2017.

Take some of the stress out of your Christmas season; send your gifts early, and prevent the last-minute frenzy!

Wishing each of you, and all of your loved ones, the most blessed Christmas, and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018.

Kindest regards,
Jim Jensen



THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported Trinity's ministries this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions, and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact the church office for more information.

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 Sun. School Christmas Program Practice	2 9:00 Decorate Church 9:00 Men's Group 12:00 Praise Team 9-1/5-8 SDAC
3 1st Sun. of Advent 9:00 Trad. Serv. 10:00 Educ. Hour 11:00 Praise Serv 4:00 SYC Prog. 5:00 Youth Proj.	4	5	6 5:15 Chancel Choir 5:45 Vision Program Practice 6:00 Confirmation 6:15 Handbells	7 8:00 AA Meeting	8 4:00 Plate Goodies 6:00 Sun. School Christmas Program Practice	9 9:00 Men's Group 10:00-Noon Goodie Extravaganza 12:00 Praise Team 5:00-8:00 SDAC
10 2nd Sun. of Advent 9:00 Trad. Serv. 10:00 Educ. Hour 11:00 Praise Serv w/SS Christmas Program 1:00-3:00 SDAC	11 9:00 Gift Setup	12 8:30-4:30 Gift Selection	13 8:30-4:30 Gift Selection No Confirmation 5:15 Chancel Choir 5:45 Vision Program Practice	14 12:00-6:00 Gift Selection 2:00-4:00 Soup Kitchen 5:15 Handbells 6:00 Vision Program Practice 8:00 AA	15 7:00 A Vision of Christmas Program	16 8:00 Dinner Prep
17 3rd Sun. of Advent 9:00 Trad. Serv. 10:00 Educ. Hour 11:00 Praise Serv 12:30/2:30/4:30 Christmas Dinner	18	19	20 5:15 Chancel Choir 6:15 Handbells	21 11:00 Abigail Circle 8:00 AA 	22	23 9:00 Men's Group 9-1/5-8 SDAC
24 4th Sun. of Advent 10:00 Worship CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 5:30 & 8:00	25 Christmas Day  Church Office Closed	26	27	28 8:00 AA Meeting	29	30 9:00 Men's Group 9-1/5-8 SDAC
31 1st Sun. after Christmas 10:00 Lessons & Carols						



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