

# Trinity Tidings - December 2017

Trinity Lutheran Church



203 N. Harth Ave.

**Sharing God's Word.  
Doing God's Work.**







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## YOUTUBE

You can now view all Sunday worship services on our YouTube channel! Just search for *Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA* or click on the link on our website!



## FOOD PANTRY

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month is Peanut Butter. Donations can be brought to Trinity.



## EMAIL ADDRESS



If you are currently receiving the Trinity Tidings in the mail and would like to receive it electronically, please contact the church office. Also, we send out "e-news"

that will be delivered to your inbox weekly! If you have not received this and would like to, please let the office know your email address.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



**IS YOUR  
INFO UP  
TO DATE?**

Have you moved? Did you disconnect your land line? Did you change your email address? Did you get married? Did you have a baby? Did you get a divorce? Do you wonder why the church has not been connecting with you? Please let us know when you have an address change, email change, marital status change, etc. If you are on Facebook or Twitter, or look under "Forms" on our website, you can find a new information change form on our page. Check it out!

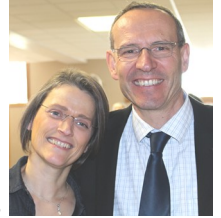
## CARE TEAM

If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please contact the church office to let us know. Thank you from Trinity's Care Team.





## PASTOR'S NOTES



### **Friends in Christ,**

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! –

By the time you read this another busy season of attending Holiday programs and Christmas parties, of preparing for the family to get together and closing out another year is in full swing. All those “events” come with a certain level of hopes and expectations. You hope that the weather will be holding up for family travel to be un-eventful, you expect your child’s program to only last a few short moments before you need to rush to the next event, which you hope to arrive for on time. As family gathers around the Christmas tree you hope that everyone likes their gifts and the meal and your distant uncle who happened to invite himself and is known for his quirky sense of humor doesn’t become a liability in your well planned and crafted family Christmas. Just writing all this makes me anxious!

At times your church family is just another item to cross off your already a mile long to do list. Sunday School Christmas program? Check! Mission boxes filled and returned to the church? Check! Special Christmas donation dropped off at the church office? Check! 2017 pledge fulfilled? Check! And on and on the list goes.

I would like to invite you to take a brief mental break each and every day from the hustle and bustle of these hectic few weeks. Some of Trinity’s family members have taken a leap of faith and wrote an Advent devotion for you to enjoy and accompany you as you journey to the manger this year. The theme for Trinity’s first Advent devotional is “Hopes & Expectations”. I can’t even begin to tell you how grateful I am for those faithful saints I am who so graciously have accepted my invitation to try it to see if they liked it. And I am delighted to share with you that I have received nothing but positive feedback. Many of the authors have shared with me that at first they were a bit reluctant; “What me? Write a devotional? I am not sure I can do that.” But once they started to work on it, they actually found great joy in the process. It is my sincere hope and prayer that you will experience the joy and hopefulness that shines through those devotions. And please, if you happen to meet one of the authors, please express your gratitude to them for stepping out in faith and sharing their faith with you so that you may be strengthened for your journey of faith through their spiritual food.

May your Advent Season be filled with great hope and your Christmas be filled with abundant wonder!

**In Christ,**

**Pastor Constanze**



STAFF		
Rev. Dirk Hagmaier	Co-Pastor	256-2771
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier	Co-Pastor	256-2771
Sandy Rhode, AIM	Youth & Education Director	256-2771
Kate Shaw	Office Manager	256-2771
Lisa Gale	Interim Office Assistant	256-2771
Alex Eykamp	Music & Worship Ministries	256-2771
Preschool Staff		
Summer DuRandt	Preschool Director	256-2771
Kim Bruns	Preschool Assistant	256-2771

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS		
David Rossing	President	256-3851
Jennifer Briggs	Vice-President	480-1870
Joan Merager	Secretary	256-2296
Katie Nelson	Treasurer	556-0051

BOARD OF DEACONS		
Nancy Sabbe (19)	Chr./Worship and Music	256-3664
Ann Marie Rossing (18)	Mission Momentum	256-3851
Linda Brick (20)	Sacraments & Services	256-2375
Patti Weber (20)	Life & Growth	480-3231
Chase Hanson (20)	Evangelical Outreach	480-2259

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION		
Amy Townsend (18)	Chr./Elementary Education	256-5733
Carolyn Feige (19)	Continuing Education/Library	270-1320
Dana Hoff	Youth Ministry	480-0047
Julie Jones (19)	Preschool & Early Childhood	256-2771
Adam Shaw (19)	Confirmation Education	270-4302
Sandy Rhode, AIM	Youth & Education Director	256-2771

BOARD OF TRUSTEES		
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Randy VanRosendale	Church/Sanctuary Property	256-9669
Wayne Halma (20)	Education Wing	291-2174
Peggy Hoff (18)	Development & Planning	480-4157
Elizabeth Molstad (20)	Insurance	482-8254

**Church Council meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship hall the second Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend a council meeting, or contact any of the above leaders with any concerns, suggestions, or questions. We are here to serve you!**

**If you would like to participate in any of these opportunities, please feel free to contact the contact person listed. If you have an interest in an activity not listed, please contact the church office (256-2771).**

FOUNDATION COMMISSION		
Jennifer Briggs (18)	Vice-President	480-1870
Tom Farrell (17)	Treasurer	256-6777
Rob Thuringer (18)	Commission Member	480-0917
Nancy Kasuske (21)	Secretary	483-3199
Valerie Kuhl (20)	Chr./Commission Member	256-6882
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CHOIRS		
<b>Vocal Directors:</b>		
Adult	Sandy Cole	256-3222
Chapel (Grades 9-12)	Virginia Lemme	483-3125
Chancel (Grades 5-8)	Emily Knuths	270-6269
Covenant (Grades 1-4)	Mary Hunter	256-3280
<b>Sunday School Choir Directors:</b>		
Preschool 1-Kindergarten	Tami Christiansen	480-0727
Grade 1-4	Stacey Riedel	256-3665
<b>Handbell Directors:</b>		
Epiphany	Diane Plack	256-3665
Jubliant	Sandy Cole	256-3222
<b>Celebration Team Director</b>	Virginia Lemme	483-3125

NOMINATING COMMITTEE		
Nancy Presuhn (18)	Congregational Delegate	256-3419
Mike Brooke (18)	Council Delegate	256-0245
Becky Brown (18)	Council Delegate	256-2509
Randy VanRosendale (19)	Congregational Delegate	256-9669
Karen Kalvig (20)	Congregational Delegate	256-2347
Tim Walburg (20)	Congregational Delegate	556-0103

FUNERAL COMMITTEE		
Sandy Cole		256-3222
Mary Hutchinson		256-0281
Nancy Miller		256-2145
Kay Johnson		256-4798
Sharol Bargmann		256-3865
Mary Cole		256-1543

MISCELLANEOUS		
Newsletter	Kate Shaw	256-2771
Mission of the Month	Ann Marie Rossing	256-3851
Prayer Chain	Pastor Constanze	256-2771
Video Communication	Roger Hillestad	256-4087
Trinity Women	Nancy Miller	256-2145
Wedding Coordinator	Robin Boldt	256-2771



# FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR SANDY

## From the Youth & Education Director:



On **Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 10:45 a.m.**, the Middle School LYO Committee will meet in the Youth Room for their monthly meeting. On **Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.**, the High School LYO Committee will meet in the Youth Room for their monthly meeting.

We have the Christmas tree with the "Valiant Living" gift tags in the Narthex. On each tag is a description of a suggestion for a resident of Valiant Living. Please return the unwrapped gift with the Christmas tag taped on it to the Church Office by **Sunday, December 10, 2017**.

The Acolyte Schedule for this month is as follows: **12/3/17-8:45 a.m.**-Cooper Hoffman/Aiden Jensen; **11:00 a.m.**-Abby Morse/Breckyn Leighton; **12/10/17-8:45 a.m.**-Cam Buchholtz/Trey Smith; **11:00 a.m.**-Alex Ersland/John Souter; **12/17/17-8:45 a.m.**-Cam Buchholtz/Kadee Labeda **11:00 a.m.**-Brionna Joppa/Alexis Joppa; **12/24/17-8:45 a.m.**-Braxton Bender/\_\_\_\_\_; **11:00 a.m.**-Braxton Gulbranson/\_\_\_\_\_; **12/31/17-8:45 a.m.**-Renae Hass/\_\_\_\_\_, **11:00 a.m.**-Braxton Gulbranson/Taryn Beck. **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Graders**-Please let me know if your son/daughter can fill the blank spaces for Acolyting listed above!

I want to thank all of the parents who have volunteered to serve a Wednesday night supper for the confirmands/ congregation members. The following parents have volunteered to provide supper for this month: **12/6/17**-Margaret Buchholtz/Betsy Schamber, **12/13/17**- Amy Shafer/Amber Coomes/Michelle Ellingson, **12/20/17-NO Confirmation-Merry Christmas, 12/27/17-No Confirmation-Happy New Year's**.

On **Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.** Worship Services, the First Grade students will receive their "Milestone Ministry" gift and blessing from the Milestone Ministry Committee. During the Sunday School hour at **10:00 a.m.**, all First grade students, their parents, and teachers will meet in the Fireside Room to have a time to do a learning activity together with Pastor Constanze.

We will have our Sunday School Christmas Program Practice for Preschool I-grade 4 students during the Sunday School hour on **Sunday, December 10, 2017**. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be on **Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** during the Worship Service. The children will meet in their Sunday School rooms on the day of practice and the day of the Program.

The Milestone Ministry Committee will meet on **Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.** in the Church Office.

Trinity Lutheran Church is responsible for the Lake County Food Pantry for December. We are collecting Peanut Butter. Thank you for helping us with this project!

In observance of Christmas and New Year's, there will be no Confirmation classes on **Wednesday, December 20 and 27, 2017**.

There will be no Sunday School on **Sunday, December 24 and 31, 2017**, in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

**Seniors 2018!** Please call the church office if you are considering attending Augustana University for the fall 2018 term, so we can put your name on the PACT form. Please turn in a **senior picture and a short resume** of your future plans to me for a special display that we are planning for you. Your promptness will be greatly appreciated!

May each of you have a Blessed Christmas and New Year's!

Sandy Rhode



# DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p><b>Sunday Schedule:</b>            8:00 am—Coffee Hour (Narthex)            8:45 am—Worship Traditional (S)            9:45 am—Coffee Hour (FH)            10:00 am—Sunday School            11:00 am—Worship Celebration (S)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Schedule:</b>            4:30 pm—Youth Jubilant Bell Choir (SB)            5:15 pm—Epiphany Bell Choir (SB)            Covenant Choir (FS)            Chancel Choir (YR)            6:00 pm—Chapel Choir (FS)            6:45 pm—Adult Choir (FS)            6:45pm—Celebration Practice (S)</p>	<p><b>Council Schedule:</b>  <i>(2nd Tuesday of the month)</i>            1:00 pm—Finance Com .(CR)            5:15 pm—Precouncil (CR)            5:15 pm—Milestone Ministry Committee Mtg (CO)            5:45 pm—Executive Council(CR)            6:30 pm—Board of Trustee( FH)            6:30 pm—Board of Deacons(CR)            6:30 pm—Board of Ed (CO)            8:00 pm—Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>Room Codes:</b>            CO=Church Office            CR=Conference Room            FS=Fireside Room            FH= Fellowship Hall            S=Sanctuary            SB=Sanctuary Balcony            SR= Sonshine Room            YR=Youth Room</p>
<p>3  <b>**See Sunday Schedule</b>  <b>* Daylight Savings time ends</b>            8:45 am Traditional Service &amp; 1st Grade Milestone            10:00 am 1st Grade Milestone-(FS)            10:45 am MSLYO Mtg-(YR)            11:00 am Celebration Service &amp; 1st Grade Milestone            6:30 pm Webelos 1- (YR)</p>	<p>4            8:00 am Sonshine            5:00 pm— 8:00 pm HSLYO Pizza Ranch Fundraiser            7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- ( FH)</p>	<p>5            8:00 am Sonshine            8:30 am Staff meeting            1:00 pm Quilting-(FH)            6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)            6:30 pm Tiger Den 4 Meeting Mtg-(YR)</p>	<p>6            8:00 am Sonshine            7:30-4:00 Group FCCLA Mtg- All Rooms            5:30 pm Wed. Night Supper-(FH)            6:30 pm 7 &amp; 8th Gr. Confirmation            6:45 pm HS Bible Study- (YR)            8:00 pm HSLYO Mtg- (YR)   <b>**See Wednesday Schedule</b></p>
<p>10  <b>**See Sunday Schedule</b>            10:00 am Grade 1-4 S.S. Christmas Program Practice            11:00 am Celebration Service &amp; Nordin Baptism            12:00 pm Nordin Baptism Reception- (FH)            1:00 pm MSLYO Deliver Christmas Gifts to the Home Bound-(FS)            6:30 am Webelos 1Mtg -(YR)</p> 	<p>11            8:00 am Sonshine            4:00 pm Cancer Support Group- (OS)            7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p>	<p>12            8:00 am Sonshine            8:30 am Staff meeting            9:15 am Preschool Christmas Program Practice            1:00 pm Quilting-(FH)            6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)            6:00 pm Pack 5 Mtg- (FH)   <b>**See Council Schedule</b></p>	<p>13            8:00 am Sonshine            9:15 am Preschool Christmas Program Practice            12:45 pm Preschool Christmas Program Practice            5:30 pm Wed. Night Supper- (FH)            6:30 pm 7-8th Grade Confirmation            6:45 pm HS Bible Study- (YR)   <b>**See Wednesday Schedule</b></p>
<p>17  <b>**See Sunday Schedule</b>  <b>**Jingle Change</b>            11:00 am Celebration Service &amp; Sunday School Christmas Program            7:00 pm Piano Recital &amp; Reception— Mary Hunter's Students</p>	<p>18            8:00 am Sonshine            9:15 am Preschool Christmas Program Practice            11:00 am Preschool Christmas Program            12:45 pm Preschool Christmas Program Practice            2:30 pm Preschool Christmas Program            7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p>	<p>19            8:00 am Sonshine            8:30 am Staff meeting            9:00 am Mary Circle- (FH)            9:15 am Preschool Christmas Program Practice            11:00 am Preschool Christmas Program            12:45 pm Preschool Christmas Program Practice            1:00 pm Quilting-(FH)            2:30 pm Preschool Christmas Program            6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)            6:00 pm Boy Scout Pack 5 Mtg -(FH)            7:00 pm Martha/Naomi Circle- (off-site)</p>	<p>20  <b>Sonshine—NO PRESCHOOL NO CONFIRMATION</b>            6:45 pm HS Bible Study- (YR)   <b>**See Wednesday Schedule</b>  <b>** Please Check with individual choir directors for schedule.</b></p>
<p>24            8:45 am &amp; 11:00 am -Advent Services  <b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>            5:00 pm &amp; 10:00 pm -Candlelight Christmas Services</p> <hr/> <p>31  <b>**See Sunday Schedule</b>  <b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b></p> 	<p>25  <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>            9:30 am Christmas Day Worship</p> 	<p>26  <b>Sonshine—NO PRESCHOOL</b>            8:30 am Staff meeting            1:00 pm Quilting-(FH)            6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)</p>	<p>27  <b>Sonshine—NO PRESCHOOL NO CONFIRMATION NO HS Bible Study</b>   <b>**See Wednesday Schedule</b>  <b>** Please Check with individual choir directors for schedule.</b></p>



# DECEMBER CALENDAR

Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH) 8:00 am Sonshine</p>	<p>2 6:00 pm Worship -(FH)</p>
<p>7 8:00 am Sonshine</p>	<p>8 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH) 8:00 am Sonshine</p>	<p>9 6:00 pm Worship -(FH)</p>
<p>14 8:00 am Sonshine 8:30 am Worship Committee Mtg- (CR) 9:15 am Preschool Christmas Program Practice 12:45 pm Preschool Christmas Program Practice</p>	<p>15 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH) 8:00 am Sonshine 9:15 am Preschool Christmas Program Practice 12:45 pm Preschool Christmas Program Practice</p>	<p>16 5:00 pm Potluck 6:00 pm Worship - (FH)</p> 
<p>21 <b>Sonshine—NO PRESCHOOL</b></p>	<p>22 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH) <b>Sonshine—NO PRESCHOOL</b></p>	<p>23 <b>No Saturday Worship Service</b></p>
<p>28 <b>Sonshine—NO PRESCHOOL</b></p>	<p>29 <b>Sonshine—NO PRESCHOOL</b> 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH)</p>	<p>30 6:00 pm Worship &amp; Bruna Baptism- (FH)</p> 





# TRINITY YOUTH NEWS

## MIDDLE SCHOOL LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (MSLYO-GRADE 6-8)

**December 10, 2017-1:00 p.m.**-We will meet in the **Fireside Room**. Please bring a **two dozen** Christmas cookies, an appetizer/snacks for snack time, we will deliver the cookies/Christmas gift to the shut-ins and then come back to church for snacks and hot cocoa.

**January 2018**-Great Bear Resort by Sioux Falls. Watch for a sign-up sheet at the "Middle School Youth" bulletin board.

## HIGH SCHOOL LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (HSLYO-GRADE 9-12)

**December 4, 2017-5:00-8:00 p.m.**-Pizza Ranch Fundraiser. We will receive a percentage of the dine-in and carry-out orders. Please plan to join us for supper with your family! This is a fundraiser for the NYG High School trip.

**December 2017**-Our annual "Theme Basket Raffle". We will be selling raffle tickets each Sunday. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We have the following "Theme Baskets"- "Baby Basket, Gone Fishing Basket, Baking Basket, Movie Night Basket, Winter Basket, Vikings Football Basket, Wrap It Up Basket, Family Game Night Basket, Girl Dorm Basket, Boy Dorm Basket, Snowman Christmas Basket, Something Chocolate Basket, Coffee Break Basket, Christmas Basket, Baking Basket, Everything Chocolate Basket, and Bath/Relaxation Basket.

**January 2018**-Great Bear Resort by Sioux Falls. Watch for a sign-up sheet at the "High School Youth" bulletin board in Youth Room.







# LAKE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

**CHRISTMAS TURKEY AND ANGEL TREE PROJECTS:** The Food Pantry has provided food to over 600 persons so far this year and is continuing its regular distribution of emergency food supplies. As the holiday season approaches, the Food Pantry is preparing for the 35th annual Christmas Projects.

**CHRISTMAS TURKEY:** In 2016, 171 families consisting of 519 people received Christmas food boxes, valued at \$50 each. Eligibility for receiving food boxes is determined by ICAP, the Community Health Nurse, the local Social Services office, and the Madison Ministerial Association. If you know of anyone in need of a Christmas food box, please contact one of these agencies.

**ANGEL TREE:** The Angel Tree Project is in its 33rd year. Three 'angel' trees have been set up, one each in the community window of Gary's Bakery, the Madison Public Library and at Montgomery's Furniture Outlet Store. On each tree are 'Angels' which identify deserving children and suggested gift(s). In 2016, 278 children received over 600 gifts through this program. Most children will be in 8th grade or younger. We encourage any interested person or group to 'adopt' Angels and purchase that child's gift. Money donations are also welcome and can be deposited in the Food Pantry's account at First Bank and Trust.

Gifts should be delivered to the First Presbyterian Church (400 N. Egan Avenue, Madison) beginning Saturday, December 9 through Wednesday, December 13, 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily except Sunday. The food and gifts will be delivered on Saturday, December 16, 2017.

We are again asking for your support of the Food Pantry Holiday Programs. Your past support has meant a merrier Christmas for many Lake County families. All donations to the Food Pantry are tax deductible (Acct at First Bank and Trust). Thank you for your help.

Food Pantry Board of Directors

# VALIANT LIVING TREE

We have the Christmas tree with the "Valiant Living" gift tags in the Narthex. On each tag is a description of a suggestion for a resident of Valiant Living. Please return the **unwrapped gift** with the Christmas tag taped on it to the Church Office by :

**Sunday, December 10, 2017.**





## DO YOU KNOW?

If **you** are in this picture or know someone that is, please stop by the church office!!

### Confirmation Class of 1973



## FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Fall/ Winter Services

**Saturday Evening Service— In the Fellowship Hall**

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday Worship Services— In the Sanctuary**

8:45 am - Traditional Service

11:00 am - Celebration Service





# DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

## DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH WOYATAN LUTHERAN CHURCH Rapid City, SD

**Ho Mitakuyape, Cante Waste Nape Eciyuzapalo  
(My Relatives, I greet you with a heart held handshake)**

The greeting you will find located on the home page for Woyatan Lutheran Church .

Woyatan Lutheran Church is one of the Multicultural Ministries of the ELCA. Located in the former Atonement Lutheran Church building in Rapid City, it began as a mission project and has grown into a vibrant place of worship for many who may feel out of place or possibly unwelcome in an otherwise traditional church. Parts of Native American spirituality help to tell the Christian story to those who come.

On the website are the following statements about the church's ministry:

We believe Jesus Christ is Lord.

Our ministry is a judgment free zone where everyone is welcome.

*Come broken, and leave mended,*

*Come sad, and leave happy,*

*Come empty, and leave fulfilled.*

*Come a sinner, and leave redeemed.*

Wayoton Lutheran provides ministry to the homeless, hungry and newly released from prison with its re-entry program. Clothing, feeding and food pantry services are among some of the physical ministries provided. A home-cooked meal is served every Sunday and Thursday to approximately 60 people. Children are welcome to come after school for snacks and a place to be with adults who help them with homework and take time to play. The discipleship ministry offers educational opportunities for all to grow spiritually with adult and children's Bible studies weekly.

At the South Dakota Synod Assembly in June, two women who are members of the congregation presented the ministry of this church. One of the women shared that this is the first church she has ever felt truly a part of and accepted for who she is as a Native American woman.

It is our privilege to serve this mission church by naming the Wayoton Lutheran Church as the **Mission of the Month** for December. Please consider how you might **financially support** this mission church that is part of our faith family.

<http://www.woyatan.org/outreach.html>





# TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

## Trinity Lutheran Preschool

Hello, all! Before sharing our preschool news, I'd like to take a moment to say thank you for all of the encouragement and support. Miss Kim and I have heard so many kind words about our classroom and we appreciate them greatly! We are loving the kiddos and what we do-thank you.

We've had another fun-filled month with our students. We have been learning about fall and farming, and changed our Pretend Center into a Pumpkin Farm! The students have loved harvesting crops, buying vegetables, and going on "hayrides". The MWF friends also visited the nursing home where they sang a few songs and played bingo with the residents. This was such a touching experience, and we are excited to visit again soon!

We will be holding our Christmas programs on December 18th and 19th at 11 am and 2:30 pm on both days. We invite you all to join us!

Please note that we have changed our registration for the 2018-19 school year. We will be opening registration to Trinity members on January 15th and holding our Open House on February 1st. Please watch upcoming newsletters and the church bulletin for more information.

Miss Summer



# TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

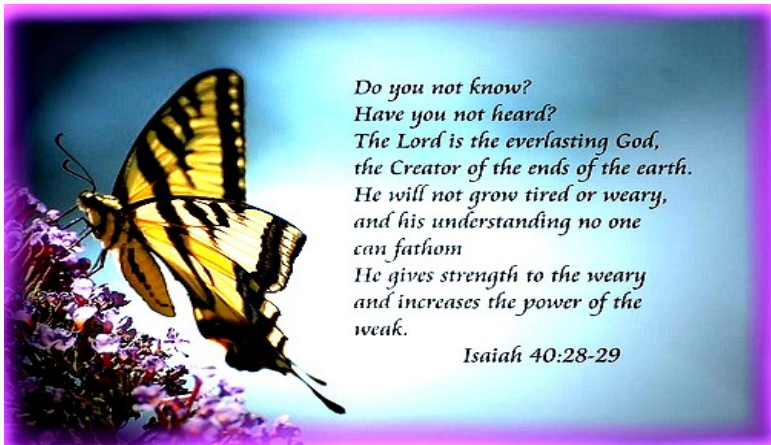




# CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

**Deaths:**      **Ron Erickson**

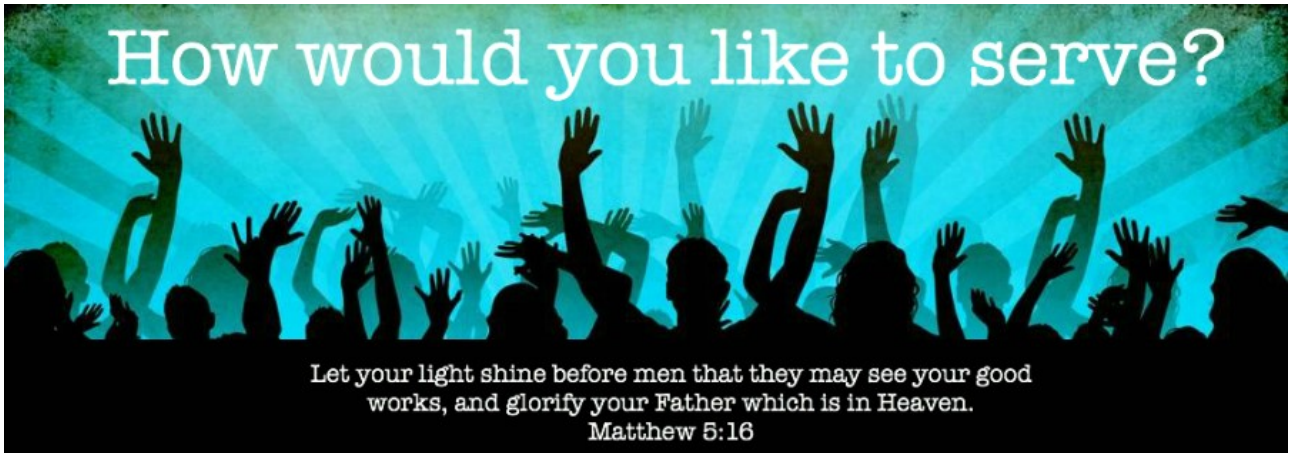
**Baptisms:**    **Carter Michael Tschetter**  
                     **Ella Joy Murtha**  
                     **Annabel Morgan Winthers**  
                     **Juliet Kay Ellens**  
                     **Luella Jane Ellens**



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are in need of your time and talents as a Worship Assistant! Greeters, Lectors, Communion Assistants, and Ushers are needed.

**\*\* Sign ups are available in the Narthex or by contacting Kate in the church office at 256-2771 or by email: [officemanager@tlcmadison.com](mailto:officemanager@tlcmadison.com). \*\***







## FOUNDATION NEWS

### Memorials For October

#### In Memory of Matt Moore

Dan and Sharon Carlson



## COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SERVICE

Ellsworth and Willoughby Funeral Homes will be hosting the **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Holiday Memorial Service** on Sun., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at the Ellsworth Funeral Home Chapel. **Rev. Janice Antrim of Beach United Methodist Church, Howard** will give the message with **Kevin Shan** on piano. This is open to all families who have lost a loved one, regardless of funeral home preference. If you plan to attend, please call Ellsworth Funeral Home at 256-2221 or Willoughby Funeral Home at 772-4681 so your loved one can be included in the service bulletin. Refreshments and homemade holiday treats will follow.





# OCTOBER SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Congregational Meeting  
October 1, 2017  
12:05 P.M.

Good afternoon.

I would like to call this meeting to order.

Thank you for being with us this afternoon.

Thank you to Tim Tucker for serving as parliamentarian and Joan Merager as recording secretary.

I would like to call on Pastor Constanze for an opening prayer.

The purpose of this meeting is to hear from the Trustees about some important building issues.

As have many of you, the Council and Trustees have been very aware of the fact that our building has had some serious issues.

They suspected that these issues were complex and serious enough that a complete inspection was needed to be done by an entity with significant building and engineering expertise.

Because of this, the Council approved the Trustees' recommendation to have MSH Architects arrange this.

While it has taken longer than we hoped, the inspection was recently completed and the Trustees will be giving a preliminary report this afternoon.

I want to thank Wayne Halma for all the time and effort he has expended as well as the rest of the Trustees for all the work they do.

The other Trustees are Keith Knutson, Elizabeth Molstad, Peggy Hoff, and Randy VanRosendale. I believe that Keith and Randy will be covering for Wayne while he is gone for a period of time.

I will turn the meeting over to Keith Knutson and Wayne Halma.

Keith and Wayne reported on:

The building has been found structurally sound.

The north wall needs immediate attention, the gutters are deteriorated to an extent that water runs down the outside walls and finds its way inside.

The roof needs new shingles.

The top rows of the chimney on the west side of the building will need to be removed as they present a safety hazard and are bat infiltrated.

The boiler system for the sanctuary is well over 65 years old. A bid is obtained to replace with two new boilers.

The air conditioning wall - units in the sanctuary have exceeded their life span of 15 years.

All flat rooves will need to be repaired.

The windows in the education unit will need to be replaced.

The outside stained-glass window coverings will need attention/replacement.

The building will need tuck pointing at several places.

Keith reported that we have \$50,000 in the Cornerstone Fund to start the project.

Keith made a motion to execute a contract for engineering services with MSH Architects, Tom Farrell called the question and Nancy Moose seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Thank you to everyone for attending our Congregational meeting.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Joan Merager, Council Secretary



# NOVEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
November 14, 2017  
8:00 P.M.

Trinity's mission statement was recited by the church council, **"Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work."**

The November council meeting was called to order by President David Rossing. Council members absent and excused were: Adam Shaw, Dana Hoff, Keith Knutson, Wayne Halma, and Julie Jones.

Patti Weber led in devotions.

President Rossing presented the agenda with no corrections and it was considered approved.

The council minutes from October 10, 2017 were presented and a motion to approve was made by Ann-Marie Rossing and seconded by Amy Townsend. Motion passed.

The financial report was distributed and a motion to approve the report was made by Jennifer Briggs and seconded by Peggy Hoff. Motion passed.

## **STAFF REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY:**

### **Pastor Constanze reported:**

The nominating committee is working on getting names of people who will volunteer on our council and boards for next year.

Tracy Opdahl has resigned as our Faith Community Nurse and a joint meeting will be held with the health cabinet and the administrative task force to plan where we go now.

Staff affirmations have been concluded.

Community worship service will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church. Trinity will participate with a children's choir singing directed by Mary Hunter and Pastor Constanze will speak.

The monthly financial reports can be viewed in the church office.

The Daddy – Daughter Social was a nice community activity with a great turn out and fun for everyone of all ages and with the help of many volunteers and donations it was a wonderful evening! We netted \$1600.00.

Annual Meeting reports are due on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Lisa Gale is our new part time office assistant.

Jeff from Kairos will be here on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The council will have a potluck luncheon and then meet together with Jeff as he presents the results of the visioning process.

A Trinity Christmas card will be sent out to all active members the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Advent Devotional Book that Pastor Constanze has put together with thanks to everyone who submitted a devotion will be distributed and she hopes everyone will enjoy the messages and thoughts.





## NOVEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES CONT.

### **Sandy Rhode, Parish Education coordinator reported:**

She is making a booklet for the newly confirmed students with their essays.

Advent will be the theme for the "Lock – in" for Middle School students which will be held on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 P.M. till 8:00 A.M Saturday morning. They will be making a Christmas pillow gift for our shut-ins and other crafts.

We had Milestone Ministry for the Preschool II on November 12<sup>th</sup> and on November 19<sup>th</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will have Milestone.

The National Youth Gathering students who will be attending the gathering in June are working on fundraisers and Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Pie Auction.

23 students are registered to attend camps next summer.

### **Pastor Dirk reported:**

He reported on Affirmation Sunday and interviews and the Martin Luther gathering of the South Dakota of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the worship celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation meeting in Sioux Falls and how all of these can strengthen our relationships.

He passed around a sheet on general evacuation procedures and the synod may have Active Shooter training events to attend as it is better to be prepared.

Confirmation students will be starting the Advent Season with the Nativity Story.

He asked the question, "Who is Jesus Christ?" He appreciated the responses he received.

### **President David Rossing reported:**

He shared a thank you from St. Dysmas.

The TLC Constitution review committee has completed its work. They have provided us electronic copies of the proposed amended Constitution as well as the Committee's explanation of the amendments. The Council will vote on the document in December and if approved it will go to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting in January. I would urge you to review the proposed document between now and the December Council meeting. Tim Tucker, Chair of the Committee, will be present at that time to answer questions.

At your meeting this evening you reviewed the draft Mission Plan for 2018. It too will be voted on by the Council in December and then brought to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting. I anticipate that all these documents will be made available to the members of the Congregation well in advance of the Annual Meeting.

### **Vice President Jennifer Briggs reported:**

She is busy working with the nominating committee.

### **Deacon Chairman Nancy Sabbe reported:**

**Worship and Music:** Thanks to all who assisted with the anniversary of the Celebration Service. Worship and Music committee will meet November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Mission Momentum:** Domestic Violence was the October mission of the month and \$433.00 was contributed with \$172.00 of this money jingle change.

Seven attended St Dysmas in October

November Mission of the month is Center of Hope

December Mission of the month is Wayoton Lutheran Church

**Life and Growth:** 2018 schedule for the service groups is complete. Discussion of peanut allergies will be addressed in a letter to service groups.

**Services and Sacraments:** Volunteers are needed for home communion the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month between services



## NOVEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES CONT.

### **Evangelical Outreach:**

Preparing for the advertising of our Christmas services.

### **Parish Education Chairman Amy Townsend reported:**

23 youth are registered for summer Bible Camps

Preschool Bible school is set for June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Day Camp will be July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru the 26<sup>th</sup>.

National Youth Gathering is June 24<sup>th</sup> thru July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Valiant Living Christmas wish list has been received and a tree will be up soon with "Wish" items for the Valiant Living clients.

### **Trustee report was given by Randy VanRosendale:**

Motion to pay the bills

Randy will check with Joel Brick on cameras

Chimney repair will be done soon

Approved the copy machine request

Peggy Hoff is working on update on our church inventory with pictures.

Approved a new lap top for Pastor Constanze

### **Old Business:**

Kairos update: staff, council, and listening team are invited to attend the concluding listening phase potluck, Jeff will bring MAP results. Listening phase summaries and first steps on developing a vision for mission and ministry on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon.

An external listening phase community leader luncheon will be held at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Diner with several invited. This event is hosted by the leadership listening team.

### **New Business:**

A discussion was held on the viability of faith community nursing. Joys and challenges were discussed and after much deliberation Randy VanRosendale made the motion to discontinue Faith Community Nursing at this time. Jennifer Briggs seconded the motion and motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned and the council members all stood and joined hands and prayed The Lord's Prayer together.

Next council meeting will be December 12th, 2017.

November treats were provided by Parish Education.

December treats will be provided by the Officers.

January treats will be provided by the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Merager, Council Secretary



## FOUNDATION NEWS

### **A Look At Trinity Foundation Endowment Funds**

Periodically the Trinity Foundation Commission will share specific information about the various endowments that have been created to benefit the long-term mission of Trinity Lutheran Church. This month we will be taking an in depth look at the Edwin Hanneman Endowment.

#### **History Of The Fund**

In 1999 Trinity Lutheran Church received a gift from the Edwin Hanneman Estate. Mr. Hanneman left a portion of his estate to be used to support a missionary working in a foreign field. Distributions for this purpose were to be made for a 25 year period when any remaining balance of the Fund would be transferred to Trinity Lutheran Church for any other use it deemed appropriate.

The initial gift was subsequently invested at the direction of the Board of Trustees. Because of the extreme volatility of the stock market at the time of initial investment, no distributions were made until 2004. The first missionary selected for support left mission ministry shortly thereafter, and in 2005, the Board of Trustees transferred to the Foundation Commission the remaining funds for investment and distribution in accordance with Mr. Hanneman's stated wishes.

#### **Purpose of the Fund**

To provide support for a missionary working in a foreign field.

#### **Donor Restrictions**

Pursuant to Mr. Hanneman's Will, the income from the fund should be used "to keep, maintain, clothe and otherwise supply with all the necessities of life a Missionary from the Evangelical Lutheran Church . . . to a foreign field. . . ." Mr. Hanneman's Will also states that while the intent is to use only income generated from the principal, the corpus of the trust may also be used if necessary.

#### **Recipient Selection**

The Foundation will work with the ELCA Global Mission Department in selecting an appropriate recipient. The intent is to develop a relationship with such missionary or missionaries and to inform and educate the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church about the work of the missionar(ies) being supported with this gift.

The Edwin Hanneman Endowment has current value of \$178,397. The earnings based upon the last 12 quarters and 4% of the average that is available for distribution is \$6,344. This amount will be split equally amongst three missionary families. They are Rev. Elisabeth Johnson (Cameroon); Pastor Stephen Deal (Costa Rica); Willie and Anne Langdji (West Africa).

This is one of the eight endowments managed by the foundation that uses only the investment income to provide ongoing funding for Trinity.





## FOUNDATION NEWS

### Foundation Awards Grants

Your Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation awarded two sets of grants at their November 15, 2017 meeting. The grants distributed were the Faith In Action Endowment and the Hazel Johnson Endowment.

#### Description of Faith In Action Endowment

Distributions from the Trinity Faith in Action Endowment Fund shall be made to further missions and ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church and may include, but are not limited to, local and global outreach, youth programs, establishment of new missions and ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church, missions and ministries of the ELCA, capital improvements, and other needs as requested.

The first awards were made from the Faith In Action Endowment where 4% of the previous 12 quarters of earnings were awarded. There were a total four grant applications that were received with their requested amount totaling \$15,471. The amount available to be awarded was \$10,466.

Bob Ellsworth and Myron Downs submitted a grant application for funds from the Faith In Action Endowment to use as seed and matching money to help defray the costs of the upcoming repairs for our church. This grant amount awarded was \$7,100.

Virginia Lemme submitted a grant application for new cover folders for the celebration books we use during the celebration service. This was funded to purchase new covers for all of the book covers plus having some replacements. The grant amount awarded was \$2,366.

Pastor Constanze and David Rossing submitted a grant application to support through a stipend payable to families to help with the costs of attending family camp. This grant was funded for \$1,000 which will provide up to five \$200 scholarships for families attending family camp. If five families do not go to family camp the funds will be returned to the Faith In Action Endowment.

#### Description of Hazel Johnson Endowment

To provide support for missions, both global and within the United States (including local).

There were four applications that were submitted for the \$814 to be awarded for this year's grant. The four applications totalled \$2,350. The applications that were funded were Lisa Gale for Mission Kit bags \$250; Ann Marie Rossing \$300 for the Domestic Abuse Shelter project in Madison and the Constanze Hagmaier \$264 for the Trinity Care Fund.

The foundation commission would like to thank all of the applicants who applied and a special thanks to those people of that past who have recognized the importance of endowment funds to provide future support to Trinity.



## HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or a family member are no longer able to get to worship or if you desire to share the gifts of the communion, with those no longer able to worship at “church”, please contact the church office. Thank you for considering this ministry as a way to serve or a way to receive His love through those who bring the communion elements to you.  
- Board of Deacons



Homebound Holy Communion

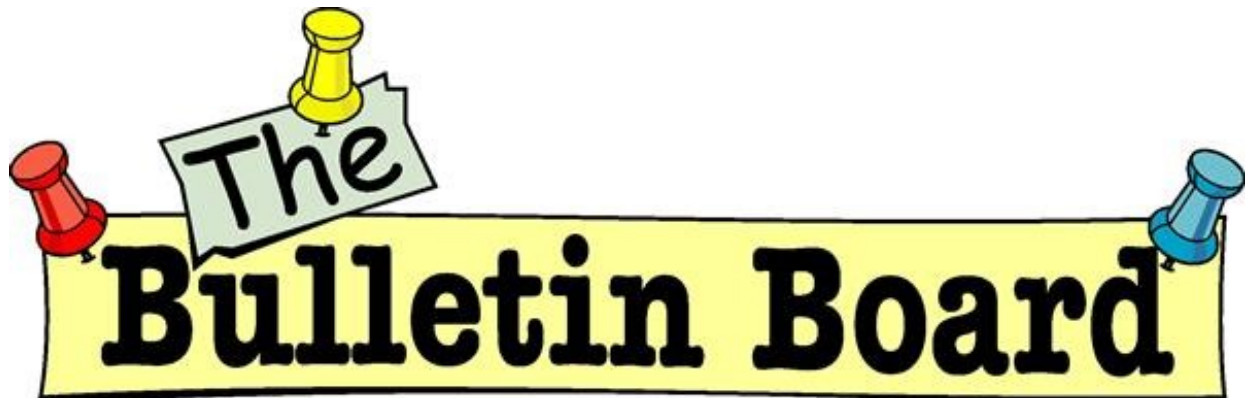
## HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY

Thank you to the following people that helped with Home Communion this past month  
Roger Moose, Cindy and Doug Neilson, Susan Williams,  
Bobbi and Ron Janke, and Dawn Bessman.



## BULLETIN BOARD NEWS

Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for the latest Missionary updates, thank-you's, and other bits of information!





DEAREST FRIEND,

I JUST HAD TO SEND YOU A NOTE TODAY TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE AND CARE ABOUT YOU.

I SAW YOU YESTERDAY AS YOU WERE VISITING WITH YOUR FRIENDS. I WAITED ALL DAY HOPING YOU WOULD WANT TO TALK WITH ME ALSO. AS EVENING DREW NEAR, I GAVE YOU A SUNSET TO CLOSE YOUR DAY AND A COOL BREEZE TO REST YOU. I WAITED AND WAITED, BUT YOU NEVER CAME. IT HURT ME, BUT I STILL LOVE YOU BECAUSE I AM YOUR FRIEND AND NO MATTER WHAT, I CARE ABOUT YOU.

I SAW YOU FALL ASLEEP LAST NIGHT, AND I LONGED TO TOUCH YOUR BROW SO I SPILLED MOONLIGHT ON YOUR PILLOW AND ON YOUR PRECIOUS FACE. AGAIN I WAITED WANTING TO RUSH TO YOU SO WE COULD TALK, BUT YOU NEVER EVEN CALLED MY NAME. I HAVE SO MANY GIFTS I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU.

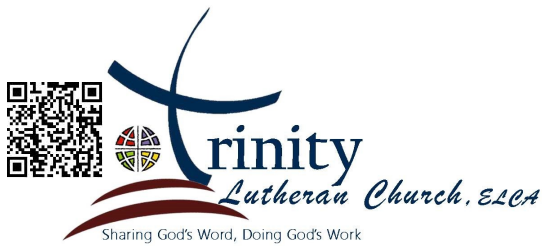
YOU AWAKENED LATE THE NEXT DAY AND RUSHED OFF TO YOUR WORK. MY TEARS WERE IN THE RAIN. TODAY YOU LOOKED SO SAD AND ALL ALONE. MY HEART ACHES BECAUSE I REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE FEELING. MY FRIENDS HAVE LET ME DOWN AND HURT ME SO MANY TIMES.

I LOVE YOU. OH HOW I WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO LISTEN AND TALK WITH ME. I TRY TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY LOVE FOR YOU IN THE BLUE SKY AND THE SOFT GREEN GRASS. I WHISPER IT IN THE RUSTLING GREEN LEAVES AND BREATHE IT IN THE FRAGRANCE OF THE FLOWERS. I SHOUT OUT MY LOVE FOR YOU IN THE MOUNTAIN STREAMS AND GIVE THE BIRDS LOVE SONGS TO SING. I CLOTHE YOU IN SUNSHINE AND PERFUME THE AIR WITH NATURE'S SWEET FRAGRANCES. MY LOVE FOR YOU IS DEEPER THAN THE OCEAN AND BIGGER THAN THE BIGGEST WANT OR NEED IN YOUR HEART. IF YOU COULD ONLY UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH I WANT TO HELP YOU.

I ALSO WANT YOU TO MEET MY FATHER. HE WANTS TO HELP YOU TOO. MY FATHER IS THAT WAY YOU KNOW. HE LOVES YOU TOO.

SO PLEASE, JUST CALL ME, ASK ME, TALK WITH ME AND ABOVE ALL, DON'T FORGET ME. I HAVE SO MUCH TO SHARE WITH YOU, TO GIVE YOU. I WON'T BOTHER YOU ANY FURTHER THOUGH. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE FREE TO CALL UPON ME, IT IS UP TO YOU. HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES, I AM HERE WAITING FOR YOU TO COME TO ME BECAUSE I LOVE YOU SO. PLEASE COME!

WITH LOVE YOUR FRIEND,  
JESUS



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## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP TIMES

**Please join us for our Advent and Christmas services.**

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am  
Worship and Sunday School Program

Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am and 11:00 am  
Advent Worship Services

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm  
Candlelight Christmas Services

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am Christmas Day Worship Service