TRINITY **LUTHERAN** CHURCH



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The Trinity News

WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

Getting ready for Christmas brings out the best in us. You can see that in the preparations that are already happening at Trinity. In worship and music, giving and service, the Christmas Spirit is leading us to a joyful celebration of Jesus' birth and its meaning for our lives.

The day and the season brings us together through memories of the past, anticipation of the future, and the joy and wonder of the present. I look forward to being with you as this celebration progresses and unfolds. May our eyes be opened to Christ's presence; may our lips be ready to sing his praise; may our hearts be ready to receive him; and may our hands be opened to serve him.

Trinity offers these Christmas worship opportunities: December 24th, 5:00 pm—Family Christmas Celebration December 24th, 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm—Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship December 30th, 8:15 am & 10:30 am—Service of Readings and Carols January 6th, 8:15 am & 10:30—Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord This year we get to celebrate the full Christmas experience. Christmas Eve will highlight Luke's Christmas story. On the 30th we will hear from John's gospel. And on January 6th we will hear from Matthew: Three different stories, one great celebration. As we are gathered around the manger may our lives be drawn into the light and peace of Christ.

Yours in Ministry, Alan Schulz

Interim Pastor

TIME FOR A CHECK-UP?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Enclosed in this month's newsletter is an inventory for a personal spiritual check-up. At a time when people are thinking about a new year and how they would like this new year to go, this may be a help to get you off on the right foot. It may also be helpful to review the interim questions that were handed out in November as you do this survey. The interim pastor is available to answer your questions or talk about your concerns regarding this inventory.

We are gathered together in the life of Christ and his mercy mission: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. May this exercise affirm our faith and renew our zeal for living it.

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The Christmas season is upon us! It is such a blessing to be in a Christian school where we are able to share the amazing story of Jesus' birth. Through books, songs and play, the children are learning the true meaning of Christmas.



Come downstairs and check out our display of "Who else was a baby like Jesus?" The children and staff have brought in baby pictures and it is such a delight! The kids love knowing that Jesus came into the world just like us! In Chapel this month the children quickly noticed the beautifully decorated sanctuary. We talked a little bit about items in the sanctuary that help remind us of the Christmas story. We talked about how God sent us the most precious gift of all, his son Jesus. We then learned about the legend of the candy cane and how there was a candy maker who loved Christmas so much that he wanted to honor God by sharing a piece of candy that could help children recall the Christmas story. The candy was molded into a solid hard piece to represent our mighty God. He chose the color white to symbolize the pureness of God. A curve was added in the stick to represent the shepherd's staff and once turned around a "J" for the sweet name of our savior, Jesus. The red stripes on the candy cane represent the blood he shed for us and for God's love.

We have collected diapers and wipes for Elizabeth's Hope Resource Center this month. Our families are so generous and I will be taking an amazing amount of diapers and wipes that will be shared with families in need. Our little elves have been very busy, making gifts and cards for their families, playing in the gift wrap center, learning the Christmas story and counting down the days until Christmas. Of course we have been practicing so hard for our Christmas program. It is the highlight of our year as the kids sing and celebrate Jesus' birthday!

The Preschool will be closed December 21 through January 6 as we all celebrate the season with friends and family. A joyous and blessed Christmas to you all!

Val Trapp

PRESCHOOL \$10 Stocking Stuffer Discount Cards are available in the Church Office, or contact Dick Walters 474-1705. A listing of vendors can be found in the Involvement Center.

Purchase 5 cards and get the 6th one free!



Greetings from Council President

Another year will soon be ending with a new one to be beginning. God is good and has given us many blessings as well as helping us with the challenges of this past year. He will do the same in 2019! Trinity will be facing more challenges as we move forward as there are still many decisions to be made. Some will be difficult, some will challenge us to think in different ways, and some will be joyous as those decisions will move Trinity forward to do God's future work. I am blessed with my own family but I am blessed to also have a church family here at Trinity. Thank you for all you do. Please continue to pray for Trinity, our church family, and our future. Have a safe, joyful, and blessed Christmas!

Kim Manson



On Sunday, December the 2nd, approximately 15 individuals toured Trinity to enjoy our stained glass windows. Thank you to Sally Hafey, Kim Manson and Brad Thompson for providing soup and sandwiches for our visitors. There were many comments on how beautiful our church is-not only the windows but also the Christmas decorations and our cross wall.



Thank you so much. God Bless each of you that made our thanksgiving so much better. We are very grateful and thankful and we will not forget your kindness. With love and prayers. Doug and Juanita Harper.

Your thoughtfulness during this difficult period in my life was very much appreciated. It is nice to know that there are folks like you still out there helping folks like me. May you all have a blessed holiday season and a time of love and sharing with family. Dawn Petty and family.

A special "thank you" to everyone for helping decorate the church. Special thanks to the Boy Scouts for taking care of the high wreaths. Thanks, Liz Young.

Dear Trinity: On behalf of Berger Hospice we thank Trinity for hosting Light Up A Life again this year. We think it is a good program for the community and for Hospice. Your participation is much appreciated.

Jennifer Sneed for Berger Hospice.

Thank you to everyone who baked cookies for the Longest Night Concert held on Sunday at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, and for those choir members who participated and for Kim Manson, Cindy Dowden and my mother, Marguerite Shelton for their help in setting up and cleaning up. It was a beautiful concert and I am sure that Florence was smiling down on us.

Billie Norris

Dear Outreach Team, Thank you so very much for the Wal Mart gift card. It is always special to receive a sweet gift from my church family when I am away at school. Blessings,

Emily Faler





December 2 Lesson – God Makes the Sun Stand Still

God is our Defender. Joshua led a small, weak army of Israelites into battle against five unified armies. The Israelites are fighting to defend another population, the Gibeonites. In turn, God defends the Israelites, sending their enemies into a panic and causing the sun to stand still so they have time to defeat their enemies. God is our defender too. Students could relate to the bullying aspect of the story. They might have been picked on by a bully and certainly have seen other students fall victim to bullies. We helped students see that even when others are mean to them, God is their defender. And when they see others who are not being treated well they can step in and show kindness. The preschool students made suns out of paper plates and tissue paper to help them remember the story.

December 9 – Jesus is Born in a Stable

Jesus is Humble. Despite being the king of the universe, Jesus comes to earth in the most humble form: a baby. He's not born in a place or fancy home; He's born in a stable to lower-class parents. Jesus is humble, and He shows it in His humble birth. Humility seems to be a lost art form these days. Our culture teaches children to have a "me, me, me" attitude. And most children naturally focus more on getting than giving. We tried to help the students see that Jesus came in a humble way even though he deserved the very best. Our preschool class decorated for a party



for Jesus, but then one by one we took down all of the decorations because no one had a party for Jesus when he was born. We shook soda cans up to see them explode, that is what we expected. But then we shook another can up, but tapped on the side before opening, the students thought the

can was going to explode, but it didn't, that is not what we expected. Jesus wasn't what everyone was expecting. He did not have fine clothes, jewels, and wealth.

December 23 – No Sunday School due to Christmas

December 30 – No Sunday School due to New Years





...to our

3/4 Century & Over Club

1/1 Ruth Rihl
1/2 Nancy Happenny
1/3 Lurhita Sturgell
1/10 Catherine Hartley
1/14 Calvin Kleingartner
1/17 Tom Bevan
1/19 Mary Schreiner
1/21 Virginia Swoyer
1/22 Dorothy Cook
1/22 Barbara Gerhardt
1/23 Roger Wolfe
1/30 Bob Rustin



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
To couples celebrating an anniversary with the number of years
versary mith the number of years
ending in "0" or "5" or over 45
years.

1/2 T.J.; & Marísha Eveland 15 years 1/2 Tom & Kay Egbert 48 years 1/20 Bíll & Judy Davíe 57 years 1/31/ Ron & Vírgínía Swoyer 66 years

	EVE	ENTS THE REMAI	NDER OF DECEMBER
Wed.	12/19	10:00AM	Red Cross
		7:00PM	Praise Team
Thur.	12/20	6:30/7:30PM	Handbells/Choir
Fri:	12/21	7:30PM	AA
Sun:	12/23	8:15AM	Traditional Worship
		9:25AM	Refreshments
		9:25AM	Christian Education
		10:15AM	Contemporary Worship
Mon.	12/24	5:00PM	Family Worship—Upper Room
		6:30PM	Music
		7:00PM	Christmas Eve Worship
		9:30PM	Music
		10:00PM	Christmas Eve Worship
Tues:	12/25	_	RISTMAS - OFFICE CLOSED
Wed:	12/26	Office Closed	t
Thur:	12/27	9:30AM	Dorcas Circle
		6:30/7:30PM	HB/Choir
Fri:	12/28	7:30PM	AA
Sun:	12/30	8:15AM	Traditional Worship
		9:25AM	Refreshments
		9:25AM	Christian Education
		10:30AM	Contemporary Worship
Mon:	12/31	HAPPY NEW YEA	AR—OFFICE CLOSED



I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. Psalm 17:6

Tyler Burns **Zachary Kelley** Kristen "Hatfield" Rachwel **Dave Pontious Bob McCrady Autumn Miller** Mary Clifton Helen & Maynard Burns **Jerry Komlos** Lori Brown **Norma Marshall** Wyatt Riegel Braelynn Lee **Larry Roush Curtis Fleisher Marilyn Jeffers** Beulah Temple Mark & Tracey Sandy

Please remember our featured shut-ins for January 'thinking of you' card:

Betty Young Genesis Health Care 1155 Atwater Avenue Circleville, Ohio 43113-1301

Ann Adkins 1083 Pontius Road Circleville, Ohio 43113-9017

PRAYER REQUESTS please call 474-3151. You may also submit prayer requests through the website at www.trinitylutherancville.org. Please be sure to let us know if we have permission to share the prayer request, we value your privacy.

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF THE HOSPITALIZED. Call the church office to report a hospitalization so that our pastor has the opportunity to minister to the sick of our parish. Please don't assume that we already know because we may not! Thank you for your assistance.





Join us Christmas Eve 5:00PM - A Family Service in the Upper Room. 7:00PM & 10:00PM -Traditional worship in sanctuary, each preceded by a half hour of Christmas Music (6:30PM & 9:30PM respectively).

Holy Communion served at all Services

Parlor Talk

January 6th & 13th at noon. All are invited to attend. More information on Page 11

SKI TRIP

ANNUAL SKI TRIP January 18th - 21th

Please be praying for our ski trip group as they travel for their annual ski trip fellowship. The participants not only enjoy a wonderful time on the slopes but spend time in worship and devotions as they grow in their faith and deepen friendships.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th There will be a combined service starting at 9:30AM followed by the Annual Meet-

CONGREGATIONAL ing. All are encouraged to attend. A carry-in will follow the meeting.

MEETING



2019 GIVING ENVELOPES

are available in the Narthex. Please wait until January to begin using these envelopes. Also, for IRS purposes all contributions must be in by December 31, 2018.

For of those that receive the magazine, "Living Lutheran" the cost for next year is \$19.95. Please make your checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and in the memo section indicate Living Lutheran.

Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVERS

TIME	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	CRUCIFER	COMMUNION ASST.	ADVENT
5:00PM	Williams Family	Brockton & Lawson Eveland, Luke Speak- man & Brody Williams	Josie Speakman	Annie Williams	N/A	Annie Williams	Eveland Family
7:00PM	Ed & Debby Boyer	Paul & Betty Atwood Brad & Donna Thompson	Mitchell Ruff	Mark Ruff	Riley Minor	Judy Manes Jay & Marci Wippel	Dan & Judy Manes
10:00PM	Carolyn Seitz	Gary Montgomery Jim & Karen Ewing	Dick Fisher	Kim Manson	Kennedy Younkin	Carolyn Seitz Patty Truex Pat Meyer	Merlyn & Car- olyn Seitz

ADVENT SERVERS

	8:15AM	10:30AM
December 23	Patty Truex	Kim Manson

SERVING IN DECEMBER

	SERVING: Traditional Service 8:15AM								
DATE	DATE GREETERS USHERS LECTOR ASSISTING MINISTER CRUCIFER/ ACOLYTE AS								
12/23	Jim & Karen Ewing	Madeline Sanders Tom Egbert	Pat Meyer	Londa Wright	Nathan Chap- man	Helen Burns Judy Manes			
12/30		Mike Geron Al Svetek	Becky Roush	Tom Egbert	Josh Trapp	Theresa Kerns			

DATE	COMMUNION PREPARERS	REFRESHMENTS	NURSERY 8:15am	NURSERY 9:25am	NURSERY 10:30am	ALTAR GUILD
12/23	Doris Young	Kim Manson	Nedra Betts	Erin Kirby	Valeria Trapp	Sam & Nancy Weller
12/30	Joann VanBuskirk		Dennis & Janice Bothel	Kim Manson		

SERVING: Contemporary Service 10:30AM

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR	ASSISTING	EASY WORSHIP	COMMUNION
				MINISTER		ASSISTANT
12/23	Brian Dum Family	Trapp Family	Lori Brown	Mary Ann Debo	Marci Wippel	Diana Valone Kim Manson
12/30	Deidree & Doris Young	David Hammel & Doris Young	Tom Brown			7



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	7:00P Praise Team	3 9:00 A Goodtime Quilter 9:30A Clearing- house	4 7:30P AA	5
6 8:15A Traditional 9:15A Refreshments 9:25A Catechism 9:25A Christian Ed 10:30A Contemporary	7 10:30A Bible Study 6:00P Worship Team 6:30P Scouts	8 3:45P FTF 5:30P PCBDD 6:00P Admin	9 10:15am Martha Circle 7:00P Praise Team	10 9:30A Dorcas Circle 6:30/7:30p HB/ Choir	11 7:30P AA	12
13 8:15A Traditional 9:15A Refreshments 9:25A Catechism 9:25A Christian Ed 10:30A Contemporary 10:30A Baptism	14 10:30A Bible Study 6:30P Scouts 7:00P Library	15 3:45P FTF 5:30P PCBDD 6:30P Council	16 10:00A Red Cross 7:00P Praise Team	17 6:30/7:30P HB/ Choir	18 7:30P AA SKI TRIP LEAVES	19
20 8:15A Traditional 9:15A Refreshments 9:25A Christian Ed 10:30A Contempo rary SKI TRIP RETURNS	21 10:30A Bible Study 6:30P Scouts	22 3:45P FTF 10:30A Newslet- ter Folders	23 7:00P Praise Team	9:30A Dorcas Circle 6:30/7:30P HB/ Choir	25 7:30P AA	26
9:30A Combined Service 10:30A Annual Mtg. 11:30A Carry-in Lunch	28 10:30A Bible Study 6:30P Scouts	29 3:45P FTF	30 7:00P Praise Team	31 6:30/7:30P HB/ Choir		

SERVING IN JANUARY

	SERVING: Traditional Service 8:15AM								
DATE	GREETERS	USHERS serve all month	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	CRUCIFER/ ACOLYTE		COMMUNION ASSISTANT		
1/6	Mike & Barb Geron	Dan & Judy Manes Luther & Sally Hafey	Madeline Sanders	Chris Spring	Dylan Neff		Helen Burns Londa Wright		
1/13	Luther & Sally Hafey		Linda Stevenson	Patty Truex	Dylan Neff				
1/20	Dan & Judy Manes		Patty Truex	Annie Williams	Riley Minor				

	ALSO SERVING:									
DATE	COMMUNION PREPARERS	REFRESHMENTS	NURSERY 8:15am	NURSERY 9:25am	NURSERY 10:30am	ALTAR GUILD	BLOOD PRESSURE			
1/6	Tina Holtz		Sharon Justice	Erin Kirby	Cindy Dowden	Sam & Nancy Weller				
1/13			Liza Guess	Barb Crist	Jerri & Michael Hartley					
1/20			Patty Truex	Tina Holtz	Stephanie List					
1/27				Tammy Hughes	Valeria Trapp					

SERVING: Contemporary Service 10:30AM									
DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	EASY WORSHIP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT			
1/6	Paul & Betty Atwood	Brad & Donna Thomp- son	Keith Connell	Ted Wyant	Marci Wippel	Kim Manson Linda Stevenson			
1/13	Ed & Debby Boyer	Diana Valone & Tina Holtz	Kim Manson	Evan Debo	Tammy Hughes				
1/20	Dorothy Drum	Paul & Betty Atwood	Pat Ruff	Mary Ann Debo	Evan Debo				

JANUARY 27TH—COMBINED SERVICE

Assisting Minister Kim Manson Lector Lou Weigand

Greeter Liza Guess Ushers Dan & Judy Manes, Luther & Sally Hafey

Communion Assistants Helen Burns and Londa Wright

Acolyte/Crucifer—Riley Minor



January 16th 10:00am—4:00PM Noecker Hall



A GUIDE FOR AN ANNUAL SPIRITUAL CHECK-UP

Circle the number which most closely reflects your feeling. There are no correct answers. This is an opportunity for you to assess your own growth and needs as a Christian.

Ke	y: 1-This is exactly how I feel. 2-This is fairly accurate. 3– This is more or less true.	4-I am not sure. 5-I doubt this applies to me.	6-No, I 7-This i								
1.	I believe I have grown as a Christian	n this past year.	1	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	
2.	2. My trust in the grace of Jesus Christ is evident to me daily.					3	4	5	6	7	
3.	 I am convinced that Jesus Christ forgives my sins and I can entrust him with my guilt and doubt. 					3	4	5	6	7	
4.	 I am confident in my faith-in my relationship with Jesus and in my following him. 					3	4	5	6	7	
	I feel I have a good understanding of God's loving purpose for me and all creation.					3	4	5	6	7	,
	Through my faith I have been having personal well-being, security, and in			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	,
8.	I believe my faith is transforming my life.				2	3	4	5	6	7	7
9.	9. I have a set of clear goals for my Christian life.					3	4	. 5	5 6	7	7
10. My worship is filled with joy and thanksgiving.				1	2	3	4	. 5	6	7	7
	The Christian education I have had the Bible have made the Bible more easier for me to use for my life.			1	2	3	. 4	l (5 6	3 7	7
12.I am happy with the role prayer now plays in my life.					2	3	4	. 5	5 6	5 7	7
13. My devotional life is empowering and satisfying.					2	3	4	. 5	5 6	5 7	7
14.	I believe I bear fruit for the Lord and of my calling.	I lead a life worthy		1	2	3	. 4	.	5 6	3 7	7
15.	I have been serving humanity consi God has led me to see my call thro			1	2	3	. 4	ļ <u>(</u>	5 6) T	7
16.	I consider myself a faithful steward oppossessions.	of time, talent and		1	2	: 3	} 4	1	5 6	3	7
17.	I am comfortable with sharing my fa and in supporting and nourishing th			1	2	2 (3	4	5	6	7
18.	I feel I am in control of my life becau Dominated by habits, practices, or th			1	2	2 3	3 4	4	5 (6	7

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An Opportunity to Speak Your Mind

Several years ago, when Trinity went through the Listening Post process, one of the best outcomes from that was the "Parlor" meetings we had to discuss the issues. I feel that is needed again. I would like to schedule two meetings, to again be held in the Parlor, to provide a platform for everyone to air their feelings on where Trinity is now, how we got here, and how to move forward. I have invited Pastor Schulz, the Church Council, past Presidents of Trinity, and the Call Committee that was assembled to call Pastor Kraus.

It is my prayer that we can assemble as a church family and, in love, discuss our opinions; both positive and negative. It is also my prayer that we can, in love, clear up any misconceptions with facts. The meeting will be on 1/6/19 at 12:00 noon in the Parlor and on 1/13/19 at noon in the Parlor. I have offered to chair this meeting.

We are church family and it is time we communicate as family.

In the interest of full disclosure, this is my idea. I have the blessing of Pastor Schulz and Council to have this meeting. Any questions, seek me out.

I love Trinity.

In Christ, Tim Stevenson

Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts for our senior citizens in nursing homes. Your acts of kindness will make their holidays a little brighter.



<u>Juaníta Moore</u> Madelíne Sanders Rita Strawser
Lou Ann Smith
Pr & Mrs. Merlyn Seitz

<u>May Astleford</u> Jean Fissell

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Traditional Worship: 8:15am Education Hour: 9:25-10:15am Contemporary Worship: 10:30am





Senior Pastor: Pastor Alan Schulz, Interim Pastor

Preschool Director: Val Trapp

Youth & Family Ministries Director: Tim Stevenson Children & Family Ministries Director: Marisha Eveland

Contemporary Worship Director: Liz Young Organ/Keyboard: Diane Smith and Liz Young

Choir Accompanist: Melissa Matz

Choir and Handbells Director: Larry Jeffers, Jr.

Administrative Associate: Billie Norris

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Preschool Phone: 740-474-9870

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ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:15AM (70) 10:30AM (88) TOTAL: 158

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

8:15AM (85) 10:30AM (88) **TOTAL: 173**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

8:15AM (67) 10:30AM (97) TOTAL: 164

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING AVAILABLE AT TRINITY

Dr. Nina Helene has been counseling individuals, couples and families for over 25 years and has provided counseling to Trinity members and Circleville area residents for 15 years. Dr. Helene holds her sessions at Trinity in a private, convenient location that protects client confidentiality. You may find out more about her practice and background and Cornerstone Family Services at http://www.cstoneohio.org/. Please call Dr. Helene at 614 -906-6609 with questions or to schedule an appointment.

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