

Moms & Tots Studies show that we laugh 30 times more when we are in the company of others than when we are by ourselves. Laughter really is contagious! Join Moms & Tots with your toddler and get your daily dose of laughter! We meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month throughout the school year from 9:15-11:15am in the Bethany Room. Our next meeting is on Thursday, December 20th. Please contact Sarah Beaumont at 715-297-3630 with any questions.

Christmas Services

- ◆ **Day School Christmas Service**—Wed., Dec. 19th
10:00am & 6:30pm in the Upper Sanctuary
- ◆ **Day School & Families Christmas Dinner**
Friday, December 21st
11:00am in the School Cafeteria
- ◆ **Choral Service**—Sunday, December 23rd
9:00am in the Upper Sanctuary
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Services**—Mon., December 24th
2:00pm Traditional Worship w/Comm., Sanctuary
3:30pm & 5pm Contemporary Worship w/Comm., SLC
6:30pm Traditional Worship w/Comm., Sanctuary
10pm Candlelight Worship w/Comm., Sanctuary
- ◆ **Christmas Day**—Tuesday, December 25th
9:00am Traditional Worship w/Communion
in the Upper Sanctuary
- ◆ **Meals & More**—Wednesday, December 26th
4:30pm in the School Cafeteria

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

- † In memory of Verlette Marquardt a gift was given by friends & family to the Education Grant Fund.
- † In memory of James Ninnemann a gift was given by Gloria Ninnemann & family to the General Fund.

HOSPITALIZED AS OF DECEMBER 12TH:

Aspirus:
Gabe Baganz & Cassandra Pahls
St. Clare's:
No one listed

FINANCIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9TH:

\$ 420.82 SCRIP Profit *Users: 43*
(10% to Church, 90% rebates to SCRIP users)
\$ 801 Debt Reduction
\$ 21,670 Gen. Tithes and Offerings
\$ 169,667 Reaching Up-Reaching Out to-date

Our current budget accounts for a weekly offering of about \$23,667.

Thank you for your generous contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church!

*"And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'
(Luke 2:10).*

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9TH:

Worship Services: 519
Midweek Advent Service: 228 *(includes students)*

TUNE IN TO TRINITY ON CHANNEL 980!

9 PM WEDNESDAY.....Traditional Worship
2 PM THURSDAY.....Traditional Worship
8 AM FRIDAY.....Traditional Worship

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THE YELLOW SHEET

DECEMBER 16TH-DECEMBER 22ND, 2018

Sunday, December 16th:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
8:10 AM God's Answers Bible Study—SLC
9:15 AM Advent Bible Study—Sanctuary
9:15 AM Genesis Bible Study—Bethany Rm
9:15 AM Youth Bible Study—Rm 204
9:15 AM Sunday School—SLC, Parlors
10:30 AM Traditional Worship w/ Communion—Sanctuary
10:40 AM Living Praise Worship—SLC
12:00 PM Special Voters' Meeting—SLC
12:00 PM Puppet Team Practice—Youth House (back door)
5:00 PM Young Adult Christmas Choir Rehearsal #1—Music Rm
6:00 PM YAT Christmas Party—Youth House

Monday, December 17th:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Berea Rm
4:30 PM Stem Scouts—Parlors
4:15 PM Basketball BG, BB vs Peace Antigo
5:30 PM Praise Team Practice—SLC
7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, December 18th:

1:00 PM Joy Group Presentation—Parlors
6:30 PM Church Council—Parlors

Wednesday, December 19th:

9:00 AM Women's Morning Bible Study: Isaiah—Lounge
10:00 AM Day School Christmas Service—Sanctuary
3:00 PM Chess Club—Bethany Rm
5:00 PM No Public School Confirmation
6:30 PM Day School Christmas Service—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 20th:

9:30 AM Moms & Tots—Bethany Room
12:45 PM 2-4th Grade Caroling @ Mt. View Care Center
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal—Music Room

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm

Friday, December 21st:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Bethany Room
8:00 AM All School Movie—Parlors
11:00 AM Christmas Dinner—Cafeteria/SLC
2:00 PM Classroom Christmas Parties

Saturday, December 22nd:

No Events Scheduled

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

December 16th: Jan Haase
December 23rd & 30th: No Coffee Hour

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR Calling all high school and college age students for a one-time Young Adult Choir to sing at the 2:00pm Traditional Service on Christmas Eve, December 24th. There will be one more Sunday evening rehearsal: December 23rd at 5:00pm in the Music Room on the lower level at Trinity. For any questions, or if you can't make the rehearsals but would still like to sing, please contact the director, Mrs. Adele Bluhm, at 715-848-5265 or 715-571-1924 (cell) or email at adbluhm70@gmail.com. Come sing with us and revisit old friendships at the same time!

ADVENT IS UPON US! The Day School will have their Christmas service entitled, "Come to Bethlehem and See" on December 19th at 10am & 6:30pm in the Upper Sanctuary. Arrive early for a good seat, and let's pack the church!

ECLC DIRECTOR We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude and blessings to Teresa Parks as the Early Childhood Learning Center Director at Trinity Lutheran Church over the past 26 years. Teresa's last day with the ECLC was on December 14th. We are truly thankful for Teresa's guidance and dedication and wish her well in retirement. We will be having a luncheon in her honor in January 13th —watch the bulletins for details!

NEW ECLC DIRECTOR Penny Swanson will be starting as the new ECLC Director effective December 17, 2018. Penny comes to us with experience as a director, assistant director, and teacher from a previous child care center. Penny is excited to begin this new journey and further the mission of the ECLC. If you see Penny after December 17th, please take the time to introduce yourself.

COFFEE HOUR Thank you to everyone that signed up to host a Coffee Hour so far this year! Coffee Hour provides a wonderful atmosphere for fellowship among our church family, and it is also a great way to follow Jesus' example of service to others! A sign-up sheet for hosting Coffee Hour in 2019 is now available at the Reception Desk—sign up with your family or friends!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019 are now available for pick-up in the Narthex—right outside the Sanctuary, and they are arranged in alphabetical order. Please pick up your envelopes before the new year! If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church each weekend by providing beautiful altar flowers! What a positive and encouraging atmosphere for worship this creates! The 2019 altar flower calendar is now posted outside Tina Dickens' office—sign up today!

LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS IDEAS? We have available the Red Letter Challenge book—this bible study was held in September-October, and many of you attended or did a family study on your own. Why not share with family and friends and help people live more like Jesus? The Red Letter Challenge book can be purchased from the Church Office for \$10.

NEED STOCKING STUFFER IDEAS? JOIN OUR SCRIP PROGRAM! If you are thinking of placing a larger order, please contact the Church Office before Monday so we can adjust our order. Orders that are placed on Mondays will usually be received by Thursday of the same week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE Sunday School is winding down for the year. The children, as well as members of the congregation, were able to fill about 15 college student care package boxes of our Red Letter Challenge—thank you for all of your hard work and generous donations!

SNOW REMOVAL HELP NEEDED! Thank you to those who have already stepped forward—we need a few more people who are willing to commit to clearing the sidewalks in winter 1 hour prior to services on Saturday and Sunday, and for any funerals or weddings that are scheduled on the weekends. We do this with the riding mower and a brush attachment. If you'd like to be considered, please contact the Church Office.

"THE HOME LAND OF THE CHRIST CHILD" Special Presentation will be held in the Church Parlors at 1pm on Tuesday, December 18th and will be given by Dr. Dan & Mrs. Jody Seybold, who recently had the opportunity to visit the Holy Land (Israel) in person. This event is open to anyone and everyone (no age requirement). Join us, and invite a friend to gain a clearer picture of where Jesus walked.

A MOBILE LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY...ISSUES, ETC. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Birth of John the Baptist, The Book of Obadiah, Thy Kingdom Come, The Apostle Thomas, Ahab Steals Naboth's Vineyard and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

COUNTING LEAD NEEDED! Please call the Church Office at 715-842-0769 for more information. This is a great opportunity to serve by leading one of our teams who count the weekly offering!

THE TEACHER CALL COMMITTEE has been formed. The members include Shannon Egner (Chair & DSM member), Ted Gruhn (representative from Lay Ministry), Deb Krueger, Sue Swanson, Ryan Treu, and Gina Maroszek (teacher representative). With the Lord's guidance, this group will seek a replacement for Miss Heidi Scheck in

the fourth grade classroom. She plans to move to the Appleton area after her wedding this summer. Please pray for this process and check for printed updates.

HIRING: Full-time 3-year-old Child Care Lead Teacher with benefits. Planning, implementing curriculum, and caring for children in a Christian environment. Associate's degree and experience required. Position is now open. Contact: Teresa Parks at 715-848-0166, ext. 348 or parkst@trinitynet.org. Resumes accepted until the position is filled.

ALL OCCASION CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE at a table by the School Office. Price per box is \$6, and proceeds go towards Trinity School. Joan Seehafer has been coordinating the sales for a very long time, and a HUGE thank you we shout out to her. Joan has decided that this will be her last year, so if there is anyone who would like to pick this up, please contact the Church Office.

THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE is in place and held its first meeting to discuss the process and develop a plan for the Call. Members are Craig Singkofer (Chair), Dave Christian, Paul Anderson, Gaylene Rhoden, Katy Anderson, Cathy Page, and Rev. Zach Holdorf. The committee is accepting names for consideration. Please submit the names of candidates for consideration to the Church Office by filling out a form entitled "Nomination of Pastor for Consideration." These forms are available outside the worship areas and at the Reception Desk. Submission of names will be accepted through Sunday, December 30th. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Call process, please contact Craig Singkofer at 715-573-9251 or craig.singkofer@gmail.com.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held this Sunday, December 16th in the Spiritual Life Center following the 10:40am worship service. Thank you!

THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered for the Hot Chocolate Giveaway during the Christmas Parade on Friday, November 30th. Several people commented that they specifically watch the parade by Trinity because of the hot chocolate! What a wonderful way to share our love for the Lord with the community and leave a lasting impression! God bless.

THINK 5TH SUNDAY—THINK SALVATION ARMY several times each year a "5th Sunday" occurs and the Care Ministry at Trinity has provided an opportunity for the in gathering of items for our local Salvation Army. The Care Ministry has bins outside the SLC and church parlors labeled "Salvation Army" where you can drop off items. Here is their suggested supply list from the Salvation Army. Pantry Items: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Sloppy Joe Mix, Stews, Canned Chicken, Applesauce, Canned Carrots, Tomato Paste, Ketchup, mustard, Baby Products. Shelter Items: Twin sized sheets, Blankets, Pillows, Toothbrushes/Toothpaste, Shampoo, Deodorant, Soap, Toilet paper, Dish Soap and Cleaning supplies.

DAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER there is still time to reserve your spot for the Christmas Dinner on December 21 in the school cafeteria. Invitations were sent home with the students listing times and prices, if you didn't receive one they can be picked up outside the school office. Join us for a family style meal with all the fixings and let us serve you and your family. We are also still in need of volunteers to help serve the over 150 families that attend, if you are able to help please contact Michelle in the school cafeteria. Merry Christmas!

DAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK December 24—January 1, 2019. Back to School on January 2, 2019 all rejuvenated and ready for anything in 2019!

NEXT SUNDAY For over 35 years the choirs and musicians of Trinity have prepared a Christmas Choral Service to celebrate the birth of our Savior. This year's Choral Service will take place next Sunday, December 23 at 9:00 am in the Upper Sanctuary— the only service being held during the weekend. It would be wonderful to fill the Sanctuary like we did on November 4th! This service will combine aspects of both a worship service and a sacred choral Christmas concert. You will hear and see many choral selections sung from the chancel, combined selections from the Sanctuary and Handbell Choirs, and a suite of choral music taken from Handel's Messiah. Come, listen to, and participate in singing the joyful carols of the Christmas season.