



# THE BELL TOWER FEBRUARY 2017

Our mission is to:

**Teach and share God's Word with those around us**

**Live in fellowship with one another and foster Christ-centered relationships**

**Care and grow in faith by serving God and His People**

## PASTOR BRETT'S NOTES

**What kind of reputation does your church have?**

This past month I was reading a devotion that was titled "What kind of reputation does your church have? Shouldn't there be something different about our churches? After reading this devotion, it got me thinking, what is the reputation of our church. In Bible study last month, I asked the question to the group, what is Trinity's strengths? They said that we are a family, we come together. This wasn't always the case here at Trinity or in some churches, but I agree that we have become a family. We come together when families are struggling or hurting and we make meals for them, pray for them. We have begun to outreach to the community with our Food Pantry and helping those out that need food.

I want to use a portion of this devotion for you to think and meditate on this month. As we look at growing as a family and sharing the Gospel of Christ with the surrounding area, I want us to make these statements a reality here at Trinity. I want people to see these things listed in this devotion when they visit Trinity and see the love that we have for them and also the love that Jesus has for them.

"Shouldn't we be so welcoming to one another on Sunday that it flows out to others when we leave church? Shouldn't the word be out in your community that the people in your church are different from all the other groups, all the other gatherings, all the other affiliations we have in our stressed and chaotic lives? Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you. Who has more welcoming arms than Jesus Christ? "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). If Jesus' arms are wide with welcome, how then should it be with us who are the Body of Christ? Are we present in our communities as a welcome alternative to all the other groups, all the other gatherings? What kind of reputation does your church have?" (Meyer Minute for January 25 by Dale Meyer)

As we look to be Christ in our congregation and community, we also need to be comfortable in sharing our faith. I encourage you all to attend the Adult Bible Study this month as we look at ways in sharing our faith in our everyday lives. When we spend time in God's Word and in community with other brothers and sisters in Christ, we gain confidence in knowing the story of God's salvation for us and for the world. I encourage us as we seek out the opportunities to do ministry here in this area, that we do it together, in harmony with one another, in accord with Christ our Lord. Have a blessed month and God's Blessings to you all!

In Christ,  
Pastor Brett

### *February's Memory Verse*

*"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus," Romans 15:5*

2017 Council Member Contact Information

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Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2017

**Chairman Hutchins called the meeting to order**

**Pastor opened with a prayer**

**Members Present:** Curt Hutchins, Randy Schellack, Kurt Sogn, Kathy Sogn, Alex Nelson, Dan Merrit, Cody Nelson, Pastor Brett, Peggy Rezac, Rob Rich, Bruce Hanson, Stacey Zbasnik, Carey Church, Sam Rich, Tammy Hanson

**Members Absent:** Dick Klug, Lisa McFarland, Janelle, Kistner, Rich Hayes, Ralph Krabbenhoft

**Secretary's Report:** Randy made a motion to accept the secretary's report, Kurt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Randy made a motion made to accept the treasurer's report, Tammy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Committee and Board Reports**

**Elders Report:** Elders Meeting 3-Jan-17

Call to order – Kurt S

Devotion – Pastor Brett

- Titus 2: 1-8

Committee Reports

- DCE Committee report in new business
- No other reports

Old Business:

- Contact committee members and invite to next council meeting to do a meet and greet.
  - 7:00 Jan 10<sup>th</sup>
- Dave Ramsey course has no one signed up, Bruce H. shared an introductory video
  - Course is set for Wednesday Evenings

New Business:

- DCE Committee has drafted a job description (pending Council's approval) – Curt H

- Meals are being arranged for a Church Family in need – Randy S.
- Church Unite Website
  - Update Directory
  - Uploading a picture would be beneficial for new members
  - Elders start communicating online
- Church Goals
  - Set goals collectively as a group
  - Use Unite 360 as a group message board
- Next Meeting:
  - 6:30 – 8:00 February 7th

Adjournment:

1. Jim H.
2. Randy S.

Closing Prayer: Bruce H

**Trustees Report:** Need new ceiling fans in the sanctuary. The lights are fixed in the parking lot so now they work at night. Changed new light bulbs. New carbon dioxide detectors have been put up throughout the church.

**Stewardship Report:** Had the Thanksgiving Dinner with 90 people in attendance. The food pantry is going well. In 2017 we will have a Ham dinner again, a Meatball dinner and a Thanksgiving dinner. With the Ham dinner we would like to have a silent auction and craft fair again. The Ham dinner is going to be on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. With the Sunday night services we would like to try to have a meal after the services. Something to think about this coming summer is to have an outdoor service with the praise band, and do it on a Sunday night service. Maybe have a bon fire, make smores, have bouncy games etc.

**Children’s Ministry Report:** Sr. high youth & Jr. youth. Events:

Monthly-Sunday Service Activities-the Senior high youth continue to do the screens.

Monthly Sunday Rotation for Youth to Serve:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month-Youth Meetings
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month Youth serve Fellowship
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month Youth Greet and Open Doors
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month-Youth Usher

Past: November Activity Highlights:

Junior & Senior Youth

- Girls had a video study called “Brave Girl” the Wednesdays in November
- Nerf Gun Wars Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30
- Painted Christmas Windows

December Activity Highlights

- Junior & Senior Youth
- Girls finished video study called “Brave Girl” the Wednesday in December
- Zone Lock in (Senior Youth)

## Christmas Bag Packing & a Movie (Moana)

### Future

#### Junior Youth

Nerf Gun Wars-Friday January 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:30

Washing Christmas Windows Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 8-8:45pm

SkyZone Glow Zone Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> 8-9pm

Movie at church Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30-3:00

Supervising the children of Trinity during the Congregational Meeting Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Senior Youth

Washing Christmas Windows Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 8-8:45pm

SkyZone Glow Zone Saturday, January 14h 8-9pm

Nerf gun Wars Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:30 followed by a lock-in

Movie at church Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30-3:00

Supervising the children of Trinity during the Congregational Meeting Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Board of Education Report:** Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

The Board of Ed along with the Sunday school supported the congregation in the church mission of Operation Christmas Child again this year. Penny Schellack led and organized this church mission. The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party was Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. This year a total of 127 boxes were packed and sent.

Trinity's Children's Christmas service was held Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> during morning worship service. The title of the program was "Jesus Means Christmas to Me".

Sunday school resumed following the Christmas Break on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

The fall Sunday school mission was "We Care Tubs" which provides totes with supplies for those that have been affected by the floods in Baton Rouge. The goal by Christmas was \$400.00. The total of the mission was \$509.83. (\$109.83 over goal).

The Spring Mission for Sunday school will be to help in funding the updates on Trinity's room in the Retreat House at Lutheran Island Camp. The goal by the end of the Sunday school year is \$500.00.

The Board of Education is also setting up a mission to collect and fund bug spray for Muskrat Dam children.

The Easter Eggstravazana is scheduled for Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The last day of Sunday school is scheduled for Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Pastor's Report:** Advent and Christmas services are done. Overall attendance on Wednesday's was good. Christmas Eve attendance was 88 and 30 Christmas day. Confirmation is going well. Finished up the unit on the 10 Commandments. Starting on the Apostles Creed. The Main Street Living North has started. It's the television program on Fox on Sunday mornings. The first ½ hour is for the kids, after is a sermon for the adults. This is something to keep in mind if you are looking for something to fund or donate to.

**Chairman's Report:** Curt would like to thank everyone for they're service in the upcoming year. He would also like to thank Gary for his service as the past President.

**Unfinished Business**

**DCE Job Description update:** With a few additions the council would like to bring this DCE Job Description to the congregation at the voters meeting.

**Council Meeting Quantity**

Right now council is recommended to meet 4 times a year, dependent on quality, monthly committee function & reporting. Curt would like to meet more during the year. Those months are: Jan, Feb, April, July, Sept, Oct, and maybe Dec if needed.

**New Business**

New council members next Sunday will be installed during service.

All committee/group reports do to Pam by Monday morning Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> for annual report.

**Voter's Meeting:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> after Fellowship. Following the voter's meeting will be a potluck lunch.

**Lutheran Foundation:** Lutheran Foundation would like to come in and meet with the council.

**Adjournment:** Kurt made a motion to adjourn, Randy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Closed with The Lords Prayer**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Sogn

## Serving February 2017

**Elder of the Month: Cody Nelson**

**Organist: Anne Morris**

**Altar Guild: Diane Mead & Julie Hayes**

**Fellowship:**  
12<sup>th</sup>– Youth

**Greeters:**  
Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Youth

**Ushers:**  
Cody & Friends  
26<sup>th</sup> Youth

**Food Pantry:**  
Feb. 6 – Lou & Pat  
Feb. 20- Lou & Jessica

**Sunday Service Screens**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Stephanie**--- February 5<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Stephanie** -- February 12<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Isabel** --- February 19<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month---**Natalia** --- February 26<sup>th</sup>

# Children & Youth Ministry Newsletter

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| <b>Director of Children's Ministry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stacey Zbasnik</li><li>• Cell: 218-443-1742</li></ul> | <b>Board of Education Members:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tami Hansen</li><li>• Sam Rich</li><li>• Carey Church</li></ul> |
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We are here to support the faith of our children here at Trinity. Feel free to contact members or director with questions, concerns and ideas.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HOURS FOR 2016-2017

Sunday School Opening/Music starts around 10:25 (Grades 2-8)

Sunday School 10:30-11:15

*The first bell will be rung at 10:25 for grades 2-8 to meet in the sanctuary for opening and the second bell will be rung at 10:30 for the preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade to meet downstairs in the preschool room for opening.*

### Sunday School in February

#### Preschool – 1<sup>th</sup> Grade

Time to start the New Year in Sunday School. During the month of February lessons include the time following Jesus's birth and lead into Jesus & Zacchaeus.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

During the month of February lessons finish up on the life of David and then move into the New Testament and the life of Jesus.

#### Youth:

During the months of January Stacey will be teaching the Youth's Bible Study. The lessons are on the video study on RightNowMedia.com.

### Sunday School Mission Project

The Sunday School Spring Mission Project is funding Trinity's room at Lutheran Island Camp in the Retreat House. The funds will be used to update and make improvements in the room to be used by all those that utilize the Retreat House. The goal for Spring 2017 is \$500. The current total is \$50.48.

### Youth Planning Meeting Dates

Junior Youth planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-12:30. Senior High Youth planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:00PM.

#### February:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Stephanie**--- February 5<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Stephanie** -- February 12<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Isabel** --- February 19<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month---**Natalia** --- February 26<sup>th</sup>

## **March:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Emma** --- March 5<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Emma** -- March 12<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Ashley** --- March 19<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Kade** --- March 26<sup>th</sup>

## **LENT EVENING SERVICES:**

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> --- **Stephanie**  
Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> --- **Isabel**  
Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> --- **Natalia**  
Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> --- **Andrew**  
Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> --- **Gavin**  
Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> --- **Andrew Z**

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## **Adult Bible Study**

This coming month we will continue our study on sharing our faith. We will be using the RightNow Media series- Perfect Blend. Here is a synopsis of the series: "Most Christians feel that they should share their faith with others but feel too busy to take on an added responsibility. This resource lays to rest the myth that evangelism is an "add on" activity by showing that sharing the faith is something that happens in the context of daily life. We will enter the context of a coffee shop where Chris Conrad shares insights on missional living in six casual teaching sessions. As he addresses the viewers, others in the coffee shop demonstrate the way everyday situations can become the setting for spiritual conversations." Please come and join us as we grow in God's Word and learn ways that sharing our faith becomes a part of our everyday living.

## **Men's Morning Bible Study**

Join us on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month for the Men's Morning Bible Study! Feb. 3 & 17, at 6:00 am at the Fry'n Pan HWY 10 E Moorhead, for breakfast, fellowship and studying of God's Word. We will be doing various bible studies throughout the year. We would love to have you join us!

## **Women's Fellowship Time**

Sometimes reading the entire Bible can seem very overwhelming. Please join us at Women's Fellowship every other Tuesday as we begin studying the books of the Bible together.

RightNow Media has short clips of each book done in a fun and unique way to help us better understand some of the main topics of each book.

We welcome women of all ages and encourage the women of Trinity to invite others to come. You do not have to be a member of Trinity to attend. Mothers are encouraged to bring their children if needed. Fun, Fellowship and Food guaranteed!

Upcoming dates: January 31, February 14, 28 March 14, 28

If you have any questions, please email me at [ljohnk50@gmail.com](mailto:ljohnk50@gmail.com). You can also message me or call me. My number is 218-329-2561.

## **Women's Coffee & Bible Study**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in each month –Feb. 10 & 24, at 6:00 am at Caribou Coffee on 8<sup>th</sup> Street Moorhead, (Family Fare) for coffee and Bible Study. **If you have questions, please contact Carrie Hartwig.**

**Trinity Lutheran Church Sabin Community Food Pantry** will be open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each and every month. Feb. 6 & 20. Hours are 6-7 pm. Please use the kitchen door by the park. ***All inquiries and persons are kept confidential***

Donations can be brought to the church during office hours, food pantry hours or call for an appointment. Gift cards, for milk, bread etc., can be purchased at the General Store in Sabin.

### **Sunday Evening Worship Service in January**

The next Sunday Evening Worship Service will be Feb. 12, at 5:30. This is a relaxed, more contemporary service. Dinner will be served after the worship service

**Annual Report** If you did not receive a copy and would like one please contact the office. You can also read the report on our web site [tlcsabin.360unite.com](http://tlcsabin.360unite.com)

### **WOMEN OF TRINITY: Mark your calendars!**

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 18th from 9-11

**WHERE:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Sabin

**WHAT:** LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Prayer Service.

Please feel free to invite family and friends to join you for this morning of prayer.

Thank you [Shayla Johnk](#), [Lindsey Nelson](#) and [Carrie Hartwig](#) for your willingness to help with the service. I am still in need of two women to collect the offering. Please let Lynn Johnk know if that is something you would like to help with.

There will be refreshments after the service. Lynn will be picking those up so no one has to do any baking. Help will be needed to make sure coffee pots are full at each table and to make our guests feel welcome! There is usually around 25 women in our area who attend.

If anyone has some free time the Friday before to help set up tables, please let Lynn know. This is meant to be a casual event with not much work involved so I hope you will prayerfully consider taking a couple of hours out of your Saturday to attend this Prayer service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Lynn or email her at [ljohnk50@gmail.com](mailto:ljohnk50@gmail.com).

### **Mainstreet Living North Choir**

My name is Ramsey Dahl and I am the choir director at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. I have been asked to direct the Mainstreet Living Choir. We are trying to get a number of people from all of the area churches to come together and record hymns. These hymns will provide a bank for the pastors to choose from. If you are not sure what Mainstreet Living is, google it and check it out. Right now we are shooting for the end of March or the beginning of April to record these hymns. The pastors will record their sermons in the morning and the choir will record their hymns in the afternoon. I am planning to rehearse that same morning so we don't take up another day of your week. I am looking to see how many people we can get. I will also need an organist anyone is interested. Down the road, we might even record some more contemporary music. Please feel free to call or e-mail me at 701-866-5403 or [dramseydahl@msn.com](mailto:dramseydahl@msn.com).



### **Another Financial Peace University Opportunity**

An informational meeting for any individuals interested in Financial Peace University (FPU) will be offered on Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Formal classes will begin on Sunday, February 19th as an option to our traditional Sunday morning Bible study. FPU sessions will continue on consecutive Sundays (not including Easter) for nine weeks. Participants will be asked to view assigned FPU video sessions prior to Sunday morning meetings. For more information please contact Bruce Hanson (brucehansbrsfd@gmail.com or 701-261-9734 cell).

### **2017 Youth Bible Bowl**

If anyone youth- grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>- is interested in the Youth Bible Bowl, sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. The date is Saturday April 1 at Concordia University St. Paul. There will be a cost for registration and staying the night in the Cities. Any questions, see Carrie Hartwig.

### **Mission U Lutheran Hour Ministries Course: MU-201 Equipping to Share: Tough Questions**

Participants will learn how to classify, identify, and get to the root of tough questions and objections to Christianity, and practice giving sensitive and relevant answers that point to the Savior, using messages of "Law" and "Gospel" as appropriate. Please join us at:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1000 14<sup>th</sup> St S, Moorhead. Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am registration – 9:00 am – 2:30 pm Workshop. Cost is \$10 if you pre –register \$15 on day of workshop. Childcare is provided. Contact DCE Mark Noenning 218-233-7569 or [dcemark20@gmail.com](mailto:dcemark20@gmail.com)

### **Read the Bible in a Year**

Each month will be a reading for each day. So I encourage you, if you have never read the Bible from beginning to end, to do it this year as we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation!

Feb 1- 2 Samuel 14-16  
Feb 2-2 Samuel 17-19  
Feb 3 - 2 Samuel 20-22  
Feb 4 - 2 Samuel 23-24  
Feb 5 – 1 Kings 1-2  
Feb 6 - 1 Kings 3-5  
Feb. 7 - 1 Kings 6-7  
Feb. 8 - 1 Kings 8-9  
Feb. 9 - 1 Kings 10-12  
Feb. 10 - 1 Kings 13-15  
Feb. 11 - 1 Kings 16-18  
Feb. 12 - 1 Kings 19-20  
Feb. 13 - 1 Kings 21-22  
Feb. 14 - 2 Kings 1-3  
Feb. 15 – 2 Kings 4-5  
Feb. 16 – 2 Kings 6-8

Feb. 17 - 2 Kings 9-10  
Feb. 18 – 2 Kings 11-13  
Feb. 19 – 2 Kings 14-16  
Feb. 20 – 2 Kings 17-18  
Feb. 21 – 2 Kings 19-21  
Feb. 22 – 2 Kings 22-23  
Feb. 23 – 2 Kings 24-25  
Feb. 24 – 1 Chronicles 1-2  
Feb. 25 – 1 Chronicles 3-4  
Feb. 26 – 1 Chronicles 5-6  
Feb. 27 – 1 Chronicles 7-9  
Feb. 28 – 1 Chronicles 10-12

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

My first semester went great! I took 18 credits most of which were general education, except for Old Testament. The class was super in depth and really showed me why I am going into church work. I learned a lot about the prophets and how great God's promises are. I also made many friends who have a lot of the same interests as I do, so I was introduced to many things I probably never would have experienced on my own! I went to Portland in November for a missions conference between all of the Concordias. That was definitely one of the highlights of my semester! I work at the bookstore on campus 5 days a week and have made a lot of connections and learned a ton about books (who would have thought). I also helped out with 908, our student led worship on Wednesday nights. My faith has been tested and has grown in ways unimaginable! I love that we have two chapel services a day and also many opportunities to serve our community. I also found many clubs and activities on campus that I enjoy! I joined Gospel choir and handbells and are continuing to do them for my second semester! I haven't found a church down here yet, but there are a couple churches I've gone to! Hopefully this semester I find one. I'm also going to New Orleans over Spring Break to work at Camp Restore. I feel extremely blessed for all of the doors that have opened since I have decided to come here.

Lastly, thank you personally and to the entire church for all of the support I've received on this journey. The kindness and love I've received when walking through Trinity's doors was one of the things that helped me to realize that I wanted to bring that welcoming presence with me to my career.

Blessings,

Mackenzie Amerine

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Ham Dinner

Sunday, Feb. 26  
{ 11 am - 1:30 pm }

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free will offering - donations will go toward capital improvement projects

## February Birthday Celebrations

1<sup>st</sup> Dave Suedel

2<sup>nd</sup> Bret Jones-Rich

4<sup>th</sup> Dennis Johnk

6<sup>th</sup> Tammy Alfstad, Donald Poehls

7<sup>th</sup> Kendra Overson

8<sup>th</sup> Ashlyn Klee, Amy Mayer

9<sup>th</sup> Larry Adrian, Megan Schellack, Beverly Schroeder

10<sup>th</sup> Blaine Buttenhoff

11<sup>th</sup> Chrissie Lass,

12<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Adrian

13<sup>th</sup> Shane Nelson, Robert Wagner

14<sup>th</sup> Chelsea Haugen, Emma McFarland

15<sup>th</sup> Michael Dohamn, Anna Schaumburg

18<sup>th</sup> John Wall

19<sup>th</sup> Gladys Altenbernd, Jon Lague, Garrett Milks-Rich

22<sup>nd</sup> Julie Hayes, Steve Rosenfeldt, Isabel Schmaltz

24<sup>th</sup> Ronald Johnk

25<sup>th</sup> Sam Hansen, Iver Johnson

26<sup>th</sup> Dan Merritt, Reid Rasmussen

27<sup>th</sup> Patricia Kruger

28<sup>th</sup> Chad Nelson, Joan Nelson, Madison Schellack

## February Anniversary

13<sup>th</sup> Mike & Tammie Dohman 29 years

14<sup>th</sup> Vernon & Lois Arntson 58 years

## February 2017

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday                                   |
|--|---|--|--|----------|---|--|
| 29<br>10:00 am Worship & Communion   | 30  | 31<br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br>6:45 pm Elders Meeting<br>10:00 am Women's Fellowship Time | <b>February</b> 1<br>6:30 Confirmation<br>6:30-7:30 Family Time with Jesus<br>6:30 -8:00 FPU | 2        | 3<br>6:00 am Men's Bible Study Fry'n Pan, MHD                 | 4  |
| 5<br>9:00 Worship & Communion<br>10:00 Fellowship<br>10:30 Adult Bible Study & Sunday School<br>10:30 FPU Information Meeting              | 6<br>Food Pantry Open 6-7                             | 7<br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br>6:45 pm Elders Meeting                                      | 8<br>6:30 Confirmation<br>6:30-7:30 Family Time with Jesus<br>6:30 -8:00 FPU                 | 9        | 11<br>6:00 am Women's Coffee & Bible Study                    | 11   |
| 12<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Fellowship<br>10:30 Adult Bible Study & Sunday School<br>5:30 pm Evening Worship Service with Dinner to Follow | 13  | 14<br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br>10 am Women's Fellowship Time                              | 15<br>6:30 Confirmation<br>6:30-7:30 Family Time with Jesus<br>6:30 -8:00 FPU                | 16       | 17<br>6:00 am Men's Bible Study Fry'n Pan, MHD                | 18<br>9:00 am - 11:00am WIM Prayer Service |
| 19<br>9:00 Worship & Communion<br>10:00 Fellowship<br>10:30 Adult Bible Study & Sunday School  | 20<br>6-7 Food Pantry Open<br><br>Newsletter Deadline | 21<br>9:30 Staff Meeting   | 22<br>6:30 Confirmation<br>6:30 -8:00 FPU  | 23       | 24<br>6:00 am Women's Coffee & Bible Study Newsletter Mailing | 25   |
| 26<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Fellowship<br>10:30 Adult Bible Study & Sunday School<br>11:00-1:30 Ham Dinner                                 | 27  | 28<br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br>10 am Women's Fellowship Time                              | <b>March</b> 1<br>Ash Wednesday Service<br>7:15pm<br>6:30 Confirmation                       | 2        | 3<br>6:00 am Men's Bible Study Fry'n Pan, MHD                 | 4  |

## February 2017 Stewardship Article

We've all heard that stewardship is giving to the church of our time, talents, and treasure. This alliterative trinity helps us see that giving is not just about money, but about our whole lives. For God has given us everything we have and enjoy as we confess in the meaning to the First Article of the Apostle's Creed. And what we confess first among those is that God gives us "our body and soul, our eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses." Only then do we confess that he gives us material things. Thus the time, talents, and treasure trinity places before our eyes the fact that we are to give something of all of these things toward the mission of the church in thanksgiving for what God has provided. For everything we have and indeed everything we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

The problem with this alliterative trinity comes when we replace one little word with another little word—when we replace the word *and* with the word *or*. It is always written with the *and*, but when we read it, we read it with the *or*. Thus this quite helpful trinity, which extolled that everything that we have and are is a gift from God and which is to be pressed into the service of God in His church, turns into a trinity that we can pick and choose which of the trinity we use into the service of God. The giving of our time, talents, *and* treasure turns into the giving of our time, talents, *or* treasure.

Then the question arises: Can we give of our time and talents instead of our treasures? Or perhaps it is the other way round: Can we give our treasure and not of our time and our talents? But these are the wrong questions. The right question is, can we give of our time and our talents in addition to our treasure? Yes, indeed, we are called to give of all three. The things that God gives us are not to be pitted against one another. They are given to us and we are to press them all into God's service for benefit of His church and our neighbors in need.

Thus we give all three. We give our treasure in the form of a generous, first-fruits, proportion of our income. We give of our time in generosity for the benefit of Christ's holy church. We give of our talents in the same manner. Since God gave us all these things, we are called to give generously of all these things in faith toward Him and in fervent love to our neighbors.

For God has provided all these things to us. Out of His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, He gives us each time, talents, *AND* treasures as a means to bless those around us. We serve our neighbors with these things, blessing them with the blessings in which God has blessed us. We give of our time, talents, and treasures to our families, our society, and to our church, our local congregations. And we do this because we know that we are not our own. Rather, we belong to God. We have been bought with a price—with the holy precious blood and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. He gave everything—His time, His talents, and His treasure,—to have us as His own and to live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. We have these things as gifts and blessings from God. Let us then press them all into service for the sake of His love—time, talents, and treasures together.

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### *Our Church Schedule*

Worship service 9:00 am with  
Communion Service the first,  
third, and fifth Sunday of the  
month.

Sunday Evening Worship, 3rd  
Sunday of the month 5:30 pm.

Fellowship is at 10:00 am  
followed by Sunday School and  
Bible Study at 10:30.

We hope to see you there!

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### *February's Memory Verse*

*"May the God of endurance and encouragement  
grant you to live in such harmony with one  
another, in accord with Christ Jesus,"*

*Romans 15:5*