**LOOKING AHEAD**

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24, 2017

 Advent - Divine Service **10:00 a.m.**

 Children’s Service **6:30 p.m.**

 Candlelight service **9:00 p.m.**

Christmas Day, December 25, 2017

Divine Service w/ Holy Communion **10:00 a.m.**

 (Common Cup Optional)

**New Year’s Eve & Day - there will not be a service.**

Epiphany - Friday, January 6, 2018 – there will not be a service.

**Piano for sale:** If you are interested please speak with Shirley Holtzen. Shirley has been the sole owner for 60 years!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Mr. James Nord will give a presentation on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at noon. He will share with us what he gleaned from his three visits with the members of Trinity. A lunch will be provided.

**Sunday Circle and Trinity Youth Group** **thank you** for your generous donations to the cookie walk on Dec. 10, 2017 and for the generous monetary donations for the cookies. $341.75 will be divided between the two groups.

**Free dishes, plates, bowls, dessert plates & cups.** In Corelle boxes on the table by the kitchen. Take as many as you need. Anything left after Jan. 1 will be taken to People City Mission. The Ladies Aid purchased new Corelle dishes (60 place settings).

**Would you like to serve by being an USHER or being on ALTAR GUILD?** Contact Tim Holtzen if you would like to usher, or Pastor if you would like to join Altar Guild. This information is needed by December 25, 2017.

**LAST Midweek Advent Services** Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m. Meal served from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday School** will practice for the Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m. Christmas Service from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday December 23rd.

**LAST CHANCE: See the Christmas lights** TODAY- Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017. The bus will pick up riders at 4:45 p.m. at the Super Saver Market at 56th and Hwy 2. The next pick up will be at Trinity Lutheran Church at 5:00 p.m. A free will donation will be taken. Please sign up in the Narthex or call Mike Kemper 402-730-5741.

**Birthday Party:** Help Alvin May celebrate his 90th birthday on Wednesday, December 27, 2018. Alvin is our oldest lifelong member. We shall leave Trinity at 1:00 p.m. to car pool to the Good Samaritan Society at 1720 Linden St, Syracuse, NE 68446.

Elliot Derricks from Lutheran Bible Translators will be sharing during **Bible class on January 21, 2018** from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

 “As we bask in the glow of God Himself choosing, from His freedom and through His immeasurable power, to sanctify every aspect and moment of human life by taking flesh and passing through every stage of human growth and development, and sanctifying each of those moments, let’s do the very hard work of taking our faith seriously and, knowing God loves us and will always forgive every sin, let’s winsomely and gently live in such a way we show the world a better way.” Fr. Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia.– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord’s many gifts to us.