Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



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From Our Pastor

Rev. Jonathan Meraz

Grace and peace to you...

Happy New Year and Blessed Christmas to you all! Notice that I wished you a happy New Year first. I know, I know, it's not a new year on the calendar until January 1 but our new church year begins before Christmas on December 2 with the season of Advent, the season of anticipation. This year we will offer midweek services as we do during Lent and, as we did last spring, we will begin each service with a hymn sing!

Our Wednesday Advent services will focus on a hymn that is one of the most popular according to the hymn survey we gathered about a year ago — What Child Is This. The tune is called Greensleeves, an English tune written around the time of Martin Luther. I do love the tune but pastors pick hymns for the words and the words of this hymn answer the question What Child Is This very well.

This is the Child who brings peace with God to the human race. He's the Deliverer of His people born in the time of Israel's servitude. He was born under the empire of a foreign ruler since His kingdom wasn't of this world. He was born pure and holy in order to purify our impure and contaminated birth. He was born of a woman betrothed to a man in honor of the divine institution of matrimony. He is the true illuminating light of the world born in the darkness of night. He is the true food of our souls placed in a feeding trough for animals.

He, the Bread of Life, the food through whom the richest of divine blessings is offered, was born in Bethlehem, a name that means *house of bread*. He is the first begotten of His mother in the world and the first and only begotten of His Father in heaven. He was born a pauper and penniless in order to prepare, provide and present heavenly riches for us. He was born in the lowliness of a stable made for beasts to lead us to glorious palaces of heavenly dwelling.

What Child Is This? This is the One prophesied of for centuries, the One chosen and anointed to be the Savior of the world. When the shepherds saw Him on the night of His birth, when the Magi saw Him months later they may have asked one another what child is this. In our day we might ask the same question. The answer comes by faith.

The hymn writer does well when he boldly says this, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing. As the King of kings who brings salvation we haste to bring Him laud, we hail the Word made flesh and we express our joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mary.

May God bless you with a wonderful Christmas season centered on His Son Jesus, the Christ, and in the coming New Year.

Feliz Navidad, Prospero Año y Felicidad

Pastor Meraz

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes

10:00 am Worship Service

Holy Communion Every Sunday

Our Mission

United in Christ we will proclaim the Gospel, administer the Sacraments, and provide Christian education to children and adults in a supportive and nurturing environment.



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Janice Gwin

The Thanksgiving holiday has passed, but we still continually thank and praise our God for His blessings. Now we look forward to His coming to us at Christmas.

This year we will have three evening Advent services - December 5th, 12th and 19th. We will begin at 7:00 pm with a hymn sing. (There will be no soup supper for these services.) This is an opportunity to sing your favorite hymns and Christmas carols (that may not be sung during the Sunday Advent services).

The theme of our Advent services will be *What Child Is This?* based on the hymn written by William C. Dix. It is actually taken from a longer Christmas poem, *The Manger Throne*, that he wrote in 1865. It is based on the Nativity account in Matthew 2:1-12. (Dix was a prolific hymn writer. He also wrote *As with Gladness Men of Old* which is used during the Epiphany season.)

We will celebrate the birth of Christ with services on Monday, Christmas Eve at 7:00 and 10:00 pm and Tuesday, Christmas Day at 10:00 am. On Sunday, December 30th we will have a Lessons and Carols service. Epiphany will be celebrated on January 6, 2019.

After the Second Sunday of Advent we will decorate the sanctuary, trees and church. After the Epiphany service we will take down our Christmas decorations. Un-decorating goes faster than decorating and will be even faster with more people helping.

Let's all come together for a joyful holiday season.



Official Acts

Deaths

Ida Regina Licht - September 24, 2018

From our Pastor

Introduction to the Divine Service

Notes on the Liturgy #16 – Preface and Proper Preface

It has been said, "Like small steps, the Preface moves us from that part of the service that centered on the Word of God (readings, sermon) toward that part of the service that centered on the meal Christ instituted."

Let me break up the Preface into three sections.

The Preface begins with a salutation *The Lord be with you. And also with you*. Earlier these same words occurred before the readings. Now they occur before Communion. Why? The salutation focuses us where God is for us and how He comes to us - in Word and Sacrament. "The Lord be with you" focuses the attention of the congregation on the body and blood of Christ that is about to be given them for the remission of sins. The congregation responds to the pastor by praying the same thing for him as he prepares the Sacrament. There, in Communion, God is with us!

The Preface continues with *Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord*. Here we encourage one another to worship God rather than being tied to worldly thoughts. One of the Early Church fathers, Origen, said a Christian must *lift up his soul before lifting up his hands; lift up his mind before lifting up his eyes, and, before standing to pray, lift up his spirit from things of earth and direct it to the Lord of all.*

The Preface concludes with *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.* This line recalls Jewish prayer before meals. Also, at the Passover, the head of the family would speak similar words. The Scripture points out that when Jesus was celebrating Communion at Passover He gave thanks to God. Following Jesus example, we begin Communion with thanks as well.

The thanksgiving continues with the Proper Preface which is a prayer thanking God for His various blessings in Christ. The Proper Preface begins with the words *It is good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You...* What follows is based on the season of the church year.

The conclusion of the Proper Preface reminds us of what is about to happen in this Sacrament *Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven*... As Christ comes to us in His body and blood, heaven meets earth, and we join with the entire Christian Church that has gone before us and that will come after us. At that altar, within those communion rails, the entire company of heaven comes down to earth. It is the Christian equivalent of the Jewish temple's Holy of Holies that the Ark of the Covenant was housed in. In this Sacrament we are truly given a foretaste of the feast that is to come, and we join in the praise that is offered before His throne.

These notes were originally written in 2001 by Pastor David Oberdieck and have been edited.

Trinity's 100th Anniversary to be celebrated in 2020

Praising the Lord for 100 years and forever!

At the last committee meeting we agreed to have a concertato written by John Behnke in honor of Trinity's 100th Anniversary. This concertato is a hymn that will include a flute part as well as a part for the bell choir. It will also have parts for the choir as well as congregation. It could be adapted to use on any regular Sunday service. A song that was written by Mary Anne Medlin will also be used during our yearlong celebration. Thank you to Mary Anne Medlin and Stephen Pruitt for your help and expertise in helping us to praise God, for His many blessings, thru music.

We are looking into the possibility of a visiting tour choir and a performance by a professional bell choir. We have invited Rev. Daniel Quiram, Rev. James O'Connor, Rev. Daniel Berteau and Rev. Charles Froehlich to serve as guest pastors at a Sunday service sometime during the year of 2020.

We have only begun to make plans for this special milestone in the life of our congregation. Our next meeting will be held in January. Date to be announced. If you have any suggestions for the committee, please drop a note in the small church box in the Welcome Center.

As of this writing we have received \$11,613 in donations toward the 100th Anniversary celebration. Thank you!

We would like to challenge every family to submit at least one recipe for our Trinity Cookbook. We hope to have every family name represented. Please email your recipe to Lynn or drop it in the small church box in the Welcome Center.

A very special thank you to everyone on this committee!!! Keep the ideas coming so we can truly celebrate this anniversary praising God for all He has done and continues to do for our Trinity family!

In His Service, Bud and Lynn Hubert



Do you know that Trinity has a website?? Have you visited the website to review the information gathered there?

www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org

Page 1 – Home

Welcoming you to our website with contact information and an invite to join us in worship.

Page 2 – About us

Who Are We – Info about who we are as Lutherans.

Our Story – Church and School history Leadership Team – Introduction of members of our Church Council.

Contact us – Contact information for the church and pastor.

Photo Gallery 2014-2015 Photo Gallery 2015- 2016 Photo Gallery 2017-2018

Page 3 – News

Calendar – The same church calendar used by the church office to gather dates of meetings, Bible studies and special happen ings. This calendar is always up to date with info as it is received by the church office. Need to know when something is happening at Trinity? You can look it up on the calendar!

Weekly Events – Information from the current Sunday bulletin. Announcements and calendar of the week. Missed a Sunday?? Catch up here with what was in the bulletin on the Sunday you were out.

Newsletter/Resources – Current and past issues of the Trinitarian.

Podcasts – A link to the Podcasts by James Hoeft and Pastor Meraz.

Page 4 – Church Ministry Team

Employees of the Church – A listing and introduction of our church employees.

Page 5 – Worship

Worship – Listing of worship service times and special services as well as our communion practices.

Worship Liturgy – A link is posted for each Sunday's complete service.

Sermons – A link is posted for each Sunday's You Tube video of the sermon and special parts of the service.

Sunday School/Bible Classes – A listing of the classes offered at Trinity.

Terminology – A run thru of what each part of the service means.

Page 6 – Summer Camp

Summer Camp Information – Updated each summer with current information.

Registration – Updated each summer.

Weekly Schedule – Updated each summer.

Page 7 – Members

(AVAILABLE TO CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY BY INVITATION)

Members – A complete updated church
directory. This is constantly updated and is
the same listing as used by the church
office

Constitution/Bylaws – An updated ver sion of our current Constitution and Bylaws.

Prayer Requests – Those in need of our prayers as listed in the weekly church bulletin.

Financial Updates – The last month's financial update as listed in the bulletin at the end of the month as well as a history of past months. Also, a listing for each Sunday of the current year with attendance and offerings brought in on that Sunday.

Groups – An introduction to the special groups within our church family.

Birthdays/Anniversaries – A listing for each month of the year with our member's birthdays and anniversaries.

Page 8 – Ministries

Youth – Happenings concerning the youth of the church.

Adult – Volunteer opportunities available to our adults including choir, bell choir, LWML, Operation Barnabas, and Special Ministries.

Military – We always welcome the Hampton Roads military community as part of our church family.

Community Garden – A work of love.

Page 9 – Visitors

Welcome and membership information

Page 10 – Links

Online Resources

This website is your source of information about Trinity. Announcements of special interest will be posted on the Home page.

If you have an email on record with the church office, then you have been sent an invitation to the website to view the members only page. This required you to set up a username and password. In December we will send out another email invitation for you to join in. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Hubert.

Board of Stewardship

Craig Scott

What is in it for me? That is the question that our sinful being, the devil and our self-centered society prompts us to ask at every opportunity. That is the wrong question. We at Trinity have been blessed with the word of God in the Bible assuring us of His love for us manifested in His gifts to us of faith, salvation and all that we have in this life. The word of God in the Bible also instructs us in the correct question to ask at every opportunity, "How should I respond to this situation in light of what God has done for me and the gifts He has provided." This approach guided by an abundance of verses in the Holy Bible directs one on the path to a Christian life well lived and effective stewardship.

The Bible is not silent regarding our earthly relationship with gifts God has provided to us. There are more verses in the Bible dealing with money, material possessions and giving than with heaven and hell combined. The Bible says more about this subject than about faith.

The board of stewardship was looking for ways to encourage our congregation members in their stewardship journey. Pastor Meraz suggested a program called Effective Stewardship: Building on Biblical Principles which was used successfully while he was Pastor in Nebraska.

The "Effective Stewardship" program is based on God's Word and crosses denominational, geographic and size lines. The program, along with the associated Fall Campaign, is currently benefiting over 5,000 churches in all 50 states and Canada ranging in size from 35 people to 10,000 people.

This program, which is led by the laity, is not just a short-term "fund-raising" endeavor. Rather, it is a four year, year-round educational and training program designed to train people to be stewards of all God's gifts.

It consists of 48 Scriptures and 48 principles concerning money, material possessions and giving from all that we have received. These Scriptures and principles are used in a variety of systematic presentations.



What to expect

Each week in the bulletin, an outlined box appears with the Scripture verse and principle for that month. The verse and principle change monthly. That is 48 principles in 4 years.

Each month in the newsletter (or once a month as a bulletin insert), an article appears featuring that month's principle.

Once a month, Sunday school classes and youth groups receive a discussion sheet containing some basic questions about that month's principle.

Thus, the program is presenting scriptural truths in a low-key way, "line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little" (Isaiah 28:10).

Because God is faithful to honor the Scriptures, the program heightens a congregation's awareness of biblical truths concerning their stewardship and usually leads to an overall increase in financial support and participation.

2018 Stewardship Sunday was celebrated on November 18th. To date out of approximately 175 confirmed members we have only received 5 updated Biographies and 7 Opportunities for Service forms. Please take the time to complete your forms and either mail them to the church office or drop them in the offering plate at any service. If you cannot locate the forms that were mailed to you additional copies can be found in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary. We really appreciate your help in updating our records.

As announced at our Voters Assembly in October - our bookkeeper of 14 years has resigned. Fortunately, Lynn Hubert has agreed to assume the role as a volunteer unpaid position. As Lynn assumed the role of bookkeeper, she conducted an audit of all accounts and found a discrepancy between the general ledger and the bank statement. After a lot of research, there is a high degree of confidence that this is an accounting error in the ledger. Dave and Lynn continue to look thru the books. We will keep you updated on our finances and appreciate your patience as we work thru this issue.

Please note that we continue to operate with a budget deficit. The General Ledger account deficit was \$19878.31 at the end of October. That is greater than the balance available in the TLC4TLC account for deficit reduction that has enabled Trinity to balance the books at the end of the last several years. Please pray that God will bless our efforts that Trinity might conclude this year and enter 2019 spiritually strong and financially stable.

Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

On the heels of Thanksgiving, we will gather to **sing familiar Christmas carols** at the homes of Trinity's homebound members. EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO BE A PART OF THIS MINISTRY!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 16 – Snacks at 1:00, followed by 1:30 p.m. departure (carpooling as needed). It is an annual event greatly anticipated by our homebound members, who usually join in the singing. Pastor and choir members keep us on key.

There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship as we celebrate Christ's birth in song.

Your attendance in worship services truly inspires your Board of Deacons in their service to our Lord and Savior. During the past month, visits, cards, altar flower delivery and telephone calls have been made to Trinitarians by individual deacons. Additionally, deacon presence at a funeral home was provided for a deceased member.

Questions and/or concerns related to your spiritual life at Trinity? Call or e-mail your deacon; all are listed in the church directory and include contact information.



Preteens

Patty Malone

We had six preteens come to Preteen Fun Night in November. Fun was had by all! It was nice seeing a few children from summer camp come out and enjoy the evening. Thank you to Judy Sykes for coming out to give the Bible lesson on being thankful. They were invited back for the next Fun Night on December 14, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

December will focus on Christmas and who knows we might even have a snowball fight!

Remember we meet every month on the second Friday of the month from September – May.

LWML

Lynn Hubert

A special thank you to everyone who donated crafts and baked goods for our Holiday Happenings on November 18th. Maybe you stopped by the Welcome Center and enjoyed some goodies or picked up a craft; whatever you purchased we want you to know that you are helping to support our mission work through the LWML.

We have been invited to the Women's Advent Tea on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Hope Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach. The Advent season is the time to prepare for the Coming of Christ. Many of our ladies will be in attendance.

The LWML will be sending a Christmas gift to our adopted seminary student, Terrell Davis. Anyone who would like to add to this gift may do so by making your check out to the LWML and placing it in a pew envelope marked for the LWML/Seminary student gift. Deadline December 16th.

This year we will be decorating the church for Christmas after the service on December 9th. Many hands make the work easier. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship.

We will be holding our Epiphany Luncheon on January 5th at The Mermaid Restaurant in Norfolk at noon. Please sign up on the LWML board to let us you know you are attending. All ladies of the congregation are invited!

The winter retreat will be held at Sandy Bottom Nature Park in Newport News. The date and time will be announced in January.

Love Boxes for our military and college students will be packed on Saturday February 2nd at 10:00 am. Don't forget to gather your donations and drop them off in the Welcome Center in January. Look for a sign-up sheet on the LWML bulletin board. Please help us make sure we have an accurate list of our military members who are deployed and our youth who are currently attending college. Call Anne in the office to update this list.



Special Ministries

Patty Malone

A special thank you to all who contributed and help pack the shoeboxes! We couldn't have done it without you. We packed over 30 boxes that will travel all over the world with **Operation Christmas Child**. This is just a little of what we do that reaches out globally. Yes, Trinity's reach is global, how awesome is that!!!!!

We are currently collecting diapers for the **Diaper Bank of Hampton Roads**. This collection will run through the end of December. If your child has outgrown their diapers you can tape up the package and put the used package in the collection area. Adult diapers are also welcomed.

Thank you for everyone who has already contributed to the diaper drive! Here Trinity is reaching out into our own community to help those who are unable to afford this necessity.

We are getting ready to submit our application to **ODU** to become a recognized organization on Campus. A **huge** thank you to Jim Hoeft for leading this effort. We have the faculty member along with two students to get this up and running. Stay tuned...

I went to the **JCOC** sign-up dinner and they picked five names at a time and when your organization was called you got to pick your dates for the year. Well, we were second to the last to be picked and were only able to get one day to do cooking/serving at the JCOC. Our one date isn't until summer.

In January since we will not be serving at the JCOC we will be making sandwiches for **St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries** on Layfette Blvd. This will be done after church. **Date to be announced**. Please watch the bulletin and Facebook for the date. So, as you can see there will be a lot going on. We hope you will get involved in at least one or two of the above outreach or collection events.

The things that are always occurring are collection of children's books, hotel soap/shampoos, old batteries, eye glasses and postage stamps for prison bible ministry. Collection bins for these items are in the Welcome Center.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support these ministries. Trinity is making a difference in the community in which we live and the world!

Christian Growth

Cathy George

Children's Sunday School activities during the upcoming Advent season:

December 2nd - give out Advent calendars to students December 8th - Live nativity

December 9th - decorating the outdoor Chrismon tree December 23rd - special Sunday School lesson

This is my last article for the Trinitarian since I will be stepping down from Christian Growth as chairperson. I am very excited about our new chair, Judy Sykes. She has some good ideas.

Pastor's recommended reading ...

Gospel Reset: salvation made RELEVANT

Ken Ham

The author, Ken Ham is an Australian-born Christian fundamentalist and young Earth creationist living in the United States. He is the president of Answers in Genesis, a creationist apologetics organization that operates the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. Mr. Ham is a defender of a literal understanding of the Bible and of the faith. For example, he believes in a 24-hour day at creation and regards the accounts of Noah, Job and Jonah to be historical fact.

This new book he writes focuses on Gospel proclamation and his opinion on how we as Christians should now see our audience and prospective listeners. He is suggesting a different approach and emphasis in how one presents the Good News of Jesus to our current American culture.

To do this, he uses an analogy of the Jewish and Greek audience during the age of the early church. He believes (and I tend to agree) that America has moved from a culture that is familiar with the God of the Bible as the Jewish nation of that day was to a more ignorant position and lack of foundational knowledge as the Greeks of the same period. He continues his analogy by comparing Peter's sermon in Acts 2 that was preached to a primarily Jewish audience to Paul's proclamation to the Greeks on Mars Hill in Athens in Acts 17. The analogy holds pretty well.

Knowing who your audience is tells you where to start and what to say. We must know our audience to spread the Gospel well. The book is a very easy and quick read. It provides 'food for thought' and would be a good book to discuss at a book club. There are a couple of points where Ham presents political opinions that are just that – opinions – but overall the book is compelling and would be time well spent reading it. I would be happy to talk about the book with you after you read it.



WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 24`	December 25	December 30
U	Errol Jennings and Doug Sulak	Justin Malone and Julie Meraz	Bud Hubert and Errol Jennings	Justin Malone and Doug Sulak	Linda Blaker and Bud Hubert	Errol Jennings and Julie Meraz	Bud Hubert and Justin Malone
L	Ralph Knorr	James Hoeft	Ken Leiding	John Butcher	Pastor Meraz	Julie Meraz	Chaplain Townes
C A	Ralph Knorr	John Knickel- bein	Ken Leiding	Errol Jennings		Bill Sontag	
A	Cassie Wyles	Jason Loper	Jeanette Gilson	Janet Gould	ТВА	ТВА	ТВА
C S	Pastor Meraz	Sharyn Leiding	Pastor Meraz	Stephen Pruitt		Pastor Meraz	

If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please make arrangements for someone to cover for you and phone the Church Office with the changes. THANKS!!

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27	
Ushers	Linda Blaker and Doug Sulak	Justin Malone and Julie Meraz	Bud Hubert and Errol Jennings	Justin Malone and Doug Sulak	
Lector	Ralph Knorr	Cathy George	Ken Leiding	David Chadwick	
Communion Assistant	Ralph Knorr	John Knickelbein	Ken Leiding	Dave Petri	
Acolyte	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Children's Sermon	Pastor Meraz	Sharyn Leiding	Pastor Meraz	Stephen Pruitt	

In the event of inclement weather please visit our website at www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org and our Facebook page at TLCNorfolk for announcements concerning any cancelations.

Notifications will also be sent by email to those with an email address on file and by phone to those who do not.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 1st Sunday of Advent 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Choir	3	4	5 5:55pm Choir Practice 7pm Advent Worship Service	6	7	8 6:30pm Live Nativity
9 2nd Sunday of Advent 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Choir Chancel Trees Decorated	10 Council Meeting 7pm	11	12 5:55pm Choir Practice 7pm Advent Worship Service	13 7pm Men's Bible Study 7pm German Christmas Service @ Saint John Lutheran Church	14 6:30pm PreTeen Night Activites	15 8am Ladies Monthly Bible Study @ Coaster Coffee on Tidewater Drive 8am Men's Breakfast
3rd Sunday of Advent 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Choir 1pm Christmas Caroling to Homebound	17	18	19 5:55pm Choir Practice 7pm Advent Worship Service	20	21	22
23 4th Sunday of Advent 9am SS Special Christmas Lesson 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Choir	24 Christmas Eve - The Nativity of our Lord 7pm Christmas Eve Family Communion Service 10pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Comm Service	25 Christmas Day - The Nativity of our Lord 10am Christmas Day Worship Service	26 Church Office Closed	27	28	29
30 1st Sunday after Christmas 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10am Lessons and Carols Worship Service 11:30am Bell Choir	31 New Years Eve		*	* * *	* *	

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		1 New Years Day Circumsion and Name of Jesus Church Office Closed	2 7pm Choir Practice	3 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study	4	5 The Epiphany of our Lord LWML Epiphany Luncheon 12 Noon
6 The Epiphany of our Lord (observed) 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Choir 11:30am Undecorating of Trees	7 6:30pm Bowling League	8	9 6:30pm Lutheran Confessions Study Group 7pm Choir Practice	10 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	11 6:30pm PreTeen Night Activites	12
13 The Baptism of our Lord/First Sunday after Epiphany 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Choir 11:30am Sunday School Teacher's Meeting	14 6:30pm Bowling League	15 1pm Deacons Meeting Trinitarian Deadline for Feb/Mar Issue	16 6:30pm Lutheran Confessions Study Group 7pm Choir Practice	17 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study	18	19 8am Ladies Monthly Bible Study @ Coast- er Coffee on Tide- water Drive 8am Men's Breakfast
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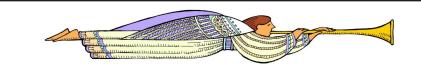
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Trinity's Ministry Team prays that the peace and joy of Christ will be yours always. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pastor Meraz, Anne, Stephen, Lynn, Bill and Antonio



Please join us for the Live Nativity Saturday, December 8, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Services - Monday, December 24th
7:00 pm Family Communion Service
10:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Day Service - Tuesday, December 25th
10:00 am Communion Celebration

9:00 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:00 am A Service of Readings and Carols

