

TRINITY TIDINGS NEWSLETTER

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 11008 N. CHURCH STREET HUNTLEY, ILLINOIS 60142

The Mission "TO INVITE ALL PEOPLE TO THE GRACE-FILLED LIFE OF JESUS"

Regular Worship Times

Saturday at 5:30 pm; Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 am

Holy Communion on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays

Adult Education Hour — Sunday @ 9:15 am

Family Sunday School - Sunday @ 9:15 am

Confirmation class meets Wednesdays 4:30—6 pm (follows District 158 schedule)

Newsletter Deadline

The third Monday of the month is the deadline to submit an item for the newsletter. Please call, email or drop by the church office to submit items.

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HOFFMAN



"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (Which means, God With Us) Matthew 1:23

EIGHT MILES

Eight miles is the distance from Bethlehem to Jerusalem. As we approach the birth of Jesus Christ into the world this Advent season, we focus on Bethlehem, where our Lord, the Son of God was born. The trip to Israel was so rich and amazing that it is still soaking in, and our visit to Bethlehem was surreal. There, as with most of the holy sites around Israel, was a church constructed near the site, the Church of the Nativity, where we saw a cave where animals were kept in Jesus' day. Of course it probably isn't the exact location of Jesus' birth but it was near, and that is significant.



What was even more significant was that shortly after Jesus' birth his life was threatened by King Herod in neighboring Jerusalem. After being warned in a dream, Joseph, Mary and the baby fled to Egypt. But year's later Jerusalem would be the site where Jesus would be put on trial and sentenced to be crucified...just eight miles from where He was born, Jesus would meet His death, and by so doing He would pay the penalty incurred by every living human being through His death on a cross. More importantly, just outside of Jerusalem, Jesus came back to life, defeating sin, death, and the power of the devil for you and me.

That is Christmas, Easter, and all of the other church seasons summed up. Jesus Christ has risen! That wonderful story started to unfold from the very beginning of creation and is now coming to the part where our Messiah, our Immanuel comes to us. Joy and peace to you and your family this season where blessings flow and Gospel of Jesus Christ stands!

In Him.

Pastor Robert Hoffman

VALUES, MISSION & VISION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

VALUES: MOTIVATED BY GOD'S—

- GUIDANCE, WE ARE MOVED TO SERVE
- GRACE, WE ARE MOVED TO SHOW MERCY
- LOVE, WE ARE MOVED TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY
- AND TO LIVE AND TEACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

MISSION: "TO INVITE ALL PEOPLE TO THE GRACE-FILLED LIFE OF JESUS."

VISION: THAT ALL PEOPLE MEET JESUS TO RECEIVE HIS GRACE AND MERCY.

	SERVING OUR LORD IN DECEMBER 2017									
DATE	TIME	ELDERS	USHERS	READERS	GREETERS	MEDIA TECHS				
12/02	5:30 pm	Jason Rolnicki	Roger Orkfritz		Maxine Hischke					
12/03	8:00 am	Bruce Krich	Ken Racine & John Varga	Gerhard Pilz	Rick & Marlene Pump	Solomon Post				
12/03	10:30 am	Dale Schoenrock	Tom Rolnicki & Diane Schoenrock	Bridgid Furmanek	Pat Krebs	Josh Rolnicki				
12/06	7:00 pm	Tim Mahnke	Diane Schoenrock		Volunteer needed					
12/09 C	5:30 pm	Rich Mueller	Carol Colby		Roger & Betty Orkfritz					
12/10	8:00 am	Keith Bereolos	Ken Racine	Tara Nelson	Chuck & Kathy Yerke	Solomon Post				
С	10:30 am	Dale Schoenrock	Ken Kemnitz & Diane Schoenrock	Jan Dennis	Mary Jo Simonson	Niko Bereolos				
12/13	7:00 pm	Rick Payne	Niko Bereolos		Volunteer needed					
12/16	5:30 pm	Tim Mahnke	Roger Orkfritz		Paul & Karren Krause					
42/47	8:00 am	Rich Mueller	Ken Mundt	Larry Melman	Ron & Lou Anne Jensen	Solomon Post				
12/17	10:30 am	Bruce Krich	Tom Rolnicki & Donovan Johnson	Danielle Bahn	Norm & Krissy Fossmeyer	Mike Finger				
12/20	7:00 pm	Gary Schultze	Niko Bereolos		Volunteer needed					
12/23 C	5:30 pm		Carol Colby		Eric & Ceil Rieker					
	3:00 PM	Dale Schoenrock	Diane Schoenrock	Bev Eisenmenger	Volunteer needed					
12/24 C	7:00 pm	Gary Schultze	Ken Kemnitz	Ed & Jan Dennis	Volunteer needed					
	10:00 pm	Jason Rolnicki	Volunteer needed	Nancy Dvorak	Volunteer needed					
12/25 C	10:00 am	Keith Bereolos	Ken Mundt	Gerhard Pilz	Volunteer needed					
12/30 C	5:30 pm	Bruce Krich	Roger Orkfritz		Volunteer needed					
12/31	8:00 am	Rich Mueller	John Varga	McKenzie Krich	Volunteer needed	Solomon Post				
С	10:30 am	Tim Mahnke	Donovan Johnson & Niko Bereolos	Jean Moreau	Colleen & Terry Wilkins	Jamie Rolnicki				

December Altar Guild	Joan Cushing and Pat Marsh

SPECIAL WORSHIP TIMES & EVENTS

Midweek Advent Worship "The Word Became Flesh"

Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13 & 20 at 7:00 pm

Advent Brunch

Sunday, December 10th at 9:15 am

Children's Christmas Program "Christmas: It's Still About Jesus...the Greatest Gift"

Saturday, December 16th at 5:30 pm (Pizza & Cookies afterwards)

Christmas Eve Services w/Communion

3:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm (Candlelight)

Christmas Day Carol & Worship Service w/Communion 10:00 am

Called to Glory "Because I live you shall live also."

Katharine (Kay) Mahnke was called to her eternal home on November 27, 2017. A memorial service is planned for December 30, 2017 at Trinity.

"May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep the hearts and minds of her family in His grace."



Baptized at Trinity

Durited into the Family of Faith through the Washing and the Word.

Baptized on Saturday, November 4, 2017, Lyanna Elizabeth Gaskell, daughter of Tyler and Rebecca Gaskill. Lyanna's sponsors are Scott Dvorak and Jason Gaskell.

"May the Holy Spirit strengthen her in Christ and cause her to grow in the grace and knowledge of her Savior."

Altar Guild will be meeting on Sat., Dec. 2nd at 8:00am to take down the Harvest display and set up Christmas decorations. The Altar Guild meeting will be after setting up for Christmas. Also, the Poinsettias will be delivered on Saturday, Dec. 23rd at 9:00 am.

Prayer Chain

Trinity's prayer chain is always available to pray for you and those you love. Jesus hears our petitions and He will answer according to His good and perfect will. With thanksgiving, we make our requests to Him. Call or email church office.

TLC PRESCHOOL NEWS

TURKEY COOKING TIPS from the Polar Bear Class:

- 1. First, pull off skin and now cook it for 100 days! Take it out and eat it!
- 2. Cut it into a triangle.
- 3. You watch it on TV.
- 4. Cook it for 2 days! Cover it in syrup and eat it.
- 5. Put the turkey in the microwave and then the oven for 11 days. Then put it in the bottom oven until it's night.
- 6. To make a good turkey, color it and put it on the grill. Then eat it!
- 7. Cut it into a circle and poke some holes into it. Put it into the fridge. Then you can eat it.
- 8. Put the bones over the turkey and squish them.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – You are invited to TLC's Christmas Celebrations at 9:15 am Friday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 20. The children will be presenting a short program entitled "Shine Like Stars." The program lasts about 20 minutes. After the program, we enjoy crafts, a snack and table games. Please join us!

PRAYER PARTNERS – if you would like to send a card to your prayer partner, the card should be delivered to the TLC office no later than Thursday, December 14. You can leave the card on one of the office desks and we will make sure your prayer partner receives it. Would you like to meet your Prayer Partner and their parents? Join us for our Christmas Celebrations! We would love to have your help playing games, doing crafts or helping to serve snack (cookies, frosting and sprinkles – YUM!).

<u>ALS FUNDRAISER - COOKIE DECORATING AND HOT CHOCOLATE</u> - Saturday, December 2, 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Please join us for this delicious fundraiser to support ALS research. Bring the kids and grandkids!

VERY MERRY HUNTLEY – Trinity is helping Huntley welcome the Christmas season! We will be hosting games and a manger story teller on our front lawn. The Scholastic book fair will be open for shopping and we will have a Disney expert here to answer questions about booking a Disney vacation. It will be a very merry afternoon at Trinity! The celebration will move to the village square for carols, hot chocolate and to await the lighting of the trees and Santa's arrival.

We need friendly Trinity members to welcome our guests and help them get started with the games. Please sign up in the narthex or call Vicky Piller (847-669-5781). There will also be an epic snowball fight, so come prepared for fun!!

Vicky Piller, TLC Preschool Director

"Shine like stars in the universe" Philippians 2:15b



Help Keep Church Records Up To Date If your contact information has changed or you are not receiving emails, please let the church office know. Call the church office at 847 -669-5780 or email at office@trinityhuntley.org.

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR



👣 A note from Lana Gibbons, Music Director

God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.
(Refrain): Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer, He sent forth Jesus and set me free. (*Refrain*) LSB 392 vs. 1, 3

Should I sing it again? Sure! Sing it with me! *God loves me dearly*, Loves even me. Wow! God loves me – a poor and miserable sinner! He loves me so much that *from heaven above to earth I come* to "...bring you Good News of great joy that will be for ALL the people...a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord." *Luke 2:10* What Good News! Real news for me and you! For ALL people everywhere! It's STILL all about Jesus, Emmanuel, who has been, is, and will be with us forever in heaven. God's love, gift-wrapped in Jesus is the Greatest Gift we could ever receive! Unwrap His gifts! Celebrate your redemption from sin, death, and the devil! Celebrate living as God's child! Then, repeat the sounding *joy to the world* as you *go, tell it on the mountain*, inviting all people to the grace-filled life of Jesus!

You are still (and always!) cordially invited to come and join us as we ring and sing the Good News! We meet on **Tuesday evenings** under the church balcony. *Celebration Ringers* at 6:00 and *Voices in Praise* at 7:00. If you play an instrument let me know! I encourage you to use your God-given gifts to His glory! *O come, all ye faithful!*?

Mite Boxes Special notice to the members & friends of Trinity: Due to the fact that banks are no longer taking loose coins anymore, we have to change the way we collect the mites for LWML. Please put your offering in an envelope or plastic snack bag marked "Mites", using only paper money. Thank you!

Dee Mundt, LWML Treasurer

Head over to Culver's Restaurant of Huntley, Rt. 47, on ANY

Saturday evening, ANY Sunday or Wednesday and present your weekend bulletin when ordering and Culvers will donate 10% of your total order to Trinity.



TLC PARENTS GROUP is looking for babysitters! We meet every other Friday starting January (TBC) from 9:15-10:30 am. If you would like to help, please contact Aileen Hoffman atalde@hotmail.com

Hospital Visits Please contact the church office if you or a family member are, or are planning to be, in the hospital. You can be added to the prayer chain and/or a visit can be scheduled. Due to new privacy laws, hospitals are no longer able to contact the church.

GROUP & BOARD UPDATES AND OTHER NEWS

Mission Musings



CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA

The Missions Committee has been studying missionary or mission project adoption for the coming year. We studied 120 LCMS worldwide mission opportunities and unanimously voted to adopt CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA.

The 3 boarding schools want to expand and offer more help to more of the poorest of the poor children. The facilities are available for children of primary school age who live some distance from adequate schools. These children have been identified by the Lutheran Church of Kenya as unable to receive a level of care at home that is conducive to their studies including household responsibilities like tending animals, fetching water, helping care for siblings, or preparing meals. The Lutheran school will provide a safe environment, adequate lodging, meals, school fees and related school expenses, medical care, safe play area, adult oversight, scholastic tutoring, emotional support and most important SPIRITUAL CARE AND INSTRUCTION.

Each student will be taught regular studies, daily Bible Study, worship services and given an opportunity in their lives to grow in faith to celebrate Christ and understand they are saved by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus, as pointed out in Ephesians 2:8-9

The need for these schools is great among the poorest of the poor people in these areas. The students are eager to learn, but families have no resources to send their children to a school like this.







Trinity bakers sold 171 pies for support of CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA.

The funding for this project is not budgeted by Trinity Lutheran Church. Proceeds from the Pie Sale, Golf Outing and yearly Bake Sale will be used to cover our commitment.

We are delighted to adopt CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA, as a mission project. Please pray for these children and the missionaries who are working with them.

Marilee Payne, Missions Chair

Board of Ministry Directors The minutes from each Board of Ministry Directors meeting will be posted on the bulletin board near the doors in the Narthex. There will also be a folder available (in a wall slot) with all previous meeting minutes.

Note cards will also be available for you to write down any questions or concerns you may have for the board. They can be filled out and placed in the wooden box. The board will review all questions/concerns at each meetings.

Lutheran Women in Mission



As we begin the new year, we remember our Lutheran Women in Mission motto "Serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2). We look back on glad times and forward to the opportunities 2018 will offer us. We encourage all the women of Trinity to join us and help us as we reach out to others with the Great Commission.

- Sunday, January 7th, we will have a meeting at church between the services in one of the classrooms to plan the new activities for the year.
- ◆ January 14- February 14th we will collect items for the Pregnancy Center in Elgin. We are asking the congregation for diapers of all sizes, paper towels, toilet tissue, and baby wipes. There will be a box for these items plainly marked at church. The Center services women and their babies in Elgin, Algonquin, and the surrounding area.
- March until end of the year we are collecting used and broken eye-glasses, frames and cases for use overseas, where they are repaired for the on-going vision ministry. We also collect stamps for missions stamps that are unusual are trimmed from letters and sold to collectors to fund mission projects.
- It has been suggested that we plan a Spring Social Gathering such as a salad luncheon.
- The LWML wishes to continue to serve the coffee at church the first Sunday of every month.

There will be more about our projects later in the year, but always remember that the Mites collected the first Sunday of each month in church are used to fund mission projects all over the world. Please see the bulletin board by the office for the list of those projects.

GRAFTON FOOD PANTRY - ADOPT A FAMILY This Christmas Season, as a Mission Project, Trinity has adopted seven needy families from the Grafton Food Pantry. A Christmas tree is available in the Narthex with holiday ornaments. Please take a family member's ornament from the tree. The ornaments have information regarding family members. All gifts must be back by Sunday, December 10th for distribution that week. Gifts must be "new". Do not wrap the gifts, as the families wrap them and are given wrapping paper. A small box is also provided for gift cards. Please attach the ornament securely to your gifts. If you have any questions, please call Judy I

ornament securely to your gifts. If you have any questions, please call Judy Ladage at 224-858-7282.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS - WEEKEND AT WALCAMP







The kids and chaperones had a great time!









Poinsettias

If you would like to place a Poinsettia plant at the Altar for the Christmas season, please fill out the form below and drop off in the box in the narthex or the church office. The cost is \$8 each. Names will be printed in the Christmas and Sunday bulletins. Orders will NOT be accepted after December 13th. The Altar Guild has made arrangements for the plants to be delivered to the church. The

plants may be picked up after the 10:00 am worship service Christmas Day morning.

I/we
wish to place Poinsettia(s) at the church altar for the Christmas season.
In memory or honor of(circle one)
Amount enclosed\$

December 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1 9:15am TLC Chapel	8:00am Altar Guild Mtg/Hol. setup 12:00pm Very, Merry 5:30pm Worship Service
3 8:00am Worship Servic 9:15am Family Sunday School (bsmt) 10:30am Worship		5 6:00pm Celebration Ringers (Bells) 7:00pm Voices in Praise	7pm Advent Service TLC Chapel 9:45&12:45 11:30am TLC Staff 4:30pm Confirmation	7 9:00am Pastor Circuit Meeting (offsite)	8 9:15am TLC Chapel	9 8:00am Men's NetWork (onsite) 5:30pm Worship/Comm
8:00am Worship/Comm 9:15am Advent Brunch 10:30am Worship 5:00pm GAME NITE!		6:00pm Celebration Ringers (Bells) 7:00pm Voices in Praise	13 10 am Missions Mtg 7pm Advent Service TLC Chapel 9:45&12:45 4:30pm Confirmation	14	15 TLC Christmas Programs (sanctuary/bsmt) 1:00pm Book Review (offsite)	16 Grafton Food Pantry Col 5:30pm Children's Christmas Program
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24 CHRISTMAS EVE 3:00pm Worship/Comm 7:00pm Worship/Comm 10:00pm Candlelight		6:00pm Celebration Ringers (Bells) 7:00pm Voices in Praise	No Presch	28 nool Classes 11:30am Ladies Lunch Group (offsite)	29	30 5:30pm Worship/Comm
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 8:00am Worship/Comm 9:15am Family Sunday 10:30am Worship		2	3	4	5	6

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	<i>3irthdays</i>	Anniversaries			
12/1	Phyllis Moellenkamp	12/22	Ryan McNamara	12/9/2000	Norm & Krissy
12/2	Taylor Calame	12/23	LeeAnn McNamara		Fossmeyer
12/3	Carole Bowgren	12/24	Pat Link		•
12/3	Donovan Johnson	12/24	Bob Lutzow		
12/5	Scott Dvorak	12/24	Sandy Morrison		
12/5	Samara Melman	12/25	Dainen Bugh		
12/5	Vicki Wilson	12/25	Irene Hunter		
12/6	Shelly Goers	12/25	Ceil Rieker		
12/6	Mary Jo Simonsen	12/28	Dennis Henrickson		
12/7	Anne Roche	12/28	Diana Lutzow		
12/8	Scott Kothe	12/29	Judy Ladage		
12/10	Donna Ketchmark	12/31	Grace Hoffman		
12/10	Tara Nelson				
12/10	Juliet Zenaty				
12/11	Michelle Eikeland				
12/11	Carol Jaroch				
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12/11	Wayne Simons				
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12/14	Jake Nelson				or have the wrong
12/18	Ron Palascak			information,	please call the churci
12/19	Bernice Hoffman			office.	
12/19	Roy Ravagnie				

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