

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Trinity Tidings



### 2018

#### December Calendar

- 2 ~ Sunday School 9 am; Worship 10 am,  
decorate the church after service
- 9 ~ Sunday School 9 am; Worship 10 am
- 16 ~ Sunday School 9 am; Worship 10 am  
**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE**
- 18 ~ Church Council mtg, 6:30 pm
- 23 ~ **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**, Worship 10 am
- 24 ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 pm
- 25 ~ Christmas Day Worship 9 am
- 30 ~ **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**; Worship 10 am



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

7 pm - Christmas Eve

9 am - Christmas Day

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, Dec 16th - 10 am

#### HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!!

Purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one for just \$10.

Please contact Susan Karsten  
(715-223-3415) by Dec 16<sup>th</sup> to place your order.



**Ok, actually the church.  
Join us after service on  
December 2nd to decorate the  
church for Christmas!**

**WE'RE ON FACEBOOK  
JOIN OUR GROUP**

## December Worship Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Money Counters
Dec 2	Ella Raatz	Leanne Leonhard, Susan Karsten
Dec 9	Hannah Trush	Naomi Carey, Cindy Hardrath
Dec 16	Ella Raatz	Janice Shelley, Patti Bainer
Dec 23	Hannah Trush	Sara Uhlig, Dana Phillips
Dec 24 ( 6 pm)	Ella Raatz	Leanne Leonhard, Susan Karsten
Dec 25 (9 am)	Hannah Trush	
Dec 30	Ella Raatz	Naomi Carey, Cindy Hardrath



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 16- Sara Strunk
- 20- Natalie Erpenbach
- 21- Robert Kauffman
- 29- Corrine Meacham
- 31- Eugene Landwehr

**Happy Anniversary to**  
Eugene & Joan Jensen on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Donations:

To our memorial fund was made by Judy Ristow in memory of the Justmans who have gone before the Lord.

To our memorial fund was made by Debbie Miller and family in memory of her mom and dad, Jeanette and Ray Miller.

To our memorial fund was made by Lyle Tennis in memory of Edna Tennis.





There are just 4 Angel Tree Angels left. They are located on the window in the church entrance. Please be sure to take one! Gifts are due back to church on Dec 9th.

Remember you do not need to purchase everything on their list. Just purchase what you are able to.

**Thank you** to all the Sunday School students & adults for helping to pack **245** shoe boxes this year! Also thank you to all who donated items for the boxes. This year was another huge success. What a great deed we accomplished.

Thank you for your support in this project. A child will be so happy to receive one of these boxes. May God bless you!

*Barb Soback*



**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.....**

Children's Service Practice Schedule

Sunday, Dec 2nd - 9 to 10 am

Sunday, Dec 9th - 9 to 10 am

Sunday, Dec 16th - 9 to 10 am

**NO** Sunday School on Dec 23rd or Dec 30th- we will welcome the children back on Jan 6th at 9 am

## WELCA NEWS

We received a thank-you from our Child Find child, Hiwot Gesset, that we sponsor. We had sent her a birthday present. Ladies Night Out will be held in February, a date still to be determined.

WELCA will again collect Lenten offerings. The money will be used to buy heavier, insulated window coverings for Pastor Amy's office.

WELCA purchased two new Christmas trees for the front of the church.

### Food Pantry News

In Nov. our food pantry received food donations from Helping Hands 4 Hope organization, the Colby FFA, the Colby PTC, and the Colby Library's contest which was called 'Cans For Giving.' Ray's Market continues to supply milk each week and Thrivent continues to supply butter each week. Money donations we received this month were from the Weathershield Foundation and Helping Hands 4 Hope organization. Thank you also to the anonymous donor who donated \$168.00 to the pantry.

Our pantry continues to be busy and every month we get new families who sign up to use our pantry. When we look at our food and money donations the pantry received this past month we certainly feel blessed, so thanks to everyone who helps our pantry out!

### WANTED

**We are in need of someone to shovel the steps of the church this winter (mainly before Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings). Please let sign up on the calendar in the church entrance if you are able to do so.**

**We also need people to help clean the church over the winter months. Please sign up on the same calendar as snow shoveling.**



FROM THE



Pastor

Last week I received a reminder call that I had a dental appointment this week. Naturally, I flossed furiously for several days leading up to this morning. I've been better about flossing since my last appointment, and the hygienist said my gums are looking healthier. "But they'd look a lot better if you flossed more," she prodded.

I came away from my dental appointment having heard where I've gone wrong, how I can improve, and determined to set a new course with caring for my teeth and gums over a longer period of time.

In the weeks to come, we will observe the season of Advent. Advent means coming. Not only do we wait to celebrate the coming of the Word made flesh, but we also anticipate the day when Jesus will come as judge as well as redeemer.

Although we tend to see Advent as a time filled with celebration and anticipation, the season of Advent is actually a penitential season similar to Lent. It is a time to examine our lives; where we've gone wrong, where we can do better, how best to follow the Way of the Christ. In a sense, then, we can use this time to spiritually floss better and more consistently so that our life in Christ truly is our entire life.

And just like flossing, we have to work at it. This month is a great time to check out the video Bible study on the Song of Mary from Luke (available at <http://nswi.org/faith-formation/advent-christmas-2018>), sign up for a daily devotional (also available on our synod website), help out with the Sunday school Christmas program on December 16, give generously to the food pantry, visit shut-ins, and purchase gifts for the Angel Tree.

Try some of these activities designed to deepen your experience of faith; you just may start spiritually flossing on a regular basis! May you have healthy teeth and gums, an open mind, and a heart for serving others in Jesus' name!

In Christ's service,

Pastor Amy

## Why Jesus is Better Than Santa Claus

Santa lives at the North Pole...

**JESUS is everywhere.**

Santa rides in a sleigh...

**JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.**

Santa comes but once a year...

**JESUS is an ever present help.**

Santa fills your stockings with goodies...

**JESUS supplies all your needs.**

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited...

**JESUS stands at your door and knocks, and then enters your heart when invited.**

You have to wait in line to see Santa...

**JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.**

Santa lets you sit on his lap...

**JESUS lets you rest in His arms.**

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?"...

**JESUS knew our name before we were born. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.**

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly...

**JESUS has a heart full of love**

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO...

**JESUS offers health, help and hope.**

Santa says "You better not cry"...

**JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."**

Santa's little helpers make toys...

**JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.**

Santa may make you chuckle but...

**JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.**

While Santa puts gifts under your tree...

**JESUS became our gift and died on a tree...the cross.**



**We need to put Christ back in CHRISTmas, Jesus is still the reason for the season.**