

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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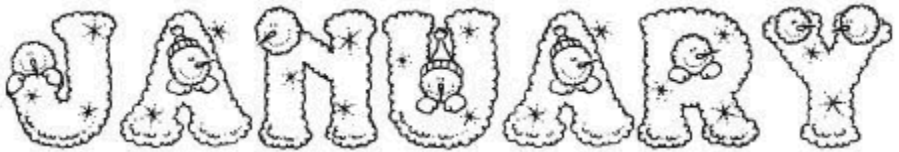
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Trinity Tidings



2018

January Calendar

- 7 ~ Sunday School 9 am; Worship 10 am
- 14 ~ Sunday School 9 am; Worship 10 am
- 16 ~ Church Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 21 ~ Sunday School 9 am; Worship 10 am
- ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE**
- 28 ~ Sunday School 9 am; Worship 10 am



Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21st, following the worship service. We will need 3 new representatives on the church council. Those members who will be going off the council are: Cindy Hardrath, Janet Gurtner, Joe Duginski. All reports

should be submitted to Teri Raatz by Jan 14th. Please be sure to join us!!

WHO WILL WIN THE SUPER BOWL???

Do you have a favorite team for the Super Bowl? Starting Jan 21st bring in a non-perishable item and place it in the bin marked with the team you want to win the Super Bowl. Whichever team has the most food will be our Super Bowl Champs. But who will really win?? That would be our church food pantry and our members for sharing with those in need.

WANTED

The food pantry is in need of helpers to staff the pantry on Wednesday nights each week. If you are able to help out please talk with Susan Karsten.

January Worship Assistants

Date	Lay Reader	Acolyte	
JAN 7	Jared Klimmer	Brent Jeske	
JAN 14	Al Raatz	Keenan Kilty	
JAN 21	Bob Strunk	Derek Jeske	
JAN 28	Doug Newman	Andrew Jeske	
Date	Ushers	Communion	Money Counters
JAN 7	Pat & Randy Klimmer	Cindy Hardrath	Janice Shelley, Patti Bainer
JAN 14	Cindy Hardrath & Karen Winkler	Cindy Hardrath	Sara Uhlig, Dana Phillips
JAN 21	Sara Uhlig & Bob Strunk	Bob Strunk	Leanne Leonhard, Susan Karsten
JAN 28	Jared Klimmer & Jeremy Klimmer	Jared Klimmer	Naomi Carey, Cindy Hardrath

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Joe Duginski, Sr
- 4- Dana Phillips
- 5- Kiara Klimmer
- 6-Barbara Justman
- 7-Janice Shelley, Ronda Hederer
- 8-Pat Suckow
- 9-Emily Uhlig
- 12- Janice Houts
- 16- Lori Sazama
- 22-Doug Newman
- 25 – Connor Jeske, Jerry Chubb
- 29- Susan Karsten

Anniversary

- 12- Pastor Al and Janice Houts



Memorial Donations

- ♥ In loving memory of Arlyn Edblom by Zona Edblom.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.....

- † **Thank you** once again to everyone for the wonderful Children's Christmas Service. The teachers, parents, students and anyone who helped with any part.
- † **REMINDER –SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUME JAN 7th**



The April Polka Service planning meeting will be at Our Saviors on January 9th @ 6:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Trinity Food Pantry continues to be busy each week. We are continually signing up new families each month. In Nov. and Dec. we were blessed with some wonderful food donations from: Colby FFA, Holloway Church, Winter Wonderland of Marshfield, and Smith Brothers

Some very special money donations came in, in Nov. and Dec. They were from: Abby Lion's Club, Weathershield Lite Foundation, Pro Vision, Land O'Lakes, Nicolet National Bank, and Forward Financial Bank.

Because of the food and money donations, our pantry can be open every Wednesday. We also want to thank Trinity for your weekly food and money donations. Our pantry served 100+ families in 2017 and we can do that because of wonderful donations from people and organizations. So thank each and every one of you for your continued support of Trinity Food Pantry.

Susan Karsten, Food pantry Coordinator

Stewardship Committee

"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."

1 John 3:18

Trinity reached out to others with love in a variety of ways in 2017. We continue to have small but enthusiastic Sunday School and Vacation Bible School programs. Our support of our synod was approximately \$3750.00 while we contributed \$1250.00 to both Lutheran Social Services and Malawi Hunger Appeal. A special offering raised \$250.00 for hurricane relief. Trinity CARE group continues to be funded by Noisy Offerings on the first Sunday of each month to support those in need around us.



This November Trinity donated 199 gifts to needy children throughout the world through the Shoebox Christmas program! This is an amazing number for a small church like Trinity. In December we participated in the Angel Tree program; donating 20 gifts to needy children in our local communities. Trinity Food Pantry continues to be well used and much appreciated. In addition to support from Trinity, it is also supported through generous donations from other local businesses, organizations, and individuals.

Our worship attendance has remained steady while transitioning between pastors. Our church property was maintained through many projects this year including: updating our entrance way, replacing our sidewalk, cleaning up our park area, and replacing the oldest furnace. Much of this was made possible through generous Memorial Donations and our own volunteer labor.

On behalf of the Trinity Stewardship Committee, THANK YOU for all of your support during 2017. Please prayerfully consider sharing your love and resources with Trinity and the world around us in 2018.

*Thank you,
Stewardship Committee*

DON'T TOSS OUT THOSE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Instead of tossing out all your Christmas cards why not give them to the Shoebox Christmas program? Please cut off the back side of the card so just the front side is remaining. We use these as cards inside each box so please be sure there is no writing on the inside front cover. Give all cards to Barb Soback.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

- † The three furnaces are now all installed and working
- † Pastor Amy stated she will need three volunteers from our church for the planning of the Polka Service. Pat Klimmer, Cindy Hardrath and Lori Duginski have volunteered. The first meeting will be at Our Saviors on January 9th @ 6:30 p.m.
- † Pat Klimmer said there will be a Woman's night at the church sometime in January or February.
- † The Care Group checking account has been moved to Forward Financial Bank.

DON'T FORGET YOUR ENVELOPES

If you have not picked up your offering envelopes please do so. They are located in the entrance of the church. No numbers have been assigned – just write down the box number you take on the clipboard provided. If you would like a box mailed to you please contact the church office at 715-223-2155.

Church Fever



Do you have church fever yet? It's a little like cabin fever - when you feel stuck in a rut and long to get out - but with hymns and a sermon. The symptoms are: no candle lighting and "Silent Night," same old words and liturgy, kids no longer wearing their sparkly Christmas dresses and miniature bow ties, a boring sanctuary devoid of trees and lights and poinsettias, no more Christmas carols...

Yawn. This season of the church year doesn't even have its own name; it's just "The Time After Epiphany."

So what do we do with this boring routine in the meantime? What we always do...see Christ in every aspect of our lives. Jesus Christ is present in the beautifully decorated sanctuary at Christmas, but he is no less present in our humdrum everyday lives. In fact, if you keep your eyes open, I'm sure you'll see him...maybe getting food from the food pantry, maybe in a stranded car at the side of the road, maybe as a tired clerk at a store dealing with Christmas returns, maybe in a hospital bed or a nursing home or a cradle. As the old hymn says, "Oh Lord, how shall we greet you?" When you see him, greet him with love and care and concern and generosity and respect; this is how he would treat you.

Advent might be over, but Christ's advent into our boring lives continues. So pay attention. And get ready to fasten your seatbelts; Ash Wednesday is closer than you think!

I wish you all a happy and blessed new year!

In Christ's service,

Pastor Amy