

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm - Devotional
 Sunday @ 8:00 am - Traditional
 Sunday @ 10:30 am - Contemporary

“GOD’S GREAT PUZZLE PICTURE”

A puzzle enthusiast became frustrated when she discovered one of the corner pieces was missing. To top it off, the puzzle was brand new, and was a Christmas gift. Now, one piece of a puzzle is not all that important. Besides, the missing piece was in a corner and was only some blue sky. The rest of the puzzle was beautiful and perfect. Most people would not agree. Even if it is an old puzzle, every piece is important. A puzzle without all the pieces is an incomplete picture.

We are similar to that puzzle piece. God wants us to be part of his overall plan and picture. How comforting it is to know how valuable we are! We are important to God. He does not want us to be lost or missing. God considers us so important that he wants everyone to spend eternity with him. He makes that clear in his Word by saying he “wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). There are no unimportant people in God’s eyes. Each one of us is precious to him. We do not deserve such status. We have not kept God’s demands perfectly. We just celebrated this great act of love in the gift of the Christ child. God sent His one and only Son into this world to be our Substitute and redeem us from our just punishment. No one is left out. God truly loves and wants all the puzzle pieces of His great picture. You are an important part of God’s beautiful picture of life.

As we move into a new year, of course, we don’t know what it will look like or where we might fit in. While not always the case, when we look back over the past year(s) we can often see how the Lord was at work in our lives and where we fit into His grand design. In this new year let us trust in the Lord and seek out His plan in our lives as we grow in His love.

On a more personal note, this past year was a great year, yet a very difficult one at the same time. As you’d expect, I’m still trying to adjust to the puzzle piece missing in my life. I couldn’t have asked for a better year of experiences and opportunities to enjoy Ruth Ann’s last months with myself and our family. She is dearly missed, but we rejoice that she is free of pain and suffering, and is with the Lord. Thank you to all of you for your prayers, love and support. The new year for me is a little puzzling as I seek out God’s picture and my part in it. But I know He has a plan! I am so happy to be here at Trinity as I (we) seek out God’s plan together.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Dennis Krueger



Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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New Years Eve & Day Services

Saturday, December 31 at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 1 at 8:00am & 10:30am



Cookie Walk

Thank you to all those who baked for our annual Cookie Walk last Sunday and to all those who supported this event. We raised a total of \$430 for Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center!!!

Church Business News

During the next 6 weeks, your Executive Committee members will be conducting a survey from Trinity families who have children between the ages of Pre-K 4 thru 8th grade. The focus of the survey is to gather information in regard to our Day School, Children and Youth Programs.

Advent Celebration

Our Advent Celebration on November 29 was just that! About 80 folks had pizza for dinner, experienced songs, puppet skit and message for worship and enjoyed 5 different fun centers... all in an hour and a half! Thanks to all who helped with all the details in putting on this annual event. Folks really look forward to it and it's an awesome way to kick off Advent!



2017 ALTAR FLOWERS & CANDLE OIL

The 2017 Altar Flower & Altar Candle Oil Charts are posted in the church coatroom!

Flowers cost only \$10 per vase and you get to take them home after the 10:30am service! We are asking that 2 families sign up each week. Payments should be placed in the **Church Office's message center** - make checks payable to **"Trinity Lutheran Church" (memo: Altar Flowers)**.

The Altar Candle Oil cost is \$25 per month (per family). Two families should sign-up each month to cover the total cost of the oil. Checks should be made payable to: **"Trinity Altar Guild"** and placed in Lois Rodgers' message center.

Contemporary Worship Notice

Effective January 1, 2017, there will only be a small number of bulletins printed for the 10:30am contemporary worship services. We have been projecting the service on our beautiful new screen for several months, so now's the time for us to use it as intended. We ask that only those who have difficulty seeing the screen take a bulletin. Yes, we know that change is not easy and everyone is used to having that paper bulletin in their hands, but you'll adjust to it in no time at all ... and think of all the trees we'll be saving! The "Life at Trinity" announcement sheet will still be printed and handed out each week.

Ladies Bible Study

We will resume on Monday, January 9 at 7pm in the church narthex and will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. All ladies are welcome!



Memorial Plaques

You can remember deceased loved ones who were members of Trinity in a special way by purchasing a small engraved tab plaque to go on our Memorial Board located in the church's fellowship area. They're only \$25! Order forms can be obtained from the church office. **Order deadline for this quarter will be January 8th.**

Property & Grounds Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 9:00am

There will be a meeting on January 21 for the Property & Grounds Committee. Members should inform Dave Broderdorf if they cannot attend.

School News



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident in this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ." Ph. 1:3-6

Happy New Year, brothers and sisters of Trinity. These words of Paul ring so true for me as I think of you at this time of new beginnings. Our partnership in the mission of our school is truly a good and worthy work, and we all are blessed to have the joy and privilege to support, encourage and grow it. Thank you!

The celebrations of December led into the longest uninterrupted stretch of school days in the year, and we are ready! Our newest teacher, Mr. Robinson, is solidly planted in 3rd & 4th grade (where new Chromebooks will soon be in regular use), we have adopted a new and improved online grading program, we are feverishly preparing for the activities of Lutheran Schools Week at the end of the month (Taste of Trinity on 1/29!!) and our first PreK Open House for the 2017-18 school year is scheduled for January 26th! All these activities, along with the academic focus, will help this dark and cold month fly by, I'm sure.

We'll be honoring our many volunteers at The Taste of Trinity again this year. We are incredibly thankful for the many hours they dedicate to this mission. We are always happy to welcome more, too, so if you have a heart for children, come on over! We'll be sure to find a spot for you that is gratifying and fulfilling.

Very soon our Annual Fund Drive will be underway for this year. We were blessed with a successful campaign last year, and we are praying that God will allow us to double our donors this year. If you were a donor last year, please prayerfully consider meeting or exceeding that donation. You made such an important difference! By adding many more donors, even at very modest levels, we know that our school will be blessed by our alumni, our members, and current families and friends. In these challenging times, when the Word of God is being relegated to "cult" status, our school and the young disciples we are blessed to produce take on even greater importance. We know that God blesses that which is done in His name and to His glory, so we strive daily to glorify Him in our efforts to lead His children in His way. Please continue to pray for our school and support it however you are able. Thank you!

~ Kathleen Fretthold
Principal, Trinity Christian School

School Angel Tree

The students of Trinity Christian School, along with the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, collected enough sheet sets, pillows, blankets, slippers and books to provide Christmas gifts for 2 local organizations encompassing the children and young adults of 4 Residential Homes here in Buffalo. The children in these homes receive few gifts, and having new bedding is a very special treat. Some of the families contributed several items, and the generosity of all who helped was a blessing to many. Shown in the picture are Trinity students Denny Glinski, Andy Bohosian, Peter Russo, Katelyn Barnas, Jackson Ecker, Eleanor Horan, Emma Hope and Louis Canastraro.



Taste of Trinity
January 29, 2017
11:45am - 1:30pm
At Trinity School

Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss this great event! Consider participating in the cooking fun. Refer to upcoming "Life at Trinity" weekly announcement sheets for more information.



The sacrament of Holy Baptism was God's gift to **Nora Grace Eising**, daughter of Andrew & Rachel Eising, on December 4, 2016. We welcome our new little sister into God's Family here at Trinity!

Lutheran Disaster Relief
Congregational Training is Coming!

On January 14, 2017, it has been arranged to have Pastor Michael Meyer, a FEMA trained instructor from Lutheran Disaster Response Teams in St. Louis to come to the Syracuse, NY area for a one day, six hour training class. This training will equip volunteers to help out in such disasters such as those in Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana. Attendees will receive a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) wallet card that would allow them to work with first responders at almost any emergency. The cost is \$10.00 per person, to cover the costs. For more information, please contact Rev. Kristian Bjornstad at pastor@yourpeace.org or 570-815-0917.

YOUTH SCOOP

Thanks to all who supported our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on December 11. We made **\$340** which we'll take out to Camp Pioneer over Christmas break. We had fun and we hope you had a great breakfast!

Our **Sr. Youth Small Groups** continue to gather twice monthly and new finds are coming. Our next one is once again at the Willert's house on December 29 and January 12 and 26 from 7-8:30pm. We start out with some snacks, then gather around discussing a topic and how God fits in it all. So far all the teens who've come have felt it's very worth their while and want to come back!

Our **Jr. Youth Night** (grades 6-8) has met for three months now and the kids are having a blast. It's an evening made up of open gym time, organized games and a devotion, songs and snack. Join us for the next one on January 23 from 7-8:30pm!



Sr. High Youth letting off some floating lanterns at a summer gathering.



Pancake Breakfast Fun!



Happy Birthday

1/3	Susan Tedesco	1/11	Linda Rowsell	1/20	Ruth Zawadzki	1/26	Patricia Hartman
1/4	Daniel Rowsell Abigal Blamowski	1/13	Brynn Gabel	1/21	Christa Wilkening	1/27	Stacie Bookhagen Ella Meunier
1/6	Peter Szeider	1/14	Jack Iannuzzelli	1/22	Kim Caldarella	1/28	Tricia Glinski
1/7	Robert Eising	1/16	Chelsea Baun	1/23	Karen Tober	1/31	Larry Wypior Paul Thompson
1/8	Daniel Nickerson	1/18	Dennis Glinski Jr.	1/24	Betty Osborne Kathy Herman Kyle Lelito		
1/10	Carolyn Carr	1/19	Lindsay Iannuzzelli Myah Meunier				

Operation Christmas Child

This year we will be starting a new opportunity for Trinity to be involved with Operation Christmas Child all year long instead of just in the days leading up to National Collection Week. We will have a bin in the narthex in order to collect a suggested item for each month of the year and then we will have a church-wide packing party in November to pack the shoeboxes. You may choose to be involved in the packing party or still pack your shoeboxes on your own but we encourage you to participate in our monthly item drive and especially to pray for the children who receive the shoeboxes throughout the year. For the month of **January** we will be collecting: **Accessories**. Suggestions include kids watches, hair bows, rings, sunglasses, necklaces. Thank you for your support!

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer (Jan-March 2017) devotion booklets are now available. They can be found in the church entryway, on the Welcome Center in the narthex, and in the coatroom. Please take one and use it for home devotions! God bless your devotion and prayer times!

MITES

MITES (loose change ... although dollar bills are gladly accepted!) are being collected and sent in. Anyone wishing to give mites can put them in an envelope marked "Mites" and place them in Nancy Hope's mailbox by January 29th.

Cemetery News

Plots are available in Trinity's Cemetery. Members: \$700 per plot with a \$100 discount per plot when purchasing 2 or more at the same time. Non-members: \$1,400 per plot (no discounts given). Non-members must be relatives of a Trinity member.

Thank You

Dear Members of Trinity Church & Trinity School,

Thank you very much for the beautiful recognition at church. It has definitely been a wonderful blessing teaching my "children." It has been a blessing as well for all members, as well as families who have been part of my family during the past 25+ years. Thank you for all your support. I have known some of you for a long time and some of you for just a bit, but my feelings are the same for everyone. I thank God for all you have blessed me with; especially for your children. Thank you children of Trinity for the beautiful quilt. Thank you Carole Jaekle for putting it all together. God has surely blessed me through all of you. Thanks again.

*Love always,
Ms. C. (Kim Caldarella)*



If you know if a member of Trinity who should be on our **shut-in member list**, please let Pastor Krueger and the church office know! We want to care for all!!!

January Meetings at a Glance

Stephen Ministries: Thursday, 1/5/17 at 7pm
Finance Committee: Monday, 1/9/17 at 6pm
Executive Committee: Monday, 1/9/17 at 7pm
Inclusion Committee: Tuesday, 1/10/17 at 6:30pm
Outreach Committee: Wednesday, 1/11/17 at 7pm
Sr. High Group: Thursday, 1/12/17 & 1/26/17 at 7pm
Men in Ministry: Saturday, 1/14/17 at 8:30am
Property & Grounds: Saturday, 1/21/17 at 9am
Jr. High Group: Monday, 1/23/17 at 7pm

Welcome to Trinity!

On November 13, 2016 Trinity was honored to welcome the following new members through transfer of membership: Tamie and James Dirrigl, Nancy Ehlers, Nicholas and Barbara Gentile, Michael, Lori, and Victoria Hock, and Dick and Gigi LoGalbo. Nancy's nephew Connor McCabe is also a frequent visitor for worship services. Please welcome them to our Trinity family.

Tami and her son James currently reside in Orchard Park. Tami is an elementary school teacher and enjoys hanging out with Jamie, reading, spin class, and visiting family. They transferred to Trinity from Esperanza Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ.



Mike, Lori and their daughter Victoria (Tori) reside here in West Seneca. Michael enjoys his work at the Roycroft Inn as their chef and Lori works in the Bindery at the Elma Press.

Nicholas and Barbara Gentile reside in Elma. We thank Nick for sharing his musical talent as he plays the bass guitar during some of our worship services. Nick is a banker and Barb is a regional quality assurance registered nurse. Aside from the bass guitar, Nick also plays the mandolin. Both Nick and Barb enjoy dining out.

