



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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~Welcome to Trinity Lutheran...Warm Hearts and Willing Hands~



Trinity Family,

I want to share with you an article that caught my attention as we enter the season of Advent. This article is written by a dear friend and parent educator, Marilyn Sharpe. Thank you Marilyn for permission to share this article.

IF YOU REALLY BELIEVED THAT JESUS WAS COMING TO YOUR HOME THIS ADVENT SEASON...

Advent means "coming." Jesus is coming into the world, into your world. Advent is the season that begins the new church year with the four Sundays before Christmas. It is intended to be a season to slow down, to wait for Jesus, and to be filled with wonder. But this culture has turned it into marathon shopping, baking, entertaining, and doing that pulls focus off the coming of the Messiah and onto the coming of the UPS truck, off receiving God's best gift and onto the dozens of gifts yet to purchase, wrap, ship, and deliver. It may look festive, but it is frenzied. This isn't what the angel announced to the shepherds on the night of Jesus' birth: "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." Remember, kids are watching and learning from you!

HOW COULD YOU DO IT DIFFERENTLY, TO EXPERIENCE JOY AND RECEIVE THE GOOD NEWS? SOME IDEAS TO CONSIDER:

Have a goal for the 26th of December, that is more than just surviving. May you have experienced Jesus' coming and may your family still be glad to be related to you.

Prioritize. Ask your family, "What is the one thing that you need to see, hear, read, sing, eat, do or experience this Advent season to make it feel as though Christmas has really come for you?" Let that be your focus this Advent.

Delegate. One person can't do it all. Decide who will do what, and include everyone.

Collaborate. Have a family wrap-a-thon or

make cookie baking a group activity. Put on carols. Enjoy one another, as well as accomplish what you have chosen to do. Turn a chore into a memorable time by doing it together.

Delete. Without apology, decide what you will not do this year, those things that drain the life and delight out of you. It makes space for those things that give you life and delight.

Do it differently. If you host Christmas Eve dinner, instead of slaving over a hot stove, serve a purchased lasagna or have a potluck or make something ahead and freeze it.

Tell others what you are doing and why. Invite them to join you in a simpler, more joyous Christmas season.

About those gifts:

Talk now about sharing time, rather than giving a tangible gift.

HOMEMADE – Do you have a special recipe for cookies, appetizer, cocoa mix, bread, or snack? Or, how about a collection of favorite recipes? If you knit, paint, or do needlework, share your gift. Every parent and grandparent loves some refrigerator art by their favorite young artist!

FRAMED PICTURE – A picture of you and the recipient is always appreciated.

A PHILANTHROPIC GIFT – Give a gift to a charity or cause that reflects the interests, values, or passions of the receiver.

COUPONS FOR SERVICES OR TIME TOGETHER – Think about the gift of a leisurely day together or deliver a meal, do a load of laundry, run errands, babysit, or give a back rub.

TICKETS FOR A SHARED EVENT – Is there a movie, concert, play, or art exhibit you'd both enjoy? Give tickets or a promise of that shared experience.

MEMBERSHIP – By giving a membership to the zoo, arboretum, or museum, you give the gift of time and experience together.

SOMETHING YOU ALREADY OWN – Pass on something a friend has admired or give your child or grandchild a piece of their family history.

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TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Church
Council



COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Tom Dodge,
Vice President: Dennis Rode
Secretary: Marlene Breitbarth
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Brad Nickerson,
Stewardship: Duane Heckman
Lay Ministry: Yvonne Noorlun
Worship: Barb Mager
Youth: Teressa Davis
Pastor Krista

Trinity Council Minutes November 9, 2016

Present: Tom Dodge, Marlene Breitbarth, Clayton Duncanson, Vern Quade, Yvonne Noorlun, Brad Nickerson, Nikki Smith, Terresa Davis, & Cathy Sorenson. Pastor Krista was not present due to an accident she had at Trinity Madelia Church.

President Tom called the meeting to order and lead us in devotions. The Secretary's report was approved as printed. Clayton presented the Treasurers report. There is \$9475 in checking and \$87,313 in Savings. It was decided to allocate \$1000 from the Lent, Thanksgiving and Christmas funds balance of \$400 to the Sunday School for the Christmas program gift bags. Motioned passed to pay the Day Plumbing bill of \$51,044 and also G & D Electric for wiring the furnace from the heat fund.

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship: Vern reported that the Pony Express will be completed by Nov. 20th. It was also mentioned that with the flu season upon us we should make the suggestion not to shake hands with the ushers and when giving peace and also with the pastor. This will be run past the pastor for approval.

Lay Ministry: The Poinsettia order forms will be in the bulletins. Laurie Wille is going to get the nominating committee going and reminds everyone to be thinking if they are able to hold a position. Thrivent cards will be kept track of in a ledger in the office that will have the amount left to spend on them.

The Sunday School Christmas program will be held on December 18th

Church Properties: Rebates will be coming for the furnace. Our monthly budget with MN Energy has gone down, but with the cold weather coming it will be going back up.

Christian Education: They have started working on the Christmas program which will be held Dec. 18th. They may need more teachers after the first of the year. The children are working on a Stuffed Animal project for a local service project.

Youth: There was a wonderful turnout for the Election Day Supper. In December they will be getting together to make cookies.

Worship: They are going to have a meeting with Pastor to plan Advent. There is a need for acolytes to light the candles. Kim Bremer made a request to use the church on Monday nights for piano lessons. This was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Budget reviews will be done in December so all committees should come prepared. Vern has a 60" TV that he will be donating to the church for use in worship and Sunday school and youth functions.

Submitted by: Marlene Breitbarth,
Secretary

(Pastor's letter cont. From page 1)

GIVE LESSONS OR CAMP –

Here is something that kids love and don't expect. Think about an interest, sport, or skill in which they have expressed an interest. Camp will make memories for a lifetime.

DO SERVICE TOGETHER –

Shovel snow for a shut in neighbor, visit a friend or relative in a nursing home, serve a meal at a soup kitchen, or plan a mission trip together. This captures the meaning of the season.

**JESUS IS COMING TO YOUR
HOME THIS ADVENT. WELCOME
HIS PRESENCE AND SAVOR THIS
TIME.**

something for you to consider this advent season.

Pastor Krista

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

DATE	THEME
December 4	Second Sunday in Advent
December 11	Third Sunday in Advent-Trinity Choir Concert
December 18	Fourth Sunday in Advent-Children's Christmas Program/Brunch
December 24	Christmas Eve-Candlelight Service with Communion
December 25	Christmas Day

DECEMBER LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: 8:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 10:00 AM

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

December 4, 11 and 24th

COMMUNION SERVERS:

12/4-Margaret Durkee

12/11-Marlene Breitbarth

12/24-Yvonne N. & Linda Meyer

LAY READERS:

12/4-Clayton Duncanson

12/11-Margaret Durkee

12/18-Johnnie Zaharia

12/24-Jerry Teig

DECEMBER USHERS:

*Rick Davis, Brad Nickerson, Dave Kahler, Doug Schwanz



December 11th

DECEMBER MUSIC

Advent Litany "He Came Down"

Dec. 4-*On Jordan's Bank the Baptists Cry
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 3-4)
Jesus Shall Reign
Soon and Very Soon*

Dec. 11-Choir Concert
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 5-6)
Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn
My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness
Soon and Very Soon*

Dec. 18-Children's Program
Joy to the World

Dec. 24-Christmas Eve

Dec. 25-Christmas Day



They are putting on several skits this year— "Sing that Song", "To the Manger & Back", 12 Days of Christmas, Jesus said to Me", My Name is Alice", What Do you want for Christmas" and "The Christmas Story".

They invite you to a brunch after the program.



Christmas Eve
Communion Worship
5:00 pm



Christmas Eve
Services will also
be held at Madelia
Trinity at 7:00 pm



WELCA NEWS

Division D will be in charge of serving brunch after the Sunday School Program. Cathy Sorenson and Tonia Kahler are the Co-Chairs for the division.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 3rd-Trinity's Annual Cookie

Walk. Pam Rode and Natalie Splinter are the Co-Chairs for this event. We still need person's to sign up to work. Remember your donation for this with either 8 doz. cookies or a monetary donation. And be sure you come to this event. Last year our attendance was down. Get the word out to your friends and family about this great event! *(Look on page 8 for more details).*



February 13th is the next WELCA meeting at 1:30 pm at the church.

THANKS TO: Division B for serving potluck after the Polka Service. Division C for lunch for Marlys Ehlert's funeral. Volunteers who served lunch for Deloris Strehlo's funeral. Pam & Natalie for serving as chairwomen for the cookie walk. Joan Knutson who served at the last WELCA meeting.



Be patient, for the coming of the Lord

James 5:7



Are you wondering what to get a loved one for Christmas, a Birthday or just would like to have lunch delivered to a loved one or yourself during the week. The Truman Senior Living would like to offer a wonderful lunch service Monday-Friday for the Noon meal. We deliver to your home No charge *(must live in the Truman city limits)*. The cost per meal is only \$4.50. For more information, or to get signed up call 507-776-2031 ask for the Dietary Director. *We are also looking for volunteers to deliver meals to our Community members.*

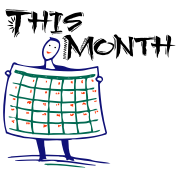


UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

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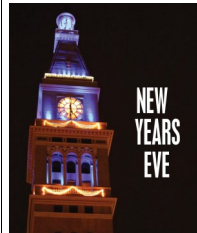
Hy-Vee-\$50,042.48

*Gas & Pharmacy receipts also count)
Keep those receipts coming!!*



January 2017						
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29	30	31				

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p><u>Worship Schedule</u></p> <p>Worship 8:45 AM TRINITY Sun school 10:00 AM</p>	<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u></p> <p>Tuesday: 9:00-1:00 pm</p> <p>Friday: 9:00-1:00 pm</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00</p> <p>Wed-8-11 & 1-4</p> <p>Fri-8:00-11:00</p>		<p>1</p> <p>9 am Open Bible Study/ Lois Circle meets at the Truman Café</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3 Cookie Walk</p>  <p>COOKIE Walk at Trinity 8-10:00 am</p>
<p>4 <u>Communion</u></p>  <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF Advent</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:30 Martha Christmas Party-Dine out</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>♫ Choir Concert</p>  <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF Advent</p> <p>No Conf. class</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Council Mtg. at 7 pm in Madelia</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Newsletter</p> 	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8:45 am</p> <p>Children's Christmas Program/a Brunch after</p>  <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF Advent</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 5:00 PM</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:45 Worship</p>  <p>Christmas DAY</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>"LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM" ROMANS 15:11, NRSV</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 am</p> <p>Messenger Assembly</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>NEW YEARS EVE</p>

NEWS

From Our Parish

Congratulations to the students that received their First Holy Communion on October 30, 2016

They are Jordan Carlson, Jonah Carlson, Carson Hastad, Carter Bruderie, Keegan Hastad, Luke Kester and Cali Cross.

“Through this meal we are strengthened in faith and received forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. We are sent to bear the grace of God to all the world.”



SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS!

Now you can receive an alert text message from the Trinity church office! You will know right away when Church or Sunday School is cancelled or any other important notification.

Let Brenda know if you want to be included. *(you just need to have the texting feature on your cell phone)*

Fill out this form and return to the church office.

Or respond by calling or texting the church office at 507-776-4781,

emailing the office at trinitytruman@frontier.com or mailing in an envelope to:

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Truman, MN 56088

Name: _____

Cell phone _____



STEP Inc. of Fairmont is once again collecting your old Christmas lights.

They will accept electric cords, holiday lights, telephone cords, and appliance cords.

They do NOT accept cord adaptors, battery packs, plastic rope lights, or CFL lights.

Just drop off your items in the green receptacle bin in the entrance of the church.



Prayers

We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:

Bea Behrens, Lisa Carlson & family, Oakley Selnes, and Danny Lang...

Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.

In case of inclement weather, announcements about Trinity's worship service cancellations will be found on the radio...

**KSUM-1370 AM
KFMC-106.5 FM
KJLY-104.5 FM**

The announcements will also be found on Trinity's website, Facebook page and on the KEYC television station website.



BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES 12/1- Kent & Chris Hyndman (43) 12/1-Ryan & Julie Bruderie (15) 12/2-Wayne & Becky Maloney (44) 12/2-Larry & Amy Mohwindel (27) 12/31-Roger & Lisa Carlson (22)		 DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES		1 Dale Buysse Jordan Carlson Jonah Carlson	2 Keegan Hastad John Zaharia	3 Arlene Wegner
4	5 Oakley Selnes	6	7 Marilyn Anderson	8 Geri Peterson (81)	9	10 Kaela Kelley
11	12 Denny Jahnz Bea Behrens (95 years) 	13 	14 Doris Fedder	15	16 Lori Anderson Rosalie Heckman	17
18	19	20	21 Becky Maloney	22 Helmuth Fedder (84 years)	23	24
25 THE REASON WE Celebrate	26	27 Norm Anderson Bev Gulbranson (84 years)	28	29	30 Heidi Selnes Laurie Wille Kaela Thoeny	31 Mike Wiederhoeft



21st Annual

Cookie Walk

at

Trinity Lutheran Church

Truman, Minnesota

Saturday, December 3

8:00-10:00 AM

Let Trinity help you with your Christmas baking--

lots of cookies, caramels, kringle, party mix, etc.

You pick what you want and pay by the pound.

Containers are provided.

You can also enjoy goodies along with coffee and cider

for a free-will donation.



Thank you to the Trinity Youth Group and everyone who helped make the Soup Supper a great success!



C h r i s t m a s

birthday bark

Make this yummy treat to give to family and friends at Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.



What you need:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Spoon or spatula
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- Baking tray lined with wax paper
- Red and green M&M's (or sprinkles)

What you do:

1. Lightly spray bowl and wax paper.
2. Microwave chocolate chips in bowl for one-minute intervals until chocolate is melted. (Stir after each minute.)
3. Stir in shortening. Heat in 10-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
4. Pour chocolate onto tray and firmly press in M&M's or sprinkles.
5. Refrigerate until firm. Remove bark and break into pieces.



Christian Symbol+



Angel

Angel, which means "messenger" in both Hebrew and Greek, is a spirit-being God created to perform tasks for him. In the Bible, angels appear in human form (always as men) to deliver divine messages. Angels appear separately to Joseph and Mary, announcing Jesus' upcoming birth, and "a multitude of the heavenly host" (Luke 2:13) tells shepherds of the Savior's arrival. Scripture offers little information about angels, though we know some rebelled against God. Among the holy angels, categories include cherubim and seraphim.

Bible Quiz



How many wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to worship Jesus?

- A. two
- B. three
- C. four
- D. We don't know because the Bible doesn't

Answer: B (See Psalm 103:2, ESV.)



THE MESSENGER

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December 2016

Trinity now has a
mobile App for your
smart phone



to download, go to: <http://trinitylutheranchurch16.appseme.com>

New!

Trinity now has
Text Alert!!!

We can notify you by text
message if church has been
cancelled, or any other event
change. Call or email the
church office to be included!

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God's Blessings to:



Christmas Eve
Communion Worship
5:00 pm

*“Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give,
it's Christmas.”*

—Dale Evans

December 2016

WORSHIP With US

TRINITY WORSHIP-8:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL-10:00 AM

(Sunday school classes are from Sept—May)

If you are searching for a church home or are currently a member, we want to extend a warm welcome to you. Trinity observes the “Open” communion policy— all those believing in Christ are welcome at our Lord's Table.

Communion is scheduled to take place the first two Sunday's of the month, check the calendar inside for any changes.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-8:00-11:00 am
Wed.-8-11 am, & 1-4 pm
Friday-8:00-11:00 am

PASTOR KRISTA'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—9:00-1:00 pm
Friday—9:00—1:00 pm
(On Thursday's pastor is in & out of the office, please call her cell)

~Please call Pastor on her cell if you need to contact her any other time of the week. If she doesn't answer leave a message and she will call you right back~