



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS



Dear Brothers and Sisters  
in Christ,

As I write this letter I am awaiting news on a friend whose life may be changing radically today. For you see for the last 3 years we have been waiting... longing for... anticipating news of a cure for her type of cancer. My friend is a forty-something year old single woman who has been on a brave journey with the uninvited companion of cancer. We are waiting for news... longing for news that our biggest fear is not a reality...but fearing the worse... It has been a day of waiting... longing...

As I write today, I have friends longing for justice and peace in their communities. Friends on both sides of a standoff... the protests in North Minneapolis... both groups longing for peace and both groups longing for justice... it has been days of waiting... of longing...

As I write today, I am aware of married couples longing to get married. I am aware of married couples longing for restoration in their relationships. I am aware of grieving family members longing for the intensity of their grief to reduce... I am aware of the homeless longing for homes.... I am aware unemployed and underemployed long for jobs.... I am aware of refugees longing for homes... a world longing for peace...

We wait... we long... but we do not wait in despair, we as beloved Children of God wait with hope. As we approach the season of advent this year I am drawn to the biblical verses of Hebrews 11-12:1. You may be familiar with the verse:

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, [a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of [b] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*

***We wait... we  
long... but  
we do not  
wait in  
despair***

Hebrews 12:1-2 is a favorite verse of many but there are two little words that are repeated throughout Hebrews 11 that I invite you to ponder with me this advent season... "by faith". Throughout human existence God's people have lived by faith... waiting and longing... we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses throughout history both early church and recent.

As we are in this season of advent together... we join together singing familiar hymns - O Come O Come Emmanuel. We wait with hope of the coming of the Messiah... so let us live in this season of advent together in the midst of our waiting and longing we are called to live by faith... and hope in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Living by faith with you!

*Pastor Krista*

## TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Church  
Council



### COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Laurie Wille,  
Vice President: Tom Dodge  
Secretary: Marlene Breitbarth  
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Brad Nickerson,  
Stewardship: Vern Quade  
Lay Ministry: Yvonne Noorlun  
Worship: Barb Mager  
Youth: Teresa Zaharia,  
Pastor Krista

### Trinity Church Council Minutes November 11, 2015

We met at Trinity Madelia and watched the continuation of the Stewardship Mission video. Pastor Krista reminded us that when presenting our mission we should remember there are Number people, Budget people and Picture people. We need to meet all their needs.

Minutes from the previous month were reviewed and approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Clayton. Checking balance is \$9268 and Savings is \$53916 also the Heat fund has \$15675. After the bills are paid for November we will have \$2032 in the checking account. He passed out the budget sheets for each committee and asked that they meet to discuss their 2016 Budget so they can be set up at the next council meeting. It

was discussed that there are balances still in the Thank Offering and Christmas offering from last year. They need to be directed by the end of the year to close them out for 2015.

**Stewardship Report:** Vern reported that the Pony express packets were to be all turned back into the church by November 15th and he would have a report for the December meeting. Each Committee is to report on the areas their budgets are going to at the Annual Meeting in January.

**Lay Ministry:** Yvonne reported that the Poinsettia sheets will be coming out soon.

**Church Properties:** Brad reported that an insurance inspection has been completed with only a couple very minor adjustments needed.

**Christian Ed:** Nikki reported that they have started Christmas program practice and the program will be on December 13th during worship. She also wanted to remind parents to be sure their children attend Sunday School and practice.

**Youth:** Teresa reported that they had served a very successful election night supper and all of the youth had worked very hard at it. The youth will be meeting at Pastor Krista's on Sunday afternoon, November 15th. There was also a discussion on getting more students interested in going to Green Lake Bible camp.

### **Worship:**

They have all the Advent and Christmas hymns set up.

**Pastor Krista** reported that February 7th will be the Green Lake Camp Worship and that they would like students who have gone to camp and/or mission trips to speak at the church services that month. It was also discussed about the use of Thrivent money to help finance the tuition for students that want to attend camp. She also passed out a sheet with the meeting/duties that she has preformed this past month also a list of upcoming events.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A letter from Stan Peterson was sent around along with a sheet that updated us on Vicar Kent's new position.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion passed to accept Tim and Mindy Cook and family back into the membership at Trinity. The purchase of a new DVD player for the church was approved. It was decided to donate \$100 to the Truman Fire Department. They also decided to continue to advertise our church in the Martin County Visitors Guide. It was brought up to meet Quarterly with Trinity Madelia instead of every month. This was tabled until the December meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Marlene Breitbarth, Secretary



## WELCA NEWS

The Thankoffering Service was very well attended. Our speaker, Drew Campbell's sermon can be found on our website under the Worship Service video's and then click on Thankoffering Sermon.

You may also click on the link below if you are viewing this as an online file:

<https://youtu.be/7sNseT7F0Yk>

Also, there will be **NO** Circle Bible Study at the Truman Café on December 3rd.

Being this is cookie season, I found this simple cookie recipe.

No-Bake **Twix** Cookies



### NO-BAKE TWIX COOKIE RECIPE

#### Ingredients

40 Ritz crackers  
20 Rolos, unwrapped  
1½ cups chocolate chips

#### Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
Place crackers, salty side down, on a baking sheet.

Place a Rolo in the center of each cracker and place in the preheated oven for about 1.5 minutes, or until the chocolate is glossy.

Press another cracker, salty side up this time, over the top of the Rolo until the chocolate meets the edge of the crackers. Repeat with all crackers and let cool.

Melt the chocolate chips (I did a combo of mostly milk chocolate with some semi-sweet, use your favorite). Drop a Rolo cracker in the chocolate and cover completely. Using a fork, lift it out of the chocolate and tap to remove excess chocolate. Repeat until all crackers are covered in chocolate. If you coat your cookies thicker than I do with the chocolate, you may need a little more.

I left mine beautifully brown, but you can easily dress these cookies up for any theme...drizzle with white chocolate, dust with edible glitter, or drop some sprinkles on top. Whatever your imagination can come up with!



## TRINITY'S 20th ANNUAL COOKIE WALK Saturday, Dec. 5th 8:00-10:00 am

*EVERYONE is expected to contribute—either with cookies, candy, etc. OR a generous contribution.*

*Please sign up to work for different shifts on Saturday*



**We are looking for anyone is willing to help with the 2nd Harvest program in 2016,**

**Please talk to Cathy Sorenson.  
It involves meeting the truck 3-4 times**



#### **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

*Through Thrivent Choice, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations.*

**Choice Dollars designated to Trinity this month is:  
\$478.00**



# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Theme	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
December 6-2nd Advent	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:68-79	Phil 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
December 13-Sunday School	X	X	X	X
December 20-4th Advent	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 46b-55	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-55
December 25-	John 1:1-14	Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14
December 27-Lessons & Carols	X	X	X	X

## DECEMBER LAY MINISTRY

### TRINITY

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

**WORSHIP TIME: 10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:00 AM**

#### COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

12/6, & 12/24

#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

12/6-Cathy Sorenson

12/24-Yvonne Noorlun, Jerry Teig

#### LAY READERS:

12/6-Tom Dodge

12/13-LeAnn Maloney

12/20-Marlene Breitbarth

12/24-Jan Ringeisen (Christmas Eve)

12/27-Margaret Durkee

#### DECEMBER USHERS:

\*David Kahler, Tommy Kotewa, Denny Jahnz  
and Zach Jahnz

#### OBJECT LESSON:

12/20-Jan Ringeisen

**Dec. 24th**



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

**December 13th-During Worship**

**10:30 am**

**"For God So Loved the World"**

*Telling the real story of Christmas at an Orphanage*

***Please donate a toy to be given to the needy!***

*A light meal will be served afterwards*

## December Hymns



### Advent Litany-Sung Every Sunday in Advent

*He Came Down*

### December 6-2nd Advent

*Prepare a Royal Highway*

*On Jordan's Banks*

*Soon and Very Soon*

### December 13-3rd Advent-Sunday School Program

*Hymns Selected by Sunday School*

### December 20-4th Advent

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Joy to the World*

### December 24-Christmas Eve

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

*Joy to the World*

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

*What Child Is this*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

*Silent Night*

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

### December 27-Lessons & Carols

*Joy to the World*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

*Away in a manger*

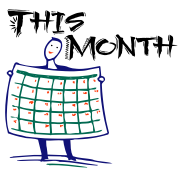
*Angels from the Realms go Glory*

*What Child Is This*

*The First Noel*

*He Came Down*

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Worship Schedule</b> <b>TRINITY</b> <b>Sun school</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Pastor Krista's</b> <b>Office Hours</b> Wed. 11:00-2:30 pm Thurs. 8:30-2:30 pm	1		3 9 am Open Bible Study/ Lois Circle meets at the Truman café	4	<b>Cookie Walk</b> <b>at Trinity</b> <b>8-10:00 am</b>
6 <b>Communion</b> Choir Concert <b>2</b> SECOND SUNDAY OF <b>ADVENT</b>	7 1:30 Martha (dine out)	8	9 Council Mtg. 7 pm (at Truman)	10	11 	12
13 <b>No Comm</b> S/S Christmas Program <b>3</b> THIRD SUNDAY OF <b>ADVENT</b>	14	15	16 	17	18	19
20 <b>4</b> FOURTH SUNDAY OF <b>ADVENT</b>	21	22 	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve Service</b> w/Communion <b>5:30 pm</b> 	25 Church office closed	26
27	28	29	30 <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Messenger Assembly</b> 	31		<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</b> Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 & 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00

# NEWS

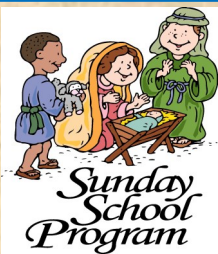
*From Our Parish*

Trinity Family—

*Thank you for remembering us with the passing of my mother, Myrtle Metter. The gift given to Trinity in her memory was a beautiful way to remember her.*

*God's Blessings,*

*Doug, Darla, Colton and Tanner Mammenga*



## TRINITY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM On December 13th at Worship—10:30 am

This year's theme is:  
**"For God so Loved the World"**  
*Telling the real Christmas story  
at an orphanage*

They will be taking toy donations to give  
to the needy

A meal will be served after



*We remember in our prayers...all who face  
catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings  
of all kinds as well as the homebound:*  
**Bea Behrens, Agnes Carlson,  
Lisa Carlson & family, Donna  
Fisk, Oakley Selnes, and Danny Lang...** *Be pre-  
sent with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence*



### UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

**Fareway—\$43,627.01**

**Hy Vee—\$109,934.18**

To the Trinity Parish:

Early in October, we were with you to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their Trinity Parish building which was built and dedicated and who we served the parish and lived in Truman 1964-1976.

We are filled with gratitude for the time with you, the worship of God whom we describe in Trinity terms—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are thankful for the invitation, the preparations by the church Council and the Anniversary Committee; the privilege to meet Pastor Krista who serves the Lord faithfully with you; the hospitality of Yvonne and Lowell Noorlun; special music and delicious food; time for sharing history and memories.

And we are happy that two of our four children were able to come for the weekend. All of them attended the local school; two of them graduated there. The local school prepared them well for the future as three nurses and a family physician.

Time with you in the past and in the present has helped us understand the gospel and to give witness of the presence of god in the ordinary places of life.

With thanks for you,

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# BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



Sun

Mon

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Wed

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Fri

Sat

<b>DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</b> 12/1-Kent & Chris Hyndman (42) 12/1-Ryan & Julie Bruderie (14) 12/2-Wayne & Becky Maloney (43) 12/2-Larry & Amy Mohwinkel (26) 12/31-Roger & Lisa Carlson (22)		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	9 	10 Kaela Krebs	11	12 Denny Jahnz Tegan Roskop  <b>Bea Behrens (94 years)</b>
13 	14 Doris Fedder	15	16 Lori Anderson  Rosalie Heckman	17	18	19
20	21 Becky Maloney	22  <b>Helmuth Fedder (83 years)</b>	23	24 	25 	26
27 Norm Anderson  <b>Bev Gulbranson (83 years)</b>	28	29	30 Heidi Selnes Laurie Wille Kaela Thoeny	31 Mike Wiederhoeft		





Thank you to everyone who help make the soup supper a great success!



## Youth Mission Trip St. Paul, MN July 24-29, 2016



Let's explore St. Paul in a way that you have never experienced before. Dare to go to a familiar place and have our eyes opened to issues of homelessness and poverty. We will spend our days being the hands and feet of Christ serving the needs of the residents in St. Paul.



**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
See Pastor Krista for more details



The city of Saint Paul is the capital of Minnesota and lies on the north bank of the Mississippi River. Scenic lakes offer year-round recreation, and arts and culture are prominent in the city's diverse neighborhoods. It is a city that celebrates the strengths of its downtown corporations while also working to support its residents that are struggling with poverty and homelessness.

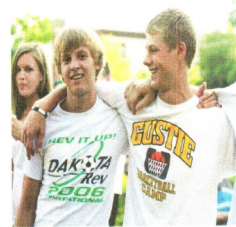
**Sign-up soon!**  
**Deposit of \$60/person is due by January 10, 2016.**

Space is limited but we can try to get more spots if there is interest.

**Cost of Trip:**  
**\$279/person + travel expenses**

Please do not let cost hinder your participation. Financial assistance is available contact Pastor Krista.

## FAMILY MISSION TRIP



## Family Mission Trip Madison, Wisconsin June 26-29, 2016

**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
See Pastor Krista for more details



Join other families (of all ages, shapes, and sizes) to serve those in need. Our projects are at family friendly sites that open all of our eyes to the needs of others and help us grow in our faith together.

The schedule is family friendly with plenty of breaks and early bedtimes are an option.

**Sign-up soon!**  
**Deposit of \$60/person is due by January 10, 2016.**

Space is limited but we can try to get more spots if there is interest.

**Cost of Trip:**  
**\$129/person + travel expenses**  
**ages 3 and under free**

Please do not let cost hinder your participation. Financial assistance is available contact Pastor Krista.





## STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Make a mobile to remind you of Jesus' birth.

### What you need:

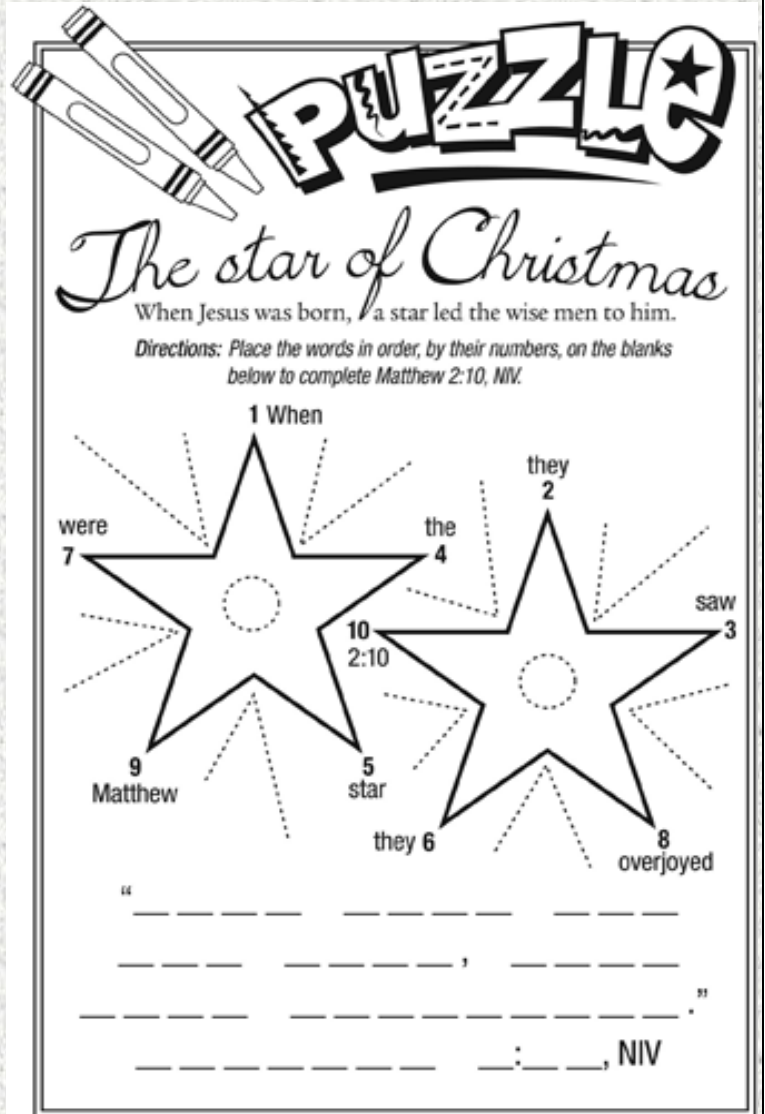
- Paper plate
- Hole punch
- Thin blue ribbon
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Yellow craft foam
- Marker



### What you do:

1. With the paper plate up-side down, punch evenly spaced holes along the rim. Gently fold the plate and punch a hole in the center.
2. Cut pieces of ribbon, thread them through the holes as desired and tie the ribbons securely.
3. Trace several small stars and one larger star on the foam and cut them out. Punch a hole atop a point of each star.
4. Tie one small star to each outer-rim ribbon.
5. Thread a longer ribbon through the center hole and tie the large star to the other end.
6. Write a verse on the plate or large star. Hang the mobile from the ceiling with another piece of blue ribbon.

# Christmas



Answer: "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." Matthew 2:10, NIV

## Bible Quiz

When Jesus was born, which two earthly rulers were in power?



- A. Quirinius
- B. Pontius Pilate
- C. Caesar Augustus
- D. King Herod

Answers: A and C (See Luke 2:1-2.)

## Christian Symbol+



### Pax

This Latin word for peace is frequently seen in Christmas art and decorations, reminding us that Jesus came as the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). After announcing the Savior's birth to the shepherds, the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on each peace ..." (Luke 2:14, NKJV).



# THE MESSENGER

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DECEMBER 2015

*God's Blessings to:*



*Christmas Eve  
Communion Worship  
5:30 pm*



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*“Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.”*

*—Janice Maeditere*



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**WORSHIP**  
*With US*

**TRINITY WORSHIP-10:30 AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:00 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 HOURS OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday—11:00-2:30 pm  
Thursday—8:30—2:30 pm