



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Dear Trinity Family,

It is the season of Advent - a time of preparing, a time of waiting, and a time of longing. Each year I am asked multiple times, "Pastor do we have to sing those Advent (said with a grimace on their face) hymns again? Why can't we just sing the Christmas hymns? My beloved church family there is a reason for the season of Advent. Our church year identifies a rhythm in our lives as faithful people but also helps us acknowledge God's faithfulness throughout the ages by helping us tell God's story and connect it to ours.

Advent is a time of waiting, watching, longing. We join in the story of faithful people over the ages waiting and longing for the coming of the Messiah. We mark this time in our worship to acknowledge our need for God and our trust for God's presence even in the midst of the dark and gloominess of the season and even the darkness of our lives.

Over the last couple weeks, I have been reflecting about the season of Advent and the events in the news. Many of you have asked the questions about where was God in the midst of the shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. I would like to share an email correspondence I had this past month with one of our members...

"If God sees overall, is beneficent, is all controlling, how can God let this happen? I am questioning a merciful, caring, all-seeing God. I see a God of fear, a mean God, Not one of beneficence. That is what I see. Please explain this to me."

My response:

" My heart aches, as well for those lives who have been lost, the families and the congregation whose lives have been changed forever. I believe God's heart is weeping too and I can't help but believe that God is outraged and as saddened as we are.

Events like this force us to face the reality of the brokenness in our world caused by sin. We live in a broken fallen world as the result of sin, ours and others and both impact our daily lives. Times like this we also find ourselves wrestling with questions like: Where was God? Why didn't God do anything to prevent this? And I believe this wrestling invites us to get to know God more deeply.

God loves God's creation so much. God created us to be in relationship with God and desires to be in relationship with us. But this relationship is one of love not of manipulation or force. In other words, God doesn't make us puppets with God as a puppet master and therefore we have the ability to choose good or evil. The hard truth is when we choose evil people get hurt and unfortunately even innocent people. God was angered and grieved that day but God was not absent - God was active and present that day. For those who died God's love was active having conquering death and the devil bring them into the fullness of life with God. For those who were hurt, God was and continues to be with them and their families. For those who need comfort, God is providing comfort. For those of us who are angry, I think God is stirring in us an urgency and awareness of the brokenness in our world. I believe this senseless tragedy caused by evil - can be a calling to the church...

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TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Dennis Rode
Vice President: Yvonne Noorlun
Secretary: Cathy Sorenson
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Brad Nickerson,
Stewardship: Vern Quade
Lay Ministry: Laurie Wille
Worship: Barb Mager
Youth: Teressa Davis
Pastor Krista

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 8, 2017

Present: Yvonne Noorlun, Brad Nickerson, Laurie Wille, Clayton Duncanson, Dennis Rode, Teressa Davis, Nikki Smith, Cathy Sorenson, Pastor Krista

Dennis called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was accepted. Clayton presented the treasurer's report. For several months we have gone backwards in paying our bills. Members are urged to honor our pledges. Motion carried to accept the report..

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship: The Pony Express packets are being circulated and the committee hopes to complete the campaign in two weeks.

Lay Ministry: A date for accepting new members was not set.

Church properties: Lowell and Yvonne bought a new com-

mercial vacuum. It was decided to pay the bill of \$479.24 with money from Gifts and Memorials.

Christian education: There will be no Christmas program this year. The children will be singing with the adult choir on December 17. Parents are reminded that a light breakfast is served from 9:00-9:30 before Sunday School starts. Please make an effort to get your children to Sunday School.

Youth: Several Leaguers met on October 22 and played games and had pizza and pop. The chili and soup supper was a success. There will be a waffle breakfast on December 10 to raise funds for the Leaguers going to Houston next summer.

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choir on December 17*

Worship: The Thanksgiving service will be here on the 22nd. Advent and decorating the church for Christmas were also discussed.

Pastor Krista: Pastor talked about Thanksgiving, Confirmation and mentors, and the Thankoffering service. The pastor from House of Grace in the Cities will be with us on November 12. The WELCA offerings will be given to House of Grace. The food items collected will be given to Heaven's Table in Fairmont.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dennis, Clayton and Yvonne will meet with representatives from Trin-

ity/Madelia to discuss synod guidelines. This will occur before our December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Since Tom has moved, Yvonne will help chair the nominating committee. Be willing to do your part if you are asked to be on a committee-- or VOLUNTEER to be on a committee.
- Permission was given to Kim Breamer to teach piano lessons to students at the church. Brad made the motion and Yvonne the second to have an ad in the Sentinel advertising our Christmas service. The cost is \$35. Motion carried.

Cathy Sorenson
secretary

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The Board of Christian Education is still looking for two Sunday School teachers. The teachers are only needed for two weeks out of the month. The kids that are without teachers are the preschool and the 2nd and 3rd grade class. The preschoolers are so eager because it's all so new. The 2nd and 3rd graders are a good group of kids interested in the way things were and how this relates to today. We hope you will consider giving them some of your time. You will find you will learn just as much as they do. If this won't work, could you be a sub. The subs are not called too often if at all but it's nice for the teachers to know they have that option if something does come up. Thank you!

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Theme	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Dec. 3-1st Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9	80:1-7, 17-19	1 Cor. 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
Dec. 10-2nd Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11	85:1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3:3-15a	Mark 1:1-8
Dec. 17-3rd Advent	Isaiah 61:10, 8-11	126	1 Thess. 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Dec. 24-4th Advent	2 Sam 7:1-11, 16	89:1-4, 19-26	Rom. 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Dec. 31-1 Christmas	Isaiah 61:10—62:3	148	Gal. 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40

DECEMBER LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:00 –10:15 AM

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

Dec. 3, Dec. 10th, and Dec. 24th

COMMUNION SERVERS:

12/3-Jan Ringeisen
12/10-Cathy Sorenson
12/24-Yvonne Noorlun

**WAFFLE BREAKFAST
at Trinity—Dec. 10th
9-10:30 AM**

*Serving—waffles, sausage,
milk & juice*

*A fundraiser hosted
by the Trinity Youth*

LAY READERS:

12/3-Laurie Wille
12/10-Dave Sorenson
12/17-Margaret Durkee
12/24-Clayton Duncanson
12/31-Barb Shoen

ACOLYTES:

12/3-Karsan Davis
12/10-Casidy Moon
12/17-Karsan Davis
12/24-TBD
12/31-TBD

DECEMBER USHERS:

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST SIGN UP

12/3-Linda Meyer
12/10-Waffle Breakfast
12/17-Mindy Cook

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. Or sign up for Text Alert! on your cell



**Choir
Christmas
Concert**
and includes
the
Sunday School
December 17th

**Christmas Eve
Communion Worship
5:00 pm**

22nd Annual

Cookie Walk

at

*Trinity Lutheran Church
102 North 7th Ave. East
Truman, Minnesota*

Saturday, December 2, 2017

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.



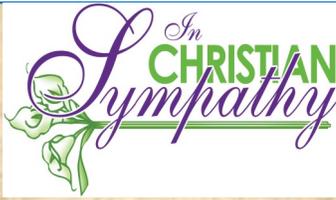
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Worship Schedule</p> <p>Worship 10:30 AM</p> <p>Sun School 9-9:30 –Breakfast 9:30-10:15-class</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 & 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00</p>	<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u></p> <p>Tuesday: 9:00-1:00 pm Friday: 9:00-1:00 pm</p>			1	<p>2 Cookie Walk at Trinity 8-10:00 am</p> 
<p>3 Communion</p>  <p>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p>	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>10 Communion</p> <p>2nd Sun Advent</p> <p>9-10:30 am Waffle Breakfast</p>  <p>Confirmation-U 12:15-3:30</p>	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>17 3rd Advent</p>  <p>Choir Christmas Concert and includes the Sunday School</p>	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>24 4th Advent</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>5 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service</p>	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
<p>New Years Eve</p>	 <p>DON'T FORGET TO DONATE TO THE MITTEN TREE!</p>					

NEWS

From Our Parish



Our deepest sympathy to the Bea Behrens family. Bea passed away on Friday, November 10th in Truman. Her funeral was held at Trinity Lutheran on Wednesday, November 15th. ~Bea was a former secretary for Trinity Lutheran Church ~



Prayers

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

bound: **Family of Bea Behrens, Gene Mager and family, Danny Lang...** Be present with your Spirit,

Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway-\$116,668.05

Hy-Vee-\$150,036.11✓

Congratulations! We have met another receipt goal!! We get another \$1000

Gas & Pharmacy receipts also count

***Please don't cut off the receipts--the amounts are getting cut off and making them useless.*



Recycle your Christmas Lights
The do NOT accept cord adaptors, battery packs, plastic rope lights, or CFL lights.

STEP Inc. of Fairmont is once again collecting your old Christmas lights. Just drop off your items in the green receptacle bin at the entrance of the church.

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to be a church to love and serve our neighbor all the more.

I think in the United States, we have been lulled into a false sense of security and have forgotten the story of Christianity is laden with persecution.... requiring many to step out in faith and even at the cost of their own lives. I give thanks to God we do not live in times like that but these events shake us and we mourn the loss of the world security we thought we had in the sanctity of our churches and once again we are called back to our dependence on God.

So we repent... we turn to God and cry for peace, for hope, and guidance. We give thanks for the those who intervened and the helpers... and we seek how God wants us to respond, living our lives as faith in our circles of the world. And we join together longing for a Messiah.

So this Advent season, let us join together in this time to intentionally honor our longing for Christ to come again. We wait, we long, we prepare and strive to live our lives faithfully. Knowing in the midst of our brokenness, in our imperfections, God claims us as beloved Children of God and in our baptism calls us to be workers in God's kingdom sharing the light of God's love in the midst of the darkness. So let's not rush too quickly to the light and joy of Christmas ... let's honor those who have been touched so deeply by the brokenness of the events of the past year... and let's hope and wait with one another in the longing and coming of our Messiah.

Peace and hope to you as we wait...

Pastor Krista

BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES 12-1-Kent & Chris Hyndman (45) 12-1-Ryan & Julie Brudelic (16) 12-2-Wayne & Becky Maloney (45) 12-2-Larry & Amy Mohwinkel (28)					1 Dale Buysse	2 Keegan Hastad
					Jordan Carlson	John Zaharia
3 Arlene Wegner	4	5 Oakley Selnes	6	7 Marilyn Anderson	8 Geri Peterson (82)	9
10 Kaela Kelley	11 	12 Denny Jahnz	13	14 Doris Fedder (80)	15	16 Lori Anderson Rosalie Heckman
17	18	19	20	21 Becky Maloney	22 Helmuth Fedder (85)	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 A SEASON OF JOY	26	27 Norm Anderson Bev Gulbranson (85)	28	29	30 Heidi Selnes Laurie Wille Kaela Thoeny
31 Mike Wiederhoeft						



WARM BREAKFAST—WARM HANDS
SUNDAY-DECEMBER 10TH
9:00-10:30 AM

The Trinity Youth Group is hosting a Waffle Breakfast
Serving waffles, sausage, milk and juice
~Free Will Offering~



This is a fundraiser for the youth who are going to the National Youth Gathering Trip this Summer to Houston TX.

Bring gloves, hats, and mittens to put on our mitten tree



Thank you! To all who helped out in anyway for our Election Day Soup Supper on November 7th at Trinity!



Good Job!
It was
another
great
success.



C h r i s t m a s

POP-UP CARD

Share the good news of Jesus' birth with this creative Christmas card.

What you need:

- Construction paper (two pieces, including one white)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pens
- Glue stick



What you do:

1. Neatly fold the white paper in half, short side to short side.
2. Draw two parallel lines (at least 2 inches apart) from the fold to about halfway to the edge. Cut along the lines.
3. Fold the cut section back and forth so it pops up.
4. Push the section up so it pops up inside the folded paper. Draw a nativity scene on the pop-up box.
5. Fold the colored paper in half, short side to short side. Place the white paper inside it and glue the white paper down, being careful not to glue the pop-up box.
6. Write a Christmas message and give or send the card to someone.

Christian Symbol+

Branch (Tree) of Jesse

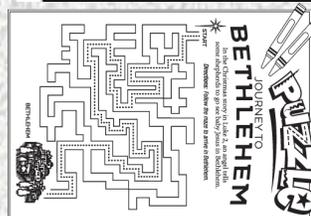


Isaiah used the image of a new tree growing from what appears dead to foretell God's redemption of Israel: "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit" (Isaiah 11:1, NIV). During Advent, this prophecy assures us of the coming of the Messiah, descended from King David, and thus his father, Jesse.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

In the Christmas story in Luke 2, an angel tells some shepherds to go see baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

START *Directions: Follow the maze to arrive in Bethlehem.*



BIBLE QUIZ

After Mary learned she was pregnant with God's Son, what relative — also miraculously pregnant — did she go visit?

- A. Esther
- B. Elizabeth
- C. Anne
- D. Anna



Answer: B (See Luke 1:39-40.)



THE MESSENGER



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DECEMBER 2017

God's Blessings to:



Christmas Eve
Communion Worship
5:00 pm

Get it! 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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"The only blind person at Christmastime is he who has not Christmas in his heart."

—Helen Keller

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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 OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—9:00-1:00 pm
Friday—9:00—1:00 pm

~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~