

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, December 9

8am-9am: Worship Service
9:30am-10:15am: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:30am-11:30am: Worship Service-Communion
1pm-3pm: Jr. Youth Christmas Party

Monday, December 10

8:30am-9:30am: Practice Lower Grades Advent Service
5:30pm-6:30pm: Athletic Committee
6:30pm-7:30pm: Board of Directors

Tuesday, December 11

8:30am-9:30am: Practice Lower Grades Advent Service
10am-11am: Seniors' Bible Study
5pm-8:30pm: Boys' Basketball vs. CHA at Home

Wednesday, December 12

6:30am-7:30am: Sunrise Bible Study
8:15am-9:30am: School Chapel
12pm-3pm: Ladies' Aid Meeting
4pm-5pm: Public School Catechism
6:30pm-7:30pm: School -Grades K-4 Advent Service in Parish Center
7:30pm-8:30pm: Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, December 13

9am-2:30pm: Trinity Quilters
1pm-2pm: Practice Upper Grade Advent Service
6pm-8:30pm: Boys' Basketball at Our Savior's Lutheran School

Saturday, December 15

4pm-6:30pm: 8th grade Gift Wrapping Event
5:30pm-6:30pm: Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

GIVE THE GIFT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-WALL OF GIVING

CAMPAIGN: As we prepare to enter into the Christmas season, please consider contributing to Trinity Lutheran School through our Wall of Giving Campaign. Starting this weekend, you will notice a board with numbered envelopes at both the church and school locations. Each envelope contains a message or picture from a student of Trinity Lutheran School. Simply choose an envelope that displays the amount you want to contribute. Remove the student's message from the envelope, this is yours to keep. Place your donation inside the envelope and put the envelope into the box located next to the Wall of Giving. Checks may be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you in advance for giving the gift of Christian education this Christmas!

JUNIOR YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY: Full of the Christmas spirit?

Then come on down Sun., **Dec. 9** from 1pm-3pm, for an old fashioned Christmas party. Youth currently in 7th and 8th grade are welcome to join the festivities and please make sure to bring a white elephant gift (\$5 or less value). Questions, please contact Morgan Grillot at mgrillot@trinity-lutheran.com.

ADVENT SERVICE FOR 1st-4th GRADERS: This year all of the 1st-4th grade students at Trinity Lutheran will be leading the Wed., **Dec. 12** Advent service. Please join us at 6:30pm in the Parish Center for "Light a Candle."

ADVENT SERVICE FOR 5th-8th GRADERS: The Trinity Lutheran Church and School community would like to invite you to the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols at Trinity Church on **Dec. 19** at 6:30pm. This service will help prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of Christ. The band will provide pre-service music.

LADIES AID MEETING: Merry Christmas to all! Join us on Wed., **Dec. 12** in the parish center for our holiday program. We will have an early start time of 11:15am. Please bring three dozen cookies to be packaged and shared with the Bethesda homes and our shut-ins. Remember to also bring a gift for a Bethesda resident. Our lunch will be catered by Nelson's Catering and the Trinity Kindergarten and Preschool will provide our delightful entertainment. Faye Garvue will lead devotions.

WOOD WORKERS NEEDED: If you enjoy making sawdust or would like to learn basic woodworking, please join a group of Trinity members at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham on Thur., **Dec. 13** from 8:30am-4pm. We will be building wooden desks that are shipped to schools in Central America, the Caribbean, and Africa. This will be an ongoing service project the second Thursday of each month. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, please call Roger Schlichting at 217-836-2053 or email at raschlichting@comcast.net.

5th AND 6th GRADE CHRISTMAS SERVE: Join Mrs. Good for an afternoon of snacks, games and service projects on Fri., **Dec 14** from 3pm-5pm. Service project activities will include: decorating cookies for the Youth Christmas Bake Sale, tying blankets for those in need, assembling desk braces for Midwest Mission, sorting plastics bags and containers for St. John's Breadline, and putting together personal care kits for The Matthew Project. If you are able, please purchase deodorant to donate to the personal care kits and start saving plastic bags and plastic containers with lids. For more information contact Cindy Good at cgood@trinity-lutheran.com.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

MID-WEEK ADVENT

Please join us for our mid-week Advent Services on the following Wednesdays at 6:30pm:

- **December 12** in the Parish Center (led by the lower grade school students)
- **December 19** at the Downtown Church Campus (led by the upper grade school students)

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S EVE

- **Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve:**
7pm Service and 11pm Service
- **Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day:**
10am Service
- **Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve:**
6:30pm Service

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Lutheranism 101: The Lord's Supper, taught by Pastor Holmes in the Science Room.
- Women's Bible Study: Living the Fruit of the Spirit, taught by Amy Holmes in the Extended Care room.
- Burning Questions, taught by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Center.

TUESDAY SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS:

Class begins at 10am in the Parish Center. For more information, please call the church office at 217-787-2323.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY:

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible study will meet in December at the home of Rhonda Goeres, 416 Merrymen Lane (off Wabash in Sherwood subdivision across from White Oaks Mall). We have completed our Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply study. Our discussion will focus on current popular culture from a Christian perspective. For more information or directions, contact Rhonda at 217-793-8479.

SUNRISE BIBLE STUDY (Wednesday): All members of Trinity are welcome to join us in the school library for Sunrise Bible Study every Wednesday at 6:30am. For more information, please contact Bill Rast at 217-585-0571.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

In Sunday School today, the children will hear the message "The Birth of Jesus Foretold." God favored Mary, choosing her to be the mother of Jesus. God favors us because of Jesus Christ, choosing us to be His children! Ask your children, "How did God show Mary, and us, His unmerited grace and favor?"

TRUSTING IN THE LORD CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT - BLDG. FUND

Thru the month of November 2018
Months completed: 24
Months to go: 12
Pledges made: \$746,518
Amount received (66%): \$495,833

Two Years Completed-With 24 months completed so far on our current building pledge drive, we are so thankful for the many faithful members that have financially supported this project. If you are unsure what you have given on your pledge you can contact the church office and we will be glad to find out this information. With the end of the year fast approaching this may be helpful for tax purposes. Your contributions are greatly appreciated in providing for our #3 million in improvements. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

CHRISTMAS RECITAL: Our young people at Trinity Lutheran Church will present a Christmas recital on **Dec. 15** preceding the Saturday night service in the Parish Center. Plan to arrive by 5pm to enjoy wonderful Christmas music.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE: Visit the Christmas Bake Sale for last minute Christmas treats and stocking stuffers on **Dec. 15** and **Dec. 16** in the Parish Center. Sale will be before and after Sat. Evening service, Dec. 15 and during Fellowship Hour on Sun, Dec 16. All items offered for a donation to support Trinity's Youth Programming. Please contact Cindy Good for more information at cgood@trinity-lutheran.com

PACKERS VS. BEARS GAME: Come join the Trinity Men's Group on Sun., **Dec. 16** at 12pm in the extended care room for a time of fellowship. Join the rivalry between Packers and Bears fans as we watch the game on the big screen. Lutheran beverages allowed BYOC (in cans only-no bottles). Snacks provided. Contact Scott Anderson at 217-299-3060 for more information.

CIRCLE OF MOMS IS RETURNING: Circle of Moms will be meeting on the second Friday of each month January through May in 2019. This is a great opportunity to meet other women in our church and school community and to enjoy time of fellowship while participating in activities and service projects. Mothers and women of all ages are welcome to attend. The first meeting will be held on Fri., **Jan. 11** from 8:30am-10am. Join us as we prepare freezer meals to take home or to share with others. For more information contact Karen Hemenway through email at marketing@trinity-lutheran.com

2019 LUTHERAN HIGH AUCTION: The 30th Annual Lutheran High Blue Tie and Pearls Auction! Mark your calendars for Sat., **Apr. 27**, 2019. The Lutheran High Association Office is now accepting donations. Please keep this in mind as you are shopping those holiday sales!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO CHRISTMAS DECORATORS: Special thanks to all the volunteers who decorated the church for Christmas this year. Lots of greenery fluffing, ladder climbing, light hanging, and ornaments hung or thrown. The decorating was done in just a few hours. The church looks beautiful!

POINSETTIAS: It's poinsettia time! Advent is fast approaching and it's time to order your poinsettias for our Christmas services. Flowers are \$14 and may be ordered by contacting Judy Fliege at 217-787-9011 or judy.fliege@gmail.com.

All orders need to be placed by Dec. 10. Please indicate with your order if you would like to designate someone to honor. All poinsettias may be taken home after the Dec. 25 service.

LWML CID MISSION GRANT #3: Ft. Wayne and St. Louis Seminary Food Banks (\$10,000). A necessary part of sharing the Gospel with others and spreading the Word is having trained church workers, including pastors. Having the ability to draw on food bank resources supports the church's mission of training deaconesses and pastors to spread the Gospel. This grant will assist the staff at these food banks in buying food, toiletries, and other needed items.

LUTHERAN HIGH SHOPPER'S BLESSING PROGRAM: Have you enrolled in Lutheran High Shopper's Program? With the holidays approaching, this is a great time to stock up on gift cards. You can use gift cards for your holiday purchases or to give as gifts; all while saving money for your student's future Lutheran High tuition! For more information, please contact Kim Haynes at 217-546-6363, ext. 135 or stop by her table at Trinity School on Thursday mornings during school drop-off.

CHOIR SCHEDULE: DECEMBER

Primary Choir:

December 16: 10:30am Service

Junior Choir:

December 15: 5:30pm Service

Trinity Choir:

December 9: 8am Service

Adult Choir:

December 5: 6:30pm Service

December 9: 8am Service

December 22: 5:30pm Service

December 24: 11pm Service

ATHLETICS

We are in need of volunteers to help with admissions and concessions during home games. (Thank you to the parents who have already worked to support our home events during the volleyball season.)

Home events require individuals to serve in admissions, concessions, clock and scorebook. Please consider serving. Contact Lynn Friday at lfriday@comcast.net or Brett Moll at bmoll@trinity-lutheran.com with questions.

We also need new members of the Athletic Committee to support our Athletic Program. Funds raised through the Athletic Committee cover the costs for our athletes; neither the church nor the school have a budget to support our sports programs.

BASKETBALL

The Varsity girls and JV boys played in tournaments at Trinity Edwardsville and Zion Litchfield this past weekend. The Edwardsville tournament had 16 teams with schools from Missouri and Southern Illinois. The Lady Tigers had a record of 2 and 2; they finished in 7th place! Congratulations!

The majority of the Trinity JV Boys are in 5th grade, and three are 6th grade players. The competition in the tournament was a team of predominately 6th grade boys. Congratulations to our JV boys for their hard work and giving their opponents a "run for their money."

The strong showing by both teams is a tribute to their hard work in practice and the dedication of their coaches.

JV & VARSITY BOYS (JV game first unless otherwise Indicated)

GAMES

Dec. 8: Christ Lutheran Peoria-JV 11am/Varsity 1pm

Dec. 11: Home vs CHSA, 6pm and 7pm

Dec. 13: At O.S, 6pm and 7pm

Dec. 21: At Trinity Bloomington, JV 5pm/Varsity 7pm

JV & VARSITY GIRLS (JV game first unless otherwise Indicated)

GAMES

Dec. 8: At Christ Lutheran Peoria, JV 10am/Varsity 12pm

Dec. 13: Home vs O.S, 6pm and 7pm

Dec. 21: At Trinity Bloomington, JV 4pm/Varsity 6pm

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

EARN A RETURN AND HELP OUR LCMS CHURCHES: The Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF) provides resources to churches in our Central Illinois District that wish to grow God's ministry through building or expansion. We are able to do this because of conscientious LCMS members like you who support our churches by investing in the CID-CEF, we need *your* continued support and investments! As an added blessing for your investment, we are now offering a 24-Month SPECIAL RATE of 2.35% (minimum investment \$500) to you as well as our church organizations to support the LCMS ministry. Please contact Chris Anderson or Susan Short at the CID-CEF (phone: 217-793-1802, email: cef@cidlcms) or visit our website, www.cidlcms.org for this special interest rate and other recent rate increases for our investment options. Thank you for investing in the future of our LCMS!

2019 FLOWER CHARTS: The altar flower charts for 2019 are posted at the Parish Center and at the downtown church locations. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please note your name and phone number on the day(s) of your choice. A member of Ladies Aid will contact you in the month prior for placement and to get specifics for printing in the bulletin. Please call Susan Schultz at 217-483-5225 or Janie Rast at 217-585-0571 with any questions.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL CHILDRENS CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE: Christmas Eve Choir Students in Grades 3-8 are invited to sing in a special choir for Christmas Eve, December 24, in the 7pm service. All rehearsals will be during the school day. If your child would like to sing at this special service, please write a short note indicating this and give it to your child's teacher or send it to the school office for Mrs. Fliege by Mon., Dec. 17.

8th GRADE CLASS FUNDRAISING EVENT: The 8th grade students at Trinity Lutheran School will be offering gift wrap service as a fundraiser for the 8th grade Class Trip. For a donation, bring your gifts to the Parish Center lobby at 4pm on:

Saturday, **December 8**

Saturday, **December 15**

Gifts will be wrapped before and during the 5:30pm church worship service. Please include a box for each gift to be wrapped in.

If demand is high, an additional evening of gift wrapping services will be added on Saturday, December 22!

For more information, please email Kris Smith at ksplum3@sbcglobal.net.

HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday, December 10

Cheese pizza, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, December 11

Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, December 12

Ravioli, Garlic Stick, Peas, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, December 13

Chicken Patty w/Bun, Sweet Potato, Romaine Leaf Lettuce, Fruit, Milk

Friday, December 14

Bosco Stick w/Marinara Sauce, Carrots, Yogurt, Fruit Milk

MEMORIALS-NOVEMBER 2018

In Memory of Richard Fliege:

Organ Fund-Jay & Noreen Frye, Ed and Sarah Schoenbaum

In Memory of Helen Moll:

Trinity School Scholarships-Rhonda Goeres

In memory of Evelyn Lageman:

Organ Fund-Ray and Carol Boehner