

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, December 30

8am-9am: Worship Service
9:30am-10:15am: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:30am-11:30am: Worship Service

Monday, December 31

6:30pm-7:30pm: New Years Eve Worship Service

Tuesday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Wednesday, January 2

6:30am-7:30am: Sunrise Bible Study
1pm-2:30pm: Ladies' Aid Board Meeting
4pm-5pm: Public School Catechism
7pm-8:30pm: Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, January 3

Trinity Lutheran School Resumes
9am-2:30pm: Trinity Quilters

Friday, January 4

8:15am-9:30am: School Chapel
6pm-8:30pm: Boys' Basketball at Vision Way Christian School Taylorville

Saturday, January 5

Food Pantry Collection
5:30pm-6:30pm: Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

CIRCLE OF MOMS: 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 a 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

WHOLE LIFE CHALLENGE 2019: With the beginning of a New Year, regaining control after the chaos of the holidays is a great goal. As Mary D. shares about the Whole Life Challenge, "It also reinforces the idea that it's not just about food, but that sleep, hydration, stretching, nutrition and exercise all tie in together. It's not just a diet, but a lifestyle change." Join us for the Whole Life Challenge starting **Jan. 19, 2019**. Focusing on nutrition, some exercise, sleep and well-being habits will help to reset and start 2019 off on a positive note! Register now for a discount! Early registration discount ends January 6. To learn more about the challenge go to www.wholelifechallenge.com. Please contact Amy Holmes at holmesfam08@icloud.com if you have questions. Looking forward to you joining us on the challenge!

2019 LUTHERAN HIGH AUCTION: The 30th Annual Lutheran High Blue Tie and Pearls Auction is on **Sat., Apr. 27, 2019**. The Lutheran High Association Office is now accepting donations.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.org or visit the 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 our downtown church location. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please note your name and phone number on the days 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Ushers, Greeters, Office Workers, and other positions are needed. Please contact Marcia McNicol at volunteer@trinity-lutheran.com to help find your area of service.

TRINITY CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The Trinity Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 9am-1pm; please note that the office will be closed on the following days:
Mon., Dec. 31, and Tues., Jan. 1.

CHOIR SCHEDULE:
JANUARY 2019

Primary Choir:

January 27: 8am Service

Junior Choir:

January 15: 5:30pm Service

Trinity Choir:

January 13: 8am Service

January 20: 10:30am Service

TRUSTING IN THE LORD
CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT:

Through the month of November 2018

Months completed: 24

Months to go: 12

Pledges made: \$746,518

Amount received (66%): \$495,833

Building Fund-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.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS:

What's YOUR Worldview, taught by Youth Director Cindy Good in the church library.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

- *Lutheranism 101: The Lord's Supper*, taught by Pastor Holmes in the Science Room.
- Women's Bible Study: *Think on These*, taught by Amy Holmes in the Extended Care room. Philippians 4:8 instructs us to place our minds on things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise...join us as we discuss what this means for us in our daily lives.
- *Burning Questions*, taught by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Center.

TUESDAY SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS:

The next class begins on Tuesday, **January 15** 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 on January 8 at the home of Becki Esselman. For more information or directions, contact the church office at 217-787-2323.

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: Today in Sunday School we studied "An Angel Visits Joseph." Just as the angel proclaimed to Joseph that Mary would bear an infant who is the Son of God, the Savior, so God proclaimed to us in His Word that this same Jesus is our Savior from sin and death. Parents could ask, "What important message did the angel give Joseph? What important message do we hear in God's Word?"

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT: APPLICATION REMINDERS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH EMPOWER IL:

Part one of the application will be available at empowerillinois.org on **Jan. 15, 2019** at 7pm. The application is a two-part process:

Part one is a brief reservation form which will timestamp applications. Families can access part two of the application on **Jan. 18, 2019** through their new portal on empowerXchange.

Families are encouraged to complete part two before **Jan. 28, 2019**. Parents help line: 309-416-0741 or email scholars@empowerillinois.org

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers for the altar are still needed for the first two weeks in **January, 2019**. If you can help fill this need, please call Susan Schultz at 217-483-5225 or Janie Rast at 217-585-0571.

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEER CHURCH CLEANERS: Special thanks to the following church members who have helped with church cleaning for the past six months: Kelly Biggs, Mary and Jeff Bodine, Donna Call, Cindy Furling, Rhonda Goeres, Karen Graff, Eric Guldenstein, Amy Hayer, Peggy Moll, Sara Schlichting, Karen Summers, and Tia Utinske.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are preparing a new six month church custodian schedule. Duties include

- Vacuuming
 - Dusting and straightening pews
 - Dust mopping floors
 - Cleaning windows
 - Other light cleaning of the sanctuary and cry-room areas.
- Volunteers are scheduled to clean once every 9-10 weeks. Cleaning takes 2-3 hours per session. Training is provided. Contact Sara Schlichting at 217-585-0969 or email schlichts@comcast.net.

HOMework HELP COMING TO EXTENDED CARE: Homework Help will be coming to Extended Care at the beginning of **January, 2019**. The program will offer "Homework Help" to students of Trinity Lutheran School.

What is Homework Help? Homework Help is a quiet place to study, read, or do your homework. An extended care worker will be available to assist with homework.

When does it begin? Jan. 7, 2019

Who is able to participate? Students must be enrolled in the extended care program to take advantage of this offer.

Where is it located? In the cafeteria next to extended care room.

What is the cost? This program is free to any student who pays for extended care service. There is no extra fee associated with homework help.

What days is it offered? Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45pm (after snack) until 4:30pm.

Do I have to sign my child up for this service? Yes. A form is available on the Trinity Lutheran School website: www.trinity-lutheran.com/homeworkhelp.

What if I sign up and my child has no homework that day? Your child will still attend and be asked to read quietly or study.

For more information about the Homework Help program, please contact Sara Opperman or Pam Sausaman at Trinity Lutheran School: 217-787-2323.