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Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

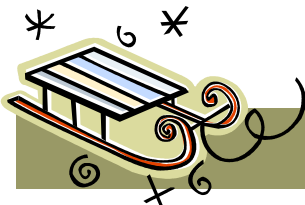
Let's Run the Numbers:

	Attendance	Financial
Nov. 3	159	\$5,055.25
Nov. 10	127	\$4,174.02
Nov. 17	134	\$2,292.00
Nov. 24	162	\$5,850.50
Nov. 27	**information unavailable	
November Expenses 11/3-11/23: \$13,443.56		
November Revenues 11/3-11/23: \$11,521.27		
Budgeted Expenses 11/3-11/23: \$11,486.27		

**Special Note: a portion of November's budget average is due to retro-active payment of certain employee benefits from the month of October.

Holiday Open House at the Lindemoods'

Pastor and Iris invite you to their home (69 W 100 N) on Saturday, Dec. 14th from 1 to 4 PM for some treat and Christmas cheer. All are welcome!



From Pastor's Desk

Dear friends of Trinity,

"And this will be a sign to you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12).

We are entering into that "most wonderful time of the year" when our children begin to get those precious twinkles in their eyes with all that they might want or get for Christmas. Weeks ago the stores began to "deck the halls" for Christmas and in our homes it is all that we can do to hide each new toy catalog (we seem to get a couple each day) from our poor "I-want-this-and-that-and-that" children. This is a dangerous time for adults, for in the wanting and in the commercialism, adults are often tempted to discouragement and humbuggery. But do not be discouraged. Do not let the world's celebration of Christmas spoil your joy and delight. Let us not lose the true joy that is

exchanged in the giving of gifts!

This Christmas, don't be fooled. Even in the celebrations all around us there is a reminder of what it is all about. It is all about giving. Christmas for Christians is all about God giving His incredible gifts to us! It's all about God's best gift of His only begotten Son, God made flesh for you and me. Remember the humility of this gift, the wrapping so humble we would never think that it is the best gift; a baby in a cattle trough come to rescue each man, woman, and child from themselves, from the world, and from death. Only God is able to give these best gifts and He has! He gives new life today, He gives forgiveness for the mistakes we make, and He gives life forever in the resurrection. Receive God's gifts in faith, for it is really a gift and is not based on anything you

think, do or say. It is a free gift given to you by God in Christ. "Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever!"



By His giving, may the Christ-child teach you anew how to truly give this Holy Christmas season.

In the Christ of Advent and Christmas,

Bryan Lindemood
pastor



Special Services in December

*Catch Pastor's radio spot
Mondays, Wednesdays,
and Fridays on:*

KATT 106 FM

KBAR 1230 AM

JUAN AM

HOTT 100 FM

*Congratulations to
the following Sunday
School students for
having perfect atten-
dance during the
month of November:*

**Greyson Garner
Parker Prien
Brianna Prien
Gracie Bradshaw
Savanna Hess,
Jaesa Fox!**

**Teachers:
Denise Hess
Sandra Cole
Julie Plocher
Vicki Prien
Pastor Lindemood!**

Pastor, the elders, musi-
cians, and a host of other
folks have been
hard at work,
planning and
preparing for
Advent and
Christmas ser-
vices for 2013.
In addition to
regular Sunday
services, Trinity
will be holding
Advent services on
Wednesday evenings at 7
PM. Each Wednesday
night service will be pre-



ceded by a Soup Supper,
similar to the suppers held
during
Lent. These sup-
pers begin
at 6 PM .
The church
will also be
open each
night fol-
lowing
these ser-
vices (until 9 PM) for
prayer and meditation
with Pastor. As is cus-
tomary, Trinity's Sunday

School children and
Youth will present the
annual Christmas Eve
Children's program at
6:30 PM. Trinity's Christ-
mas celebration will cul-
minate in the Divine Ser-
vice for the Nativity of
Our Lord at 10:30 AM on
December 25th. All ser-
vice information is avail-
able at www.tlcrupert.org.
Keep your ears "peeled"
for our radio spots which
advertise these services on
local radio!

Website Gets a Makeover

Trinity's website re-
cently received a make-
over. The site boasts a
sleek, new look, several
new features, and up-
dated information about
the goings-on at Trinity.
Head on over to
www.tlcrupert.org to see
the new site and keep a
look out for even more
new changes on the hori-

zon! Also, Trinity has a
page on Facebook now.
Just type "Trinity Lu-
theran Church" into the
search box at the top of
your Facebook page,
click on the
picture of our
church, and
give us a
"like" to re-
ceive updates

about life at Trinity and
the world at large. We
currently have 17
"likes". Our preliminary
goal is to have 30 by the
end of 2013.

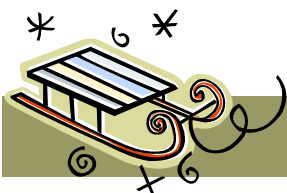


Winter Term Lutheran Catechesis

Pastor will be teaching
another Lutheran Cate-
chesis course this winter.
This is an adult educa-
tion course whose pur-
pose is to teach the ba-
sics of Christianity to
adult learners and those
exploring the faith. Lu-

theran Catechesis is an
exploration of many
questions regarding the
Christian faith. This
class will meet on
Thursdays at 7:00
PM, beginning on
January 16th and
running for approxi-

mately 12 weeks. There
is a sign-up sheet avail-
able on the information
table in the narthex.
If you have any
questions, don't
hesitate to contact
Pastor or call the
office (436-3413).



Board of Education Report

Your Board of Education along with the Pastor has been working on a few new ideas and goals for 2014. Start thinking about ways you might be involved, maybe as a leader or as a participant. We will need both to make our educational programs a success. We really want to start thinking about the Christian education program as a cradle to grave program, meeting the needs and aiding in Christian growth at all stages of

our members' lives. The following is a list we are working on for the coming year. Some programs are new, some are repeats that we want to continue to improve upon.

A Spring Retreat: we are looking at an all-day Saturday or weekend event on a specialized topic with guest speaker(s). Summer Education program: A multi-generational class lasting only four to six weeks

during mid-summer. Summer Vacation Bible School: Using Camp Perkins counselors again but looking at new ways to involve our congregation in the VBS experience. We will need a VBS superintendent again this year, if you are interested in this important job please prayerfully consider it and let a member of the Board of Ed know.

Youth Conferences: Our confirmed youth will

attend a Higher Things youth gathering in Logan, Utah this summer.

Welcome New Board members: Bob Shepard, Colleen Parkin, Iris Lindemood. Remaining Board Members: Julie Plocher, Beth Cofer, Leland Snyder, Kathy Mohlman, Vicki Prien and Elder representative, Kevan Vogt. Thank you to Claudia Garner who has served her term and is now leaving the Board.

Comics

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Methusala the Minnesota Snowman of 2013 was still sighted as late as May 2nd moving from one shady spot to another during the winter that seemed would never end.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Well Sven led Ole to da Lord while ice-fishin, and in an ill-fated moment of spiritual exhilaration.. Ole was baptized right den-n-dere in da first ICE FISHIN HOLE BAPTISM!

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



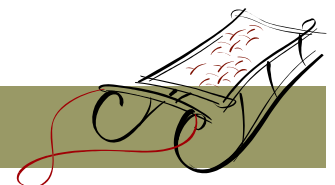
When darkened by thawing ice and swollen with melting snow... I then realize SNOW is a four letter word! Job 6:16

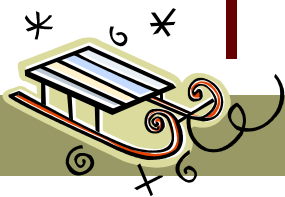
Harmony Singers to form Vocal Ensemble



Are you a part-singer? Do you love to sing harmony? Or are you a novice who would love to learn to sing? Arlene Smyer is looking for Sopranos, Altos, Baritones, and Bases to form a small singing group to help lead singing during worship. The harmony

singers met on November 24th to discuss logistics and found that they need just a couple more members. If you are interested, please contact Arlene Smyer and keep a look out for the announcement of first rehearsal!





December 2013

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	8:30a-Lutheran Matins 8:30a-Chime Choir Rehearsal 9:30a-Sunday School 9:30a-Adult Bible Study 10:30a-Worship/Communion 12:15p-Fellowship Hour b. Helen Snyder	2 12:00p-Staff Devotions 7:00p-Elders' Meeting b. Chelsey Bail b. Melanie Gillette	3 8:00a-Fire Alarm Testing 7:00p-Trustees' Meeting	4 6:00p-Advent Soup Supper Dorcas 6:00p-Human Care Committee Meeting 7:00p-Advent Services	5 b. Brye Walters	6 b. Brye Walters	7 9:00a-Christmas Decorating
8	8:30a-Lutheran Matins 8:30a-Chime Choir Rehearsal 9:30a-Sunday School 9:30a-Adult Bible Study 10:30a-Worship 11:15a-Fellowship Hour	9 12:00p-Staff Devotions b. Jeanne Pates	10 7:00p-Dorcas Christmas Party b. Richard Plocher b. Luedean Reichert	11 Noon-Quilt Guild 6:00p-Advent Soup Supper Bethesda/Good Shepherd 7:00p-Advent Services b. Will Cofer b. Bob Shepard	12 b. Robert Nessen	13 b. Robert Nessen	14 b. Harold Mohlman b. Jolene Vahsholtz b. Brianna Prien
15	8:15a-Board of Education Meeting 8:30a-Lutheran Matins 8:30a-Chime Choir Rehearsal 9:30a-Sunday School 9:30a-Adult Bible Study 10:30a-Worship/Communion 11:45a-Fellowship Hour	16 12:00p-Staff Devotions b. Rick & Stacy	17	18 6:00p-Advent Soup Supper Men of the Congregation 7:00p-Advent Services b. Marlene Smith	19	20	21 7:30a-MOFIC b. Nadean Moore b. Shirley Hess b. Ed Vaughn a.Daron & Claudia Garner
22	8:30a-Lutheran Matins 8:30a-Chime Choir Rehearsal 9:30a-Sunday School 9:30a-Adult Bible Study 10:30a-Worship 11:15a-Fellowship Hour a. Kevin & Arlene Smyer	23 12:00p-Staff Devotions b. Rhayman Freiburger 10AM-Noon Dress Rehearsal Children's Program a. Rick & Stacy	24 6:60 PM— Christmas Eve Children's Program a. Rick & Stacy	25 Christmas Day 10:30a-Divine Service for the Nativity of Our Lord b. Flo Holdaway	26 b. Zia Gillette b. Doug Martin a. Gene & Hildegard Holy a. David & Evelyn Spreier	27 b. Matt Cofer b. Betty Martin	28 b. Shirley Leoni
29	8:30a-Lutheran Matins 8:30a-Chime Choir Rehearsal 9:30a-Sunday School 9:30a-Adult Bible Study a. Scott & Vicki Prien	30 Staff Devotions Cancelled Today a. Judy & Clyde Parkin	31				

BIBLE QUIZ

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends.

One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges their job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves.

There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in the paragraph.

During a recent fundraising event which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, *The Chronicle*, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right there in plain view, hidden from sight."

Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal.

A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus— there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph, waiting to be found.

(answers published next month!)

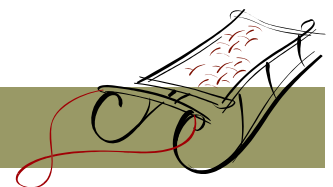
Installation of Officers

Trinity's newly elected officers are: (Elders) Randy Snyder, Leland Snyder, Henry Walters, (Trustees) Ronda Rogers and Cody Plocher, (Financial Secretaries) Cindy Walters and Jim Plocher, (Board of Edu-

cation) Colleen Parkin, Bob Shepard, and Iris Lindemood. Beth Cofer will serve as our Camp Perkins Delegate.

These new officers and those returning to their positions will be in-

stalled at the beginning of our Sunday service on January 12th. Dorcas Society's officers will be installed at the beginning of our Sunday Service on January 5th. Thank you to all who have agreed to serve!





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"Alive in Christ" 1 Pet. 3:13

Christmas Eve at Trinity

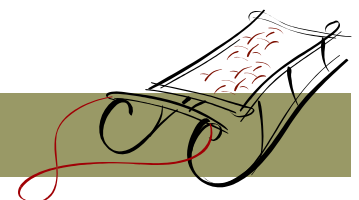
Trinity's young people are already hard at work on their Christmas Eve program. They had their first rehearsal on November 24th and will continue rehearsals each Sunday during Sunday School time through December 22nd. They will have their final dress rehearsal on Monday, December 23rd from 10AM to noon. If you have a little one in your life who would like to participate but hasn't received the informational packet in the mail, please let Arlene Smyer or Julie

Plocher know so that they can include everyone who would like to participate.

This year the program, "Silent Night, Holy Night," tells the story of the nativity through carols and hymns. The children will sing, perform rhymes and pantomimes, and even dress in costume.

The program begins at 6:30 PM (parents, please have your little performers here by 6 PM). Bring the whole

family and all of your friends. The program promises to be a beautiful and special experience.



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