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# Trinity Times

## FROM PASTOR'S DESK

Dear friend of Trinity,

Happy New Year! It's exciting to think about what the year of our Lord, 2018, has in store for God's people here at Trinity: probably some similar routines await us this year but within them, new opportunities also.

One resolution I have made and have been thinking about a lot lately is my responsibility to make sure I am doing all that I can as your pastor to equip you to be who you are as Jesus' witness in this place. Who knows what God might do through your faithful witness to Him.

One thing I have learned is the distinct difference between "witness" and "outreach" for individuals and for a Christian congregation. I encourage you to read carefully the "Witness & Outreach" information page. I there, you will find a new Resource that has become available to us, the *Every One His Witness* evangelism program. My hope is to learn a whole lot more about my identity as Jesus' Witness right alongside of you and the rest of our congregation. As I have been thinking about my own and each of our role as His witness, I find statements like the following to be very challenging:

*"Witness is the work we have been given to do as the church scattered. We have opportunities to speak of Jesus with the people in our everyday lives who are our friends, co-workers, neighbors, family members, etc."*

*Every One His Witness*. There are many challenges to our Christian faith these days. It is likely that we will face many difficult days ahead as Christ's Church in this land. However, I trust that Christ will grant to us courage and strength as He nourishes us by His Word and Sacrament to be His Witnesses in this place. Please pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ here at Trinity as we each learn more about this important part of our identity as His people.

Because Jesus told His disciples, "You will be my witnesses," (Acts 1:8), in 2018, I hope you hear a lot of talk about *Every One His Witness* here at Trinity. Stay tuned...

May the Lord bless you and yours in 2018!

in Jesus,

Bryan Lindemood  
pastor



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## POINSETTIA THANKS

Trinity's Youth would like to thank everyone for their generosity in purchasing poinsettias this Christmas Season. All profits from the poinsettias which beautifully graced our altar went to the Youth program here at Trinity. So many people bought poinsettias that we nearly had to go and purchase more!

The Youth would also like to thank Lucille Vaughn. For the second year in a row, Lucille has used her Thrivent money to purchase poinsettias and donate them so that the Youth were able to achieve 100% profit on poinsettia sales. She also picked them up and delivered them to the church. Thank you, Lucille!

**Noon devotions are held every Monday (at noon). During the noon hour, we have a group devotional time which includes reading, studying, singing, and praying followed by time to eat lunch together. Devotional hour lasts from roughly noon to 1PM.**

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

*Once again, Trinity held a beautiful Children's Christmas Program. Our kids worked very hard to present this program and did a wonderful job!*

*We would like to thank all of the children for their hard work and attendance to rehearsals. We would also like to thank all of the parents who helped the children prepare by pitching in with costumes, running lines, getting their kids to rehearsal, and helping set up and clean up.*

*Thank you also to the Sunday School teachers who spent tons of time seeing to the details of the program.*

*Thank you very much to all who helped with the program!*



## 2018 OFFICER INSTALLATION

On Sunday, January 21st, 2018, all elected officers (both newly elected and returning officers) will be officially installed during the regular worship service. This includes all Dorcas Society and Congregational officers for the new year. Dorcas Society Officers include: President (Colleen Parkin), VP (Iris Lindemood), Secretary (Verna Turley), Treasurer (Ronda Rogers), and Christian Growth Chairman (Diane Paulson). Congregational Officers are: Chairman (Harold Mohlman), Vice-Chairman (Bob Shepard), Secretary (Virginia Plocher), Treasurer (Lesa Rabe), Elders (Terry Short, Bill Fulcher, Melvin Snyder, Randy Snyder, Kevan Vogt), Trustees (Mark Thaete, Gary Holy, Cody Plocher, Paul Rabe, Fred Leoni), Financial Secretaries (Cindy Walters, Jim Plocher, Caroline Snyder, Melody Wysong), and the Board of Education (Cindy Fulcher, Anita Snyder, Julie Plocher, Kathy Painter). There are a few empty offices which will be filled at our next Voters' Meeting.

## COMICS

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



It's a wonder those 3 "WISE" men ever found baby Jesus without a GPS device.

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!

## MCEA POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER

The Minidoka Christian Education Association will hold their annual Potato Bar Fundraiser on Sunday, January 28th in the gym at First Christian Praise Chapel (1100 8th St. in Rupert). Trinity Lutheran is a member church of the Minidoka Christian Education Association, which sponsors the Christian Education release time classes at Minico High School. Each year, the Association holds a potato bar fundraiser to help fund the Christian Education program. This year's potato Bar begins at 11:00 AM and runs until 1:30 PM. There will be a freewill offering accepted at the door. Christians from all over Minidoka County come to this event each year. It's not only a great opportunity to help a worthy cause, but it's also an afternoon of fun and fellowship with fellow Christians. Hope to see you there!

*Please be sure to submit announcements for the bulletin by 3PM each Wednesday. Please submit all materials for the Newsletter and calendar by 3PM on the last Thursday of the month.*

*Please be sure to submit all calendar items to the office to be sure that the schedule is clear and the event has trustee approval.*

## WINTER FUN AT CAMP PERKINS

The folks at Camp Perkins have been hard at work, preparing a number of winter retreat opportunities. If you haven't checked out their winter retreat schedule yet, you should! Here is a sampling of what is available at Camp Perkins this winter...

### Jr. High SnowJam: Jan. 5-7 and 26-28, 2018.

Come to Camp Perkins Junior High SnowJam to play in the snow, eat great food, sit by a warm fire, build new friendships and grow in your relationship with God through bible study, worship and close community.

### Crafters' Retreat: Jan. 12-14/15 and Feb. 16-18/19, 2018.

Grab your scrapbooks, quilts, and sewing machines. Muster all of your creativity and get ready to craft your weekend away at Camp Perkins' Annual Women's Crafting Retreat. Relax in the Camp Perkins commu-

nity and have a massage while you're at it!

### Family Flurry: Feb 16-18/19, 2018.

Bring the whole family and join us for some winter family fun at our Family Flurry Retreat!

### Men's Weekend: Feb 23-25, 2018.

Join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Enjoy a presentation from guest speaker Rec. Clint Lutz of Xrossway Ministries.

### Senior High SnowJam: Mar. 2-4, 2018.

Come to the Camp Perkins Senior High SnowJam with a Youth Group to enjoy a retreat planned by youth, for youth and expect to spend time by the fire, eating great food, and playing in the snow with friends. Stay in the cozy accommodations of the Retreat Center and spend your days on the tubing hill, cross country skiing, or hiking in snow shoes!