

# Trinity Lutheran Ministries

Weekly Newsletter

November 26, 2017

## TRINITY'S UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS - GRIEF SHARE

Tuesday, November 28  
9:30am & 6:30pm—Church Chapel

### ADVENT WEEKEND WORSHIP – “WHEN GOD INTERRUPTS LIFE”

Saturday, November 25 at 6:00pm & Sunday, November 26 at 8:00am & 10:30am  
Saturday, December 2 at 6:00pm & Sunday December 3 at 8:00am & 10:30am  
Saturday, December 9 at 6:00pm & Sunday, December 10 at 8:00am & 10:30am

### ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES LED BY TRINITY STUDENTS (10:00AM & 7:00PM)

Wednesday, November 29 - Led by Grades 6-8 “*This is so Embarrassing*”  
Wednesday, December 6 - Led by Grades 3-5 “*A Shepherd’s Christmas*”  
Wednesday, December 13 - Led by Kindergarten—Grade 2 “*A Tree for Christmas*”

### TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL BAND & HANDBELL CONCERT

Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00pm

### SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 17 at 8:00am & 10:30am

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00pm Candlelight Family Service  
5:00pm Candlelight Family Service  
11:00pm Candlelight Communion Service

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am Christmas Day Communion Service - Celebration of our Lord’s Birth

*The church office will be closed on Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25 so that the staff can enjoy the Christmas holiday with their family.*

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Regularly Scheduled Service Times

*The church office will be closed on Friday, December 29 and Monday, January 1 so that the staff can enjoy New Year’s with their family.*

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** - Are you looking for greeting cards for Christmas?  
Come to the fellowship hall between worship services. All proceeds go to Missions.

### CHURCH

212 W 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
Phone: 308-382-0753  
Fax: 308-384-6722

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-3:30pm

Friday 8:00am-1:00pm

Website: [trinitylutherangi.org](http://trinitylutherangi.org)

### TRINITY CAMPUS

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School— Grand Island, NE

Or

Trinity Lutheran School



### SCHOOL

208 W 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
Phone: 308-382-5274  
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Rainbow Room: 308-382-4323

Monday-Friday 7:30am-3:45pm

Website: [tlsi.org](http://tlsi.org)

Love Joy Peace Love Joy



# SPECIAL PRAYERS

## **ONGOING HEALTH/LIFE ISSUES:**

Marlene Behm, Jedd Bohlender, Willie Brown, Brady Craig, Robert Dieken, Pastor Jack Gillam, Grobe family, Dawn Harries, Bob & Carol Haubold, Jon Heinrich, Wilbur Hillman, Karen Jenkins, Brin Jinright (kidney), Karen Kierbs (Marlene Behm's daughter), Aiedan Klein, Al Knoepfel, Mike Koch, Don Krecklow, John Lipps, Don Loeffelbein, Ron Ludwig, Trisha Lundberg, Susan Martens, Mike Palu, June Reehl, Peggy Roberts, Dale Rohweder, Harold Schuessler, Karsyn Soto, Donald VanBibber, Cindy Windfield & Ray Wondercheck.

## **SPECIAL PRAYERS:**

For those struggling with an illness and/or those going through cancer treatment.

For Stephanie Karsten who will be having hip surgery on November 27.

For Robyn Seim who will be having Knee Surgery.

For David & Carli Lindeman as they get ready to start the next chapter of their lives in Colorado. David has accepted a call to Redeemer in Fort Collins, Colorado.

## **CALLED TO GLORY:**

For the family and friends of Rev. John Reehl who passed away on Saturday, November 18.

For the family and friends of Gayla Smith who passed away on Saturday, November 18.

For the family and friends of Faye (Conlon) Wagner who passed away on Friday, November 17.

For the family and friends of Ruth McClurkin who passed away on Monday, November 20.

*Note: If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please call the church office at (308)382-0753 during office hours. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks, unless specified differently by the one who calls.*

## **SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

Brandon Bennett, Taylor Castaneda, Michael Danenberg, Derrick Fladseth, William Hartmann, Sam Heider, Michael Hoesche, Noel Purdie Hunter, Clint Knoepfel, Jonathan Kirkland, Jordan Knoepfel, Reid Knoepfel, Shay Knoepfel, Robert Mueller, Travis Muirhead, Anne Bredthauer Noel, Benjamin Reehl, Dereck Rosas, Dustyn Rose, Marianne Salak Rose, Michael Salak, Mitchell Salak, Jonathan Schroeder, Marc Smaha, Jeffrey Thompson, Daniel Walford, Trevor Wieck, Michael Wilke, Brandi Manuel.

## **THANK YOU!!**

Thank you for supporting our "Bakeless Bake Sale". Your response to this project is so appreciated and all of the proceeds will go to missions. Your Trinity Lutheran Women's Missionary League

# SERVING THIS WEEKEND

**November Altar Guild:** Carol Quandt, Gerry Koepke, Lois Niemoth, Arla Hoerth, Carol Wells, Julie Pokorney

**Saturday, November 25 at 6:00pm** - Preacher: Pastor Adam Snoberger | Elders: Ken Elshof & Jose Velasquez  
Layreader: Susan Hauptmeier | Piano: Marlene Behm | Acolyte: Austin Meyer | Ushers: Sherrell Sims, Virgil Klein & Tim Klemme

**Sunday, November 26 at 8:00am** - Preacher: Pastor Adam Snoberger | Elders: Dan Leiser & Greg Baird  
Layreader: Greg Baird | Organist: Jeri Erickson | Acolyte: Karter Kirkland | Ushers: Gary Spotanski, Ray Block, Larry Kelly, Mike Koch, Rick Ludwig & Robert Pollock

**Sunday, November 26 at 10:30am** - Preacher: Pastor Adam Snoberger | Elder: Chad Sheffield & Dan Harries  
Acolyte: Taylor Mattison | Ushers: Terry Kaczor, Ben Stump, John Dunn, David Wilton, Joe Sommerfeld & Chester Grooms

# TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

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# WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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## **SUNDAY 11-26**

8:00am Classic Worship\*  
9:15am Bible Connections  
9:15am C Champs  
10:30am Modern Worship\*

## **MONDAY 11-27**

8:15am CBS  
6:30pm Congregational Comm. Conversation

## **TUESDAY 11-28**

9:30am Altar Guild  
9:30am GriefShare - Surviving the Holiday's  
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## **WEDNESDAY 11-29**

9:00am Adult Bible Connections  
10:00am Advent Service led by TLS Grades 6-8  
5:30pm Faith Walk meal  
6:00pm Faith Walk Classes for all ages  
6:00pm Bell Choir  
7:00pm Advent Service led by TLS Grades 6-8  
7:45pm Adult Choir

## **THURSDAY 11-30**

10:30am Chapel service at Primrose

## **FRIDAY 12-1**

7:00am Men's Bible Connections

## **SATURDAY 12-2**

6:00pm Classic Worship\*

## **SUNDAY 12-3**

8:00am Classic Worship\*  
9:15am Bible Connections  
9:15am C Champs  
10:30am Modern Worship\*

\*Denotes Holy Communion is served.

## **Weekly Readings**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-11

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Peter 3:8-14

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12

*Pledge Online*

[www.trinitylutherangi.org](http://www.trinitylutherangi.org)

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION...**

**“LOVE LOAF” BOXES** - Funds donated through the “Love Loaf” offering boxes for 2017 will be given to the “Feed 500” project of Orphan Grain Train. With your funds, Orphan Grain Train will ship donated food for children here in the United States and worldwide. Love-loaf offering boxes may be picked up at the church entryways.

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** - The 2018 offering envelopes are available for pickup in the sanctuary. Please give back to the Lord to support Trinity's Ministries and our ongoing Missions. God's Blessings & Thank you! The Board of Stewards.

**WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE CONNECTIONS** - Starting on Wednesday, November 29, bible connections will be held at 9:00am in the chapel during Wednesdays in Advent.

**CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITY CONVERSATION** Who are the people that God has planted around our congregation for us to bless in the name of Jesus? What are their lives really like? What's important to them? On November 27 from 6:30-8:00pm we'll have that conversation as a congregation. Nate Meier from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund will present a detailed demographics study about our community, specifically tailored to our church. We'll then have a conversation about what that means for how we engage our community with the mission of Jesus. We will provide childcare that evening. We need and want your voice. Please join us!

**ATTENDANCE/PRAYER REQUEST SLIP** - Please fill out an attendance slip and let us know if your address, phone number or email address has changed. Also please let us know of any prayer requests or if you have a special need you would like us to know about. Thank you!

## **CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

In this season of gift giving to family friends and those less fortunate, we hope you will also consider your gift to Trinity Lutheran. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work. You can use our electronic giving option for both regular offerings and one-time gifts. To help us achieve a more consistent level of funding, we encourage you to use electronic giving for your regular offerings. Please contact the church office for details.

## **SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, AT 7:00PM IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

The special meeting to consist of the Call Committee for Senior Pastor results and recommendations. Voters will be able to ask questions of the Committee.

A vote will be taken on the call committees recommendations. This is a very important meeting and I would like “every”, “every” voting member in attendance to help in the call process. Thank You and God Bless!

Gary Spotanski, Congregation Chairman

# SUNDAY MORNING FAITH DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

9:15-10:15am...

- **Adults - Adult Bible study** - meet in the fellowship hall.
- **Coffee and Conversation for Young Adults** - meet at Panera Bread (1040 Allen Drive) 9:30-10:10 a.m. Drop your kids off at Trinity for Bible Connections or childcare from 9:15-10:25am (use west entrance and go down the steps).
- **Youth - 2 years-6th Grade** meet in classrooms in the west hallway off the lower level for bible events and hands on activities.
- **7th—12th Grade Youth** - Meet in the Youth room. There will be no classes on November 19 and 26.
- **C Champs - For Challenged Adults** meet in the church chapel. High school age and up learn Bible stories and do activities.

**PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN** - A parent room and unstaffed nursery is located in the back of the church. Use it as needed for your family. **Amenities include:** ~Changing table ~Restroom ~Monitor for worship service.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** - Children ages 2 and above are invited to go to the chapel during 10:30am sermon time for a children's message, singing, and an activity that is on the same theme as the sermon. They will return to their parents during the offering. This gives the children an opportunity to hear God's Word in an age appropriate way and for parents to be able to listen to the sermon without interruptions.

**THRILL OF HOPE** - Do you remember as a child what it was like enduring those days before Christmas? It was the anticipation that made Christmas, Christmas. That same dynamic is what made the first Christmas so extraordinary. For generations, men and women had been waiting anxiously for the birth of their Messiah, with no assurance that they would live to see him. *And like us, they probably wondered, Is this really going to happen? After all, God has been silent for years? Has he forgotten about us?* Do you have those same doubts? Do you feel like God even knows you exist? Do you wonder if it's worth it to follow Christ? In *The Thrill of Hope*, Andy Stanley makes the case that *the Christmas story is your story*. This Bible Study will begin on Sunday mornings December 3 in the church fellowship hall.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

### CALENDAR

Monday, November 27 -

Tuesday, November 28 -

Wednesday, November 29 - 8:20 Chapel; Advent 10am & 7pm

Thursday, November 30 - Girls Basketball at 4:30pm; Pre-K family night at 6:30pm

Friday, December 1 -



**TRINITY TIGER SCRIP** order forms are available at each entrance. We have Super Saver, Hy-Vee and Walmart cards available in the church office. Please stop by and buy one to help the school out at no additional cost to you.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**YOUTH (GRADE 7-12)** - There will be no classes on November 26.

**BLACKOUT BASH** - On December 3 from 6:00-8:00pm, come join us for some fun and games in the dark!

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Details to come.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Some members of our church family will be celebrating birthdays this week and we would like to take this opportunity to wish them God's richest blessings on their special day. Why not join us by giving them a call or dropping a line to them to let them know you care! If you are not listed, we apologize and ask you to contact the Church Office so we can update our records. Thank you.

November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30	December 1	December 2
Julia Hamilton	Joshua Black	Ashley Armenta	Taylor Senff	Melissa Farrell	Dakota George	Tamra Campbell
Ryker Hansen	Mollie George	John Baasch	Doug Weber	Eleanore Fuller	Breanna Lind	Joyce Noakes
Larry Wilton	Ken Patrick	Angela Lau		Darla Hansen	Lynn Widdifield	Simon Smith
	Jacobi Sandoval	Annette Rupprecht		Trevor Wieck		Tom Ummel

*May God bless you and keep you on your special day and throughout the year.*

**Thank you, Laser Works!** They generously sponsored this quarter's Portals of Prayer. If you, your group, or business would be interested in sponsoring a quarter, please contact Natalie in the church business office.

# Christmas 2017

## **CHRISTMAS LOVE GIFTS**

Christmas can be a tough time for those who have gone through difficulties during the past year. For example: major illness, loss of a job, death in the family, or trying to make ends meet. This year we are asking congregation members to submit names of friends, neighbors, or co-workers that may be struggling so Trinity can assist in making their Christmas a little brighter. This would be a great time to think about those “One Door” opportunities. The names you submit will be kept confidential and you will be given a gift card to give to them as a gift from Trinity Lutheran Church. Our goal is to help at least 30 families. The month of November and December Compassion Funds will be used to purchase SCRIP cards for the Love Gifts. If you would like to donate to the Compassion Fund you may do so on communion Sunday’s or bring a donation to the church office.

## **HOWARD’S CHRISTMAS STORE**

Trinity is partnering with Howard Elementary School on a Christmas Project. The school will be setting up a store to allow each child to choose a Christmas gift for their immediate family members.

### **Assistance is needed in the following ways:**

- 1) **Donating Suggested items:** gloves, hats, socks, jewelry, perfume, nice hand lotion, blankets, towels, flashlights, basic tools, after shave, games, books, blocks, puzzles.  
*\*New and gently used gift items for all ages (Items for dads and older children/teens are needed MOST).*  
**\*They are not accepting clothing donations except for Coats, hats, gloves, and socks!!!**
- 2) *Donating a monetary donation that could be used to purchase items to supplement the donations.*
- 3) *Donate gift bags, wrapping paper, tape, and gift tags.*
- 4) *Volunteer (for set-up, to help students select items, and especially with the gift wrapping).*

### **Items need to be to church by Sunday, December 10.**

If you can assist with set-up, assisting students with selecting and/or wrapping gifts please contact Pastor Snoberger (pastorsnoberger@tlcgi.org), Eunice McCarty (euni@tlcgi.org) or the church office at 382-0753.

## **SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS—GRIEFSHARE**

Trinity will host two special Grief Sessions on “Surviving the Holidays” on Tuesday, November 28. A day time session will be held at 9:30am and an evening session will be at 6:30pm. Both sessions will be held in the church chapel. A video, share time and special resources will be part of this session. In past years, the Christmas holiday season may have been a time of great anticipation and excitement ... but this year, the prospect of facing the holidays without your loved one may cause anxiety and dread. You are not alone. Through one session you can connect with support, encouragement, and advice to survive the holidays. This “Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one’s death and will focus on: how to deal with the many emotions you’ll face during the holidays, what to do about traditions and other coming changes, helpful tips for surviving social events and how to discover hope for your future. For more information call (308) 382-0753 or go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

**THE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONALS** titled, “Love Came Down” are available in the racks at each church entrance. The daily devotions are intended to enhance your spiritual journey during the special season of Advent and Christmas. They are provided by the Trinity Lutheran Laymen’s League in partnership with Lutheran Hour Ministries.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY’S ANNUAL COOKIE WALK**

Sunday, December 3 from 1:00-2:30pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, thousands of cookies will be for sale to help with the building of homes in our area. Choose your own cookies, buy pre-boxed varieties or check out the specialty platters. Call 308-385-5510 for more information or to volunteer. If you’re a baker, they are in need of people to bake and decorate cookies for the event. If you are interested in helping, the cookies need to be brought to St. Paul Lutheran Church between 4:00-8:00pm Saturday, December 2nd. Please bring the cookies on something that can be thrown away. If you can help, contact Megan Cure at 308-385-5510 or at [megan@gihabitat.org](mailto:megan@gihabitat.org).

## **31ST ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY & SOUP SUPPER**

Soup will be served on Sunday, December 3 from 4:30—8:00pm in the 4H Café at Fonner Park. The Live Nativity is at the Big Red Barn at Fonner Park and starts at 5:00pm and runs every 15 minutes. For more info. call Kate at 308-382-1952.