

Friendly Lutherans will be on Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 11:30am. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

It will be our annual Christmas Party with singing Christmas Carols, with Pastor Randy on the keyboard, and exchanging white elephant gifts!

Cantata on Wed., Dec. 20, at 6:30pm!

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017

<u>Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
8:45am	24
11:00am	<u>66</u>
Total:	90

Our Sunflower Box in December turns into a Christmas Tree! Bring hats, gloves/mittens, scarves and /or socks to decorate the tree in the hall. These items will go to the Clothing Closet.



On Christmas Eve, please support the Gabriel Project by donating disposable diapers for mothers and babies in need.



Trinity's Table last Sunday

It was a Mexican feast on this blustery, cold day at Trinity's Table. We served 195 meals of nachos with spicy meat, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese and salsa, plus corn and Mexican rice, peaches, drinks and desserts (thanks Sugar Pie Bakery).

Several weeks ago, we made the decision to eliminate take-out meals. Instead, we hand out bread (thanks Charleston Bread), peanut butter and some pantry staples like canned veggies and fruits. It has been well-received by many of our guests.

The folks from Village Chapel helped out tonight, as well as many regulars. The daytime crew had all of the food ready to go, and our evening crew served and cleaned up. Each week, we are thankful for all of these willing volunteers!

Tonight, once again, we were able to hand out cosmetic bags filled with feminine supplies thanks to our friend, Danolita. She collects these much-needed items and shares them with kitchens, shelters and pantries throughout our area. What a gift to the ladies we serve.

Sara Busse

Pastor's message *continued* . . .

Each had a small but important role to play. Each reminds us of the broken relationship, and points us to the manger and God's answer to our rejection of relationship with God – a baby, God's self. Preparations for that first Christmas took millennia. I guess I can handle the next couple weeks.

God's peace,
Pastor R.

A message from Pastor Randy:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Cindy and I have been talking about our Christmas plans – when to travel, who to see, when to have a Christmas dinner here, how to balance the services here with our plans, what to get the kids (and others), what to get each other – all the usual things we think about around this time of the year. Of course this is all balanced with decorating and shopping and bell concerts and hymn sings, extra services and the like – makes for a hectic time. I figure yours' is just as nuts. Then, probably not enough, but occasionally, I stop and think about what we are celebrating. And I wonder, what kind of preparation went into that first Christmas?

I know Mary and Joseph had to make travel plans, find a place to stay (albeit rather pitiful – shame it took another 2000 years for *Trivago* to come along), plan on meals and do the best they could with what they had. But as I ruminate on the event, I begin to appreciate the preparation that went into that first Christmas. I am not talking about Joseph's and Mary's preparation. I am talking about *all* the preparations.

When I truly contemplate Christmas I begin to realize that the preparations started at the doors of Eden. God made clothing for Adam and Eve even as they were exiled from paradise (Gen. 2:21). And at that point, the preparations for God's coming, for God's reinvigorating God's relationship with humanity began. Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Ruth, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Joseph, Mary, and the countless other witnesses that prefigured the event, all were in preparation for this single moment in time.

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Sunday, December 17, 2017

ALTAR GUILD

10:00am Member of Trinity
Gene & Lisa Williamson

GREETERS

10:00am Karen Ashworth
Jim Snyder

READERS

10:00am Our Youth

USHERS


10:00am Trinity Members
Chuck Howe, Adam Knauff,
George Petershagen

Please pray for:

Roger Baird
Pam Beaver
Norma Chandler
Linda Cook
Dennis Dunbar
Gwen Fawcett
Joel Gensler
Joe Heindl
Johanna Mitchell
Joy O'Cull
Anna Mae Rhoades
Joe Richards
Helen Robinson
Kathy Saul
Betty Schillings
Manfred & Nancy Schmellenkamp
Allen Schwarz
Susan Schwarz
Carlotta Shamblin
Karen Stouch
Dorothy Stromenger
Freda Valavanis
Betty Williams
Laveda Winkler

This week at Trinity

Wed. Dec. 13	7:00am	Morning Prayer
	5:15-6:30pm	KPCC, Lounge
	6:00pm	Advent Midweek Service—Carry-in supper
	7:00pm	AA Meeting, Lounge
	7:30pm	Choir
Thur. Dec. 14	7:00am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Conference Meeting
	12-1:30pm	BNI, Social Hall
Fri. Dec. 15	2:00-9:00pm	Rea of Hope Dinner Social Hall
Sat. Dec. 16	Noon-3:00pm	CEOS, Social Hall
	7:00pm	AA Meeting, Lounge
Sun. Dec. 17	10:00am	One Service Children's Christmas Program
	2:00-4:00pm	Doll Club, Lounge
	5-6:30pm	Trinity's Table
Mon. Dec. 18	7:00am	Morning Prayer
	7:30-8:30am	Mustard Seed AA Mon. thru Fri.
	7:15pm	Hand Bells
Tue. Dec. 19	7:00am	Morning Prayer
	7:00-8:00pm	WVYPAA, Lounge



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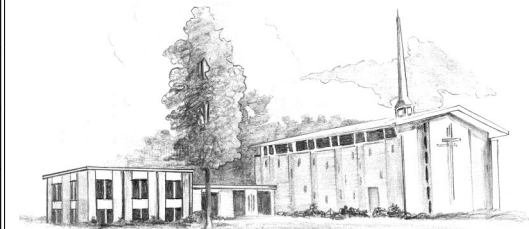
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**Sunday One Service:
10:00 am
Children's Christmas
Program**



**OUR MISSION IS TO LIVE
AND SHARE GOD'S WORD IN
JESUS CHRIST**

December 13-19, 2017