

TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTES

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY November 27 – December 4, 2016

SUNDAY	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion Coffee Hour
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	3:30 pm	Bible Study [YSR]
	7:00 pm	Board of Youth [YSR]
	7:15 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal [MPR]
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Ladies Morning Bible Study [YSR]
	11:30 am	Pastoral Care Meeting [Stammel Center]
	6:00 pm	Advent Potluck/Craft Night [MPR, Café]
	8:15 pm	Youth Ensemble Practice [CMR]
THURSDAY	3:00 pm	Sounds of Praise [CMR]
	6:45 pm	Handbell Choir Practice [Balcony]
	7:30 pm	Youth Camp Pioneer Info Meeting [YSR]
	8:00 pm	Trinity Choir Practice [CMR]
FRIDAY	6:30 pm	LWML Pork Roast Dinner [MPR, Café]
	7:00 pm	Jr. Youth FUEL [YSR, Gym]
SATURDAY	6:30 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion Coffee Hour sponsored by Board of Youth
	10:45 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

2016-2017 Ministry Support Goal: \$9,615.00 per week

Ministry Worship Goal: 300 per week

November 19/20 Offering: \$9,584.00

Church Attendance: 335

Sunday School Attendance: 35

WE PRAY...

...for those afflicted in body and spirit, for those in pain and for those near death, that the Lord would grant them peace, patience, relief and healing according to His gracious will: James Armenta, Judy Beckerich, Ellen Brewer, Henry Breyer, Nancy Burpee, Bill Busch, Ann Chang, Ray Churik, Robin DeGennaro, David Francis, Kathy Gabrielsen, Barbara Higgins, Robby Johnson, Paul Kramer, Malik, Steve McCoy, Cooper Meadows, John Mohlin, Nancy Nightingale, Bob Pape, Charlie Petry, Herb Pordum, Henry Porzio Sr., Alexander Raia, Keith Rigby, Alfred Sauer, Freida Schildwachter, Ruth Schmidt, Mike Schwab, Ed Strauhs, Allison Tomlet, Ronald Tony, Edward Wehrman.

GIFTS and MEMORIALS

Gifts and memorials have been given to Trinity Lutheran Church to the glory of God in loving memory of Roland Sluder by Richard and Diane Sluder; for the Eternal Light in loving memory of Douglas Heigl by Michael and Christine Leone, in loving memory of Ann Kelly by Michael and Christine Leone; to the Klitzing/Kramer Scholarship Fund in thanksgiving for their Trinity family and the blessing of 38 years of Christian love and fellowship by Warren and Carole Hostetter; to the Organ Fund in loving memory of Emma and Frank Fix by Lauren Fix, in loving memory of Helen Hoefling by Warren and Carole Hostetter; to the Sunshine Circle in loving memory of Mary and William Paessler by Sue and Fred von Barga and Chris Herzberg; to the Weldon and Gail Endorf Library in loving memory of Douglas Heigl by Warren and Carole Hostetter; to Trinity Lutheran School in loving memory of Douglas Heigl by Dolores Sartor, Barbara and Doug Brosky, Susan, Charlie and Katie Mittler.

PASTORAL EMERGENCY CONTACT In the event you or your family would need to reach the pastor during Trinity's off hours, please use the following number, for true emergencies, and you are unable to reach anyone in the office. The number to call is 516-931-7147.

CRY ROOM AVAILABLE Did you know?? We have a child-friendly cry room available beneath the church in the church parlor. It is equipped with a changing table, running room and speakers so that you can hear the worship service. Please feel free to make use of this space when it is necessary!

COLLEGE AND MILITARY CARE PACKAGES The Board of Youth is going to start sending care packages to our college students and for those serving in the military. To have a care package sent, please email addresses to youth@trinityhicksville.org

MAILING LIST PREFERENCE In order to be good stewards of our finances, we are trying to cut down on paper usage and mailing costs by emailing all letters. If you do not have an email, or if you prefer paper mail, please write your name down on the pink sheet inside of the Friendship Pads. If we do not have your email address on file, please write it down in the Friendship Pad or email the church office at churchoffice@trinityhicksville.org. The church office will have an email list and a physical mailing list so please make sure to let us know if your information changes.

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Deuteronomy 10:14 "Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it." Out of His bounty, the Lord has blessed us with so many wonderful things. Let us give thanks for what He has given so that we may glorify His Name before all the people on earth starting right here in Hicksville.



Please check out the tract rack in the hallway and the church entrances for a take-a-way listing of Trinity's Bible studies, fellowship and service opportunities and general information about our church.



BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP PRAYER CHAIN The Board of Stewardship encourages all people to prepare their hearts for Jesus' birth! We will be asking our church and school members and students to take the enclosed green insert and write a prayer request or prayer of thanks on the strip, cut it off and place it in the offering plate or the box on the usher's table in the Narthex. The pieces will then be jointed together in the form of a large chain. This will remind us that we are connected as a family in prayers. The chains will adorn our church during the Advent and Christmas season!

Youth Ministry Happenings

JUNIOR YOUTH – FUEL

For those who are in grades 6-8

December 2 at 7:00pm

Meet in the YSR

SENIOR YOUTH

For those who are in grades 9-12 and Beyond!

December 9 at 6:00pm

Bryant Park Skating – Meet in the YSR

WANT TO SIMPLIFY YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS?

More and more of us are paying our bills online. Why not add our offerings as well? It saves time and helps Trinity to be better able to budget for our growing ministry. It's easy to setup and secure. All you have to do is go to Trinity's website at www.trinityhicksville.org and click on "Giving" which is located in the menu at the top. Then just click the "Click Here to Give" button on the Giving page and follow the directions.

WHAT SIZE DO YOU WEAR??

Please consider donating the dollar equivalent of your shoe size. The Board of Christian Education is raising money for the church and school for much needed shades in many of our rooms and classrooms. Envelopes are available at the exits for you to help contribute to this effort and you can drop it into the offering plate. And **please invite your family and friends to participate!** Total to date collected is \$2,908.00! Thank you so much!



MOMMY AND ME Coming in January 2017 the Early Childhood Center will be offering a "Mommy and Me" program. The program will be for children 9 months old to 2 years old. Please call the Early Childhood Center at 931-2211 extension 224 for more information. Look for more details to follow in future bulletins.

THE STORY All three classes of *The Story* are on hiatus during Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. They will resume on January 10 and 11. Watch for the reminder in your 2017 bulletins!

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY UPDATE The Tuesday afternoon Bible study group will be continuing their study of the book of Romans on November 29, December 6 and January 3 in the Stammel Center.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA! Trinity Lutheran's Annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 10:00am to 12:00 pm. Join us for crafts, games, prizes and a delightful pancake breakfast! Kids \$10.00, Adults \$8.00. You can RSVP at santa@trinityhicksville.org. Don't miss it!



CHRISTMAS ANGELS All "Christmas Angel" gifts are due today. If you forgot yours, please call Lynn Waldeck (x230) in the church office on Monday. Thank you for sharing and caring!

ADVENT COIN FOLDERS We encourage you to pick up an Advent coin folder at one of the exits as you leave worship today. Begin the anticipation of Christmas with the daily celebration of Advent. Each day reflect on the "coming of Christ" as you add a coin to your folder.

MID-WEEK ADVENT 2016 The Board of Outreach will kick-off our mid-week Advent celebrations with a family potluck dinner and advent craft on Wednesday, November 30 from 6:00 to 8:30pm in the cafe and MPR. To sign up, please email boardofoutreach@trinityhicksville.org or see the bulletin board outside the cafeteria.

THRIVENT CHOICE INVITATION The time has come to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars! Please visit the following web address to determine your allocation. Trinity thanks you for your support!
<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

THANK YOU!! Thank you from the Board of Outreach for helping us collect 1300 toilet paper rolls. We now have enough to make 60 Advent calendars at the Advent pot luck dinner and Advent craft event!! We have all the rolls we need!! And we hope to see you at the event on November 30 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm in the cafeteria.

TRINITY'S CHRISTMAS TREE LOT As we approach the end of October we begin to look forward to the Christmas season and Trinity's annual Christmas tree sale. This year will be our 22nd year and we have been blessed over these years by the groups and many individuals that have volunteered their time not only unloading the trees, but also selling them. I, for the most part have been able to handle certain days with limited or no additional help, but have now come to realize I cannot continue to man the lot by myself. I can get help Monday thru Wednesday (Thursday, Friday and Saturday are covered by groups), but I am asking for help mainly on Sunday's from 12 noon until 9PM as it is becoming more and more difficult to get help on this day. If you are interested in helping, please feel free to email me at dspecht@trinityhicksville.org or you can call me at 516-933-3405. *Sincerely, Dave Specht*

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

We will be packing food baskets on Monday, December 19 at 10:00 AM in the Stammel Center. If you can donate any of the following items or wish to make a cash donation (please use an envelope marked "Christmas Baskets"), it would be greatly appreciated. Please save brown paper bags to be used for packing. God bless you for your help.

Soup	Cookies	Rice/Pasta Mixes
Toothpaste/Brushes		Candies
Hot Chocolate		Canned Fruit
Tissues		Paper Towels
Dessert/Cake Mixes		Napkins
Peanut Butter		Hot/Cold Cereal
1lb Box Sugar		Jam/Jelly

Going Back to Luther

During the Advent season we will be focusing on the great Advent hymn, “Savior of the Nations, Come”, LSB 332. This hymn is an ancient hymn, written originally by one of the church fathers, Ambrose of Milan (c. 339 – 397). Ambrose fought against an early heresy in the church, Arianism, which denied Christ’s divinity, claiming Jesus was a creation of the Father, but not one with Him. The council of Nicaea declared this teaching heresy already in 325. Ambrose hymn, *Veni redemptor gentium*, sets forth his beliefs clearly that Jesus “is the Father’s Son” and that “God the Father was His Source,” preaching Jesus as one with the Father, and both God and man. Ambrose hymns were written to help teach the orthodox Christianity he preached. Luther translated this hymn faithfully from Latin to German in 1523, adding only the last verse doxology and it appeared in the first Lutheran hymnal in 1524. Luther, a skilled musician, changed a few notes in the original chant tune and made it singable to his congregation. This hymn, one of the great hymns of Advent, has been set in compositions by many composers from the Renaissance up through modern times. J.S. Bach, himself used the tune in no less than six of his compositions.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES/ADVENT GATHERINGS

Wednesday November 30

6:00 PM Advent Potluck and Craft Night

Saturday/Sunday December 3/4

6:30 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Tuesday December 6

7:00 PM Trinity Lutheran School Christmas Concert

Saturday/Sunday December 10/11

6:30 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion

Mark your calendars!

A special Coffee Hour is coming up!

The 8th grade class of Trinity Lutheran School will be hosting Coffee Hour on December 11!

In addition to coffee, they will be offering a hearty breakfast of pancakes and homemade baked goods. Please be generous in your goodwill donations as the 8th graders are looking to fund their end of year graduation expenses.

***Pancakes
and Coffee***

