

TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS and NOTES
THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 17 - 25

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| SUNDAY | 9:00 am | Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 9:00 am | Sunday School Christmas Message (During Worship) |
| | Between Services | Coffee Hour sponsored by Men's Bible Study Group |
| | 10:45 am | Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:45 am | Sunday Morning Bible Study |
| MONDAY | 12:00 pm | Sr. Youth Christmas Lunch |
| | 10:00 am | Christmas Food Basket Packing [Stammel Center] |
| TUESDAY | 3:30 pm | Book of Esther Bible Study [Stammel] |
| | 7:00 pm | TLS K-3 Christmas Musical [Gym] |
| | 7:30 pm | LWML Meeting [CMR] |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:30 am | Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study [YSR] |
| | 11:30 am | Pastoral Care Meeting [Stammel Center] |
| | 7:15 pm | Advent Midweek Worship |
| THURSDAY | 8:30 pm | Praise Band Rehearsal [MPR] |
| | 3:30 pm | Sounds of Praise [CMR] |
| | 6:45 pm | Handbell Choir Practice [Balcony] |
| FRIDAY | 8:00 pm | Trinity Choir Practice [CMR] |
| | 7:30 pm | Jr. Youth FUEL Christmas Party [YSR] |
| SATURDAY | 6:30 pm | Advent 4 Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 9:00 am | Advent 4 Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |
| SUNDAY | Between Services | Coffee Hour |
| | 10:45 am | Advent 4 Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 6:00 pm | Christmas Eve Family Worship |
| | 7:30 pm | Christmas Eve Family Carols and Candles Worship |
| | 9:00 pm | Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 11:00 pm | Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion |
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| MONDAY | 9:30 am | Christmas Day Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |
| | | <i>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</i> |

2017-2018 Ministry Support Goal: \$10,096.00 per week
Ministry Worship Goal: 300 per week

December 9/10 Offering: \$11,292.00 Church Attendance: 194 Sunday School: 32

TODAY'S FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her mother, Iola Andreassen, on her fifth anniversary in Heaven by Howard and Linda Hoeberlein..

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: Lynn Argenziano, Paula Avanti, Harriet Brady, Henry Breyer, Nancy Burpee, Rosemarie Caiazzo, Lukas Campo, Ray Churik, Kathleen Corrado, Kathryn Cortelyou, Rich Cummings, Beth Duffy, Erin Echevarria, Larry Faltings, David Francis, Ann Francisco, Katie Gabrielson, Evette Gallo, Jim Gillette, Marite Ellen Hennessey, Betty Jung, Hilde Keineth, Rosemary Knapp, Thomas Luhman, Susan Marotta, Allison Miller, John Mohlin, Trundy Moldenhausner, Kimberly Neglia, Renita Newbery, Rich Porter, Alexander Raia, Martha Riker, Martha Rockie, Lauren Scarola, Freida Schildwachter, Walter Schmidt, Gene Scott, Ed Strauhs, Elizabeth Stuhler.

GIFTS and MEMORIALS

Gifts and memorials have been given to Trinity Lutheran Church to the glory of God to the Endorf Scholarship Fund in honor of their great-granddaughter, Collins Ruth Endorf, by Weldon and Gail Endorf; to the Organ Fund in loving memory of Marilyn Ruth Gross on her 52nd anniversary with our Lord by Tina Deer.

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.

Youth Ministry Happenings

JUNIOR YOUTH – FUEL

For those who are in grades 6-8

Barnes and Noble Book Fair, Carle Place

December 15 @ 6:00pm

SENIOR YOUTH

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

Christmas Lunch – Dec 17 @ 12:00pm

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.

WREATHS 2017 Have you ever noticed how beautiful our church looks at Christmas? We are offering you an opportunity to help continue that tradition! Would you like to donate a wreath? Each one of the eight wreaths on the speakers in the church and the two wreaths on the outside narthex doors are \$50 each, and will be handmade by Peter and Josephine Kenney, our former florists. If you would like to donate a wreath, please fill out a memorial envelope with your wording, enclose payment, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. The deadline is Monday, December 18.

LWML MEETING AND CELEBRATION LWML invites all Trinity's ladies to our meeting on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 pm in the CMR. We will be celebrating Jesus' birthday! Ladies, remember your mites and invite a friend.

THE BOOK OF ESTHER BIBLE STUDY The Tuesday afternoon Bible study group meets at 3:30pm in the Stammel Center with a study on the Book of Esther. Come join us for this exciting study!

MINISTRY TO SHUT-INS There are people in our church who are shut-ins or unable to travel to church alone but would like to attend services. If you know of any such folks let the church know. Maybe you can volunteer yourself to drive someone at least once a month or more if possible. Please let the church know you would like to volunteer your services. Call the church office or email Deacon Anthony with info at ACavaliere@trinityhicksville.org

2017 CHRISTMAS TREE SALES ARE UNDERWAY!

If you are ready to purchase your Christmas tree and get home beautified for Christmas, the lot is open 9am-9pm Saturday and Sunday and from 6-9pm Monday through Friday.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING! Trinity's Blessing Box, located across the street from the church, has been getting lots of traffic! If you can help out by stocking it with a few non-perishable items once in a while it would be greatly appreciated. If we can bless someone who is in immediate need with a necessity, we in turn will be blessed for being a blessing. Thank you!

POINSETTIAS 2017 If you wish to sponsor one or more poinsettias to beautify our Sanctuary in celebration of the birth of our Lord, please fill out a memorial envelope, enclose payment and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Price per potted plant is \$20.00 and the deadline for ordering is Monday, December 18. Thank you!

INSPIRATIONAL YOGA! The Board of Outreach is once again offering an eight week session of Inspirational Yoga. It begins the first week of January on Wednesday nights (January 3) from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the MPR. Beginners are welcome!! And still only \$5.00 per class. Yoga mats and yoga blocks are for sale or can be borrowed if you don't have one!

TRINITY'S DAY CARE Trinity is preparing to furnish the new day care at the 97 West Nicholai parsonage. In order to pass the NYS licensing inspection, brand new items only are requested. Any donation(s) you are able to make will be greatly appreciated! A Target registry has been created for this purpose. Please click on the link <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/Trinity-Lutheran-Day-Care> to view the registry. Thank you!

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES Please pick up your 2018 offering envelopes outside the Multipurpose Room. If yours are missing or you would like a set of envelopes, please call Lynn in the church office at ext. 230. Thank you!

MAIL PREFERENCE Almost all of our church mail goes by e-mail. If we do not have your e-mail address please write it in the friendship pad. If you do not use e-mail and prefer paper mail and have not told us, please call Lynn in the church office (ext.230).

MORE ABOUT TRINITY 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.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

We will be packing food baskets on Monday, December 18 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
Toothpaste/Brushes
Canned Fruit
Dish Soap/Sponges
Hot/Cold Cereal

Cookies
Candies
Tissues
Dessert/Cake Mixes
1lb Box Sugar

Rice/Pasta Mixes
Hot Chocolate
Peanut Butter
Napkins
Jam/Jelly

THOSE SERVING THE LORD and TRINITY THIS WEEK

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| Preacher | | Pastor John Hopkins |
| Liturgist | 6:30pm | Lynn Waldeck |
| | 9:00am | Kathy Funfgeld |
| | 10:45am | Betsy Lazarek |
| Organist | | Henry DeVries |
| Deacons | 6:30pm | Lynn Waldeck |
| | 9:00am | Kathy Funfgeld |
| | 10:45am | Betsy Lazarek |
| Altar Servers | 6:30pm | John Blumer |
| | 9:00am | Erin Stevenson, Amy Schildwachter, Matt Musumeci |
| | 10:45am | Peg Ruhs |
| Ushers | 9:00am | Tom Fogarty, John Haines, Donna Haines, Warren Breuer |
| | 10:45am | Anthony Cavaliere, Elaine Koop, Scott Mann, |
| | | Moses Saxon |
| Readers | 6:30pm | Denise Nestor |
| | 9:00am | Lorraine Fogarty |
| | 10:45am | Pam Marrero |
| Acolytes | 6:30pm | Ryan Calvin, John Russo |
| | 9:00am | Maria Chiariello, Anthony Churik, Alexandra Crisp |
| | 10:45am | Adira Graham, Zaria Graham |
| December Altar Guild | | Jane DeVries, Nancy Galdo, Josephine Kenney |