

**TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS and NOTES**  
**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 16 – 23, 2018**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	Between Services	Coffee Hour sponsored by LuHi Mission Trip Fundraiser
	10:45 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study [YSR]
<b>MONDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Trinity Christmas Decorating!
	1:00 pm	Christmas Caroling for Shut-ins
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00 am	Food Basket Assembly [Stammel Center]
	3:30 pm	Bible Study [Stammel Center]
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:30 pm	Nassau Cty Divorce and Separation Support Group [MPR]
	7:00 pm	K – Grade 3 Christmas Musical [Gym]
	7:30 pm	LWML Meeting [CMR]
	9:30 am	Wednesday AM Ladies Bible Study [YSR]
	7:15 pm	Midweek Advent Worship
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:30 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal [MPR]
	3:30 pm	Sounds of Praise Practice [CMR]
	6:45 pm	Hand Bell Choir Practice [Balcony]
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:00 pm	Trinity Choir Practice [CMR]
	7:00 pm	Jr. Youth FUEL Christmas Party [YSR]
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:30 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School Presentation in Church
	Between Services	Coffee Hour sponsored by Comfort Dog Ministry
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study [YSR]

**2018-2019 Ministry Support Goal: \$9,615.00 per week**  
**Ministry Worship Goal: 300 per week**

December 5 Advent Midweek: 35

December 8/9 Offerings: \$10,739.00      Church Attendance: 182      Sunday School: 39

**TODAY'S FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Catherine von Barga for her birthday by her family.

**GIFTS and MEMORIALS**

Gifts and memorials have been given to Trinity Lutheran Church to the glory of God in loving memory of Carl Probst by John Doughty; for Altar Linens in loving memory of her mother, Louise Carle, for her ninth year with our Lord by Elaine Koop; to the Board of Properties for church maintenance in loving memory of Carl Probst by Flo McGuigan, Dolores Sartor; to the Choir Fund in loving memory of Carl Probst and her mother, Kathleen Brodawchuk by Joan Marie Gabriel; for Christmas Food Baskets in loving memory of Joan Ott by Carmen and Larry Puccio; for the needy in loving memory of Martin Schmidt by Hildegard Schmidt and family; to the John and Margaret Funfgeld Scholarship Fund in loving memory of Kathy Funfgeld by Gary and Michelle Funfgeld, by Deborah and William Wolfanger, by Greg Funfgeld, by Nancy and Paul Lagas; to the HSP Capital Campaign Fund in loving memory of Carl Probst and Marilyn Gross by Tina Deer and Bob Gross, in loving memory of Carl Probst by Josephine and Peter Kenney; to Trinity Lutheran School in loving memory of Carl Probst by Warren and Cathy Breuer.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

...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: Paula Avanti, Henry Breyer, Nancy Burpee, Elaine Caiazzo, Christine Churik, Ray Churik, Dan Cinquegrana, Jenna Collins, Tiffany Collins, Veronica Di Gianni, Vicki DeVaul, Peter Doud, Grace Duffy, Margaret Eckert, David Francis, Dolores Gargan, Barbara Gavin, Ed Kuck, Nancy Kumpf, Breanna McDermott, Guenther Merz, Maria Merz, Allison Miller, John Mohlin, Elaine and Henry Porzio, Alexander Raia, Craig Ruhs, David Shields, Walter Schmidt, Gene Scott, Harold Sklar, Margaret Smith, Gina Turko, Patty Voight, and Marie Wilson.

**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

**Christmas Party – December 21 @ 7:00pm**

#### **SENIOR YOUTH**

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

**Christmas Tree Sales – Friday Nights**

### **FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP**

Phil. 4:5b-6 ***“The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*** Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

**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. There is a box located across from Pastor's office for donations. Thank you!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** The Board of Stewardship has put together an Advent 2018 Devotion Booklet. The booklet is available on Trinity's website or you can pick up a hard copy at the entrances to the church.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes outside the MPR. If yours are missing or you would like a set of envelopes, please call Lynn in the church office at ext. 230. Thank you.

**BOOK OF MARK BIBLE STUDY ON HIATUS** The Wednesday night Bible study on the Book of Mark will be on hiatus until Wednesday, January 5.

**LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY** LWML's meeting will be Tuesday, December 18 in the church music room at 7:30pm. We will be celebrating Christmas with our Happy Birthday, Jesus party. Ladies, please bring a friend and remember your mites!

**HONOR, SERVE, PROVIDE YEAR END APPEAL** We would like to thank you for your pledges and gifts toward the *Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Providing for the Future* Capital Campaign. Many of the projects (identified by you in the questionnaire we sent out last year) have been completed. As you know every home needs continuous care and upkeep; Trinity's church and school are not exempt from that reality. We have included an "End of Year Appeal" envelope in this weekend's church bulletin. Please give what you can to help us maintain this beautiful sanctuary and school.

**POINSETTIAS 2018** 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 17.

## **2018 CHRISTMAS TREE SALES ARE UNDERWAY!**

If you are ready to purchase your Christmas tree the lot is open 9am-9pm Saturday and Sunday and from 6-9pm Monday through Friday. Happy decorating!

**WREATHS 2018** 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 17.

**HERE WE GO A-CAROLING!** Please join us as we go Christmas caroling! A group from Trinity will be spreading Christmas joy as we sing some of our favorite Christmas carols to several of our members who find it difficult to get out. We will be doing this on Sunday, December 16 from about 1:00-5:00pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Peggy Ruhs at 822-4867. What a great way to get into the spirit of the season!

## **UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

### **Wednesday December 19**

7:15 PM Advent Midweek Worship

### **Saturday/Sunday December 22/23**

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

### **Monday/Tuesday December 24/25**

6:00 PM Family Christmas Worship Service  
7:30 PM Carols and Candles Worship Service  
9:00 PM Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion  
11:00 PM Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 AM Christmas Day Worship/Holy Communion

### **Saturday/Sunday December 29/30**

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

## **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

We will be packing food baskets on Monday, December 17 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

Shampoo

Cookies

Crackers

Tissues

Dessert/Cake Mixes

1lb Box Sugar

Liquid Soap

Rice/Pasta Mixes

Hot Chocolate

Peanut Butter

Napkins

Jam/Jelly

Tuna

## THOSE SERVING THE LORD and TRINITY THIS WEEK

Preacher		Pastor John Hopkins
Organist		Henry DeVries
Deacons	9:00am	Doug Brosky
	10:45am	Betsy Lazarek
Altar Servers	6:30pm	Susan Mittler, Marite Hennessey
	9:00am	Matt Musumeci, Denise Fields
	10:45	Tina Deer
Ushers	9:00am	John Haines, Donna Haines, Warren Breuer, Steve Ferrara
	10:45am	Elaine Koop, Moses Saxon, Jacob Hopkins, Joe Braconier
Readers	6:30pm	Denise Nestor
	9:00am	Rita Sharkey
	10:45am	John Mohlin
ASL Interpreter	10:45am	Karen Prohinsie
Acolytes	6:30pm	Ryan Calvin
	9:00am	Katie Kronberg, Charlie Racz, Nicholas Timoshenko
	10:45am	Anna Newbery, Thomas Newbery
December Altar Guild		Jane DeVries, Nancy Galdo, Josephine Kenney

### Child of Promise

#### A Series of Special Services for Advent

Promises, promises—the Bible is full of them, but ultimately all of the promises of God are found in the Christ Child. In this Advent worship series, we will explore the promises associated with the original Hebrew names given to the Messiah, the Promised One, in Isaiah 7-12. Each service will delve into the meaning behind the promises of old and how those promises of old give meaning to our lives today as people of promise as we await the Christ Child.

**December 5: God with Us – Isaiah 7:10-14** Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14). In the Hebrew name Immanuel (meaning “God with us”), Isaiah captures the essence of the promise of Christ’s presence with us forever.

**December 12: Prince of Peace – Isaiah 9:2-7** “The government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called... Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). In the name Sar Shalom (meaning “Prince of Peace”) Isaiah proclaims the promise of harmony and unity which only Christ can bring.

**December 19: A Branch – Isaiah 11:1** “There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit” (Isaiah 11:1). By using the name Nezer (meaning “Branch”), Isaiah reveals to us that Jesus is connected to us and we are connected to him—always.

Please join us each Wednesday in December at 7: 5pm as we  
prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior!