



TRINITY TIDINGS

DECEMBER, 2019

Believing in Christ, we are called to grow and are sent to serve.

Thinking Out Loud With Pastor Josh

This year our theme for Advent is “Watching for Jesus.” Which begs the question, what is Advent? And why are we watching for a guy who has already shown up?

The Christian church has a tendency to hold on desperately to ideas and concepts that don’t connect well with the lived experience. For instance, during nearly the whole month of December we at Trinity celebrate Advent while the rest of the United States seems to be celebrating Christmas. That seems weird and stubborn. Or maybe, outdated and old fashioned. Bear with me, for reasons.

Christmas is the birth of Christ. The day of the year when we Christians celebrate God coming into our world to become us. If we find a breath to pause on that radical idea, imagine our God who can make and do all things choosing to diminish God’s self greatly to become human. Why? Out of love. We cannot believe that God can love us that much and that God’s Grace is so abundantly available to our world. So, God does the unthinkable and is born-just like us, walks and talks-just like us, goes to school-just like us, and dies-just like us. Okay, not exactly in the same way. Yet the brutality of the cross is, again, a reminder that we have the ability and will to do horrible things to each other. It reminds us that Jesus will do what it takes to hold us close to God. Even the brutality of pain and suffering we inflict cannot keep God’s Grace away.

This all happens because Jesus is born into our world. Which we honor and set apart in our calendars as Christmas Day December 25th. I know most of us will go to a Christmas Eve service, its all good. But since we’re on the subject, Trinity Lutheran offers two Christmas Eve candlelight services, 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. I hope to see you at one of them.

Advent, then, is a time of imagination and wonder. We spend four weeks anticipating what our world might be like with God’s love abundant within it. Could war cease? Could violence end? Could racism and hate be eradicated? Might walls be toppled over? Would broken families be restored? Could justice be known and equality be renewed between us? Might peace, real peace that silences vile words and destructive weapons, sweep across our nations?

This Advent we are “Watching for Jesus” because, quite frankly, we can’t wait to see what Jesus can do. We know too well what we humans can do when left to our own devices. Thanks to God, Jesus is fully human like us and fully God for us. We as God’s people take a little time, even as we think of presents and lights and singing carols, to wonder about God’s love.

What are you watching for? Waiting for? Hoping for? May our God of life, revealed through a child born in a barn, give you an infinite glimpse of what will be in the midst of all that is. May your holiday season be blessed by God’s abundant love.

Trust in God’s Grace, Pr Josh Ehrler

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



Help us decorate the church sanctuary with red poinsettias for Christmas. They will each have a red bow and the pot will be wrapped in green foil, from *The Flower Patch*.

Cost will be **\$14.00 each**.

Please turn in your order form with money or check (**payable to Trinity Lutheran Church/Flowers**) to the office **by Sunday, December 8**.

Please designate how you would like the plant(s) to be listed in the Bulletin: To the Glory of God.....

1. and in loving memory of _____

2. and in honor of _____

3. and in thankfulness to God for _____

Donor(s) _____

Plants may be taken home after the 8:00 pm Christmas Eve

Communion Service _____ Will Take _____ Won't Take

_____ Number of plants ordered \$ _____ Total Amount



175TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRINITY

During the 2021 calendar year, Trinity Lutheran Will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary.

The Church Council is seeking individuals interested in serving as event coordinators for this year long celebration.

Sandra Stengel, Arlene Sangmeister and Connie Mongan have volunteered to serve on the committee. If you are interested in serving with them, have questions, etc. please talk to one or all of them.

COUNCIL STUDY

Core Values

We did it! Well, we almost did it. We've condensed and distilled and discerned, talked it out and came up with a draft of 5+1 Core Values for Trinity Lutheran Church. The +1 is actually our first Value, that we are a congregation centered on Jesus Christ our Lord.

Since that seems like a given, we spent time at our November council meeting finding the words for 5 Core Values. The draft is available in the multi-use space across from the office and will be available to anyone curious. Council will refine the drafted language at our December meeting.

The heart of each Core Value is: #1 – creating a safe space affirming of God's people,

#2 – commitment to learning and sharing our faith,

#3 – serve through our partnerships (including our synod and ELCA), remained involved in our community and respond to community needs,

#4 – offer quality worship shaped by the Word and the sacraments, and

#5 – be open to experience new perspectives and opportunities.

FAITH5 – “EVERY NIGHT IN EVERY HOME”



Share (highs and lows).

Read (a Bible verse or story).

Talk (about the Bible reading).

Pray (for each other).

Bless (one another).

5 formative steps that may take 5 minutes or much longer before supper or getting into bed. Look for the book marks in the pews and take one home for your own use.

Use the verse of the week found at the top of every Refrigerator Reminders as a way to open the Bible together.

Take 5 to Faith 5
as a family, with friends, on your own.

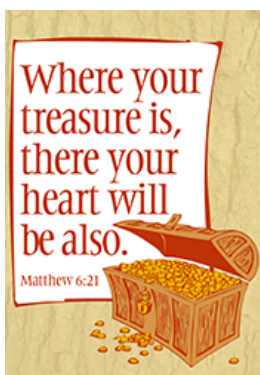
QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

Annual withdrawals from traditional retirement accounts (IRAs) are required after age 70 1/2, and the penalty for skipping a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) is 50 percent of the amount that should have been withdrawn. However, you can avoid paying income tax on your required withdrawal by donating your money directly to a qualifying charity, such as Trinity. These gifts can be used to fulfill your church pledge and be a helpful and tax-wise way to donate. Those who meet the 70 1/2 age requirement can transfer up to \$100,000 per taxpayer per year directly from an IRA to an eligible charity without paying income tax on the transaction. But you don't have to make a huge donation to benefit from this tax break. For a retiree in the 24 percent tax bracket, an IRA charitable contribution of \$5,000 could reduce your income tax bill by \$1,200.

In order to qualify for the tax break, the IRA administrator must transfer the funds directly from the IRA to the church. When Trinity receives your gift, a special gift receipt letter will be provided for your records. You cannot claim a charitable contribution tax deduction on a charitable distribution from your IRA, so it will not appear on your regular giving statement. Remember, this sort of gift is NOT income to you and, therefore, it is NOT tax-deductible. Nonetheless, the gift counts toward your RMD. This is a great option for anyone who does not itemize charitable deductions and/or anyone who does not want to incur that additional RMD income.

Please contact your IRA administrator for assistance if you think making a charitable distribution would be beneficial to you.

Louise Suttman, Financial Secretary



COMMITMENT CARDS REMINDER

During November, we invited our friends and families to make a financial commitment to the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. It is because of your generosity of time, finances and prayer that we are able to serve free lunches and host camps in the summer; develop partnerships with area organizations, and offer weekly worship and learning opportunities throughout the year.

We would like cards to be returned by **Commitment Sunday, December 1st**. If you have not returned your commitment card, please consider putting it by your checkbook or on your fridge. Talk about it, pray about it. Then, fill it out, mail it to the church or drop it in the offering plate. Give thanks that you are part of a strong congregation committed to Grow and Serve with our neighbors in Mt Morris and throughout the world! cards are available in the back of the church, multi-use room (chapel) and church office.)



Council Notes

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

A summary of the November 11, 2019 meeting:

Categorized the 3 pages of core value ideas into 5 action areas;

Pastor mentioned youth group has grown to 15-20 participants;

Cantata rehearsals include several new performers; Dec.8 is performance;

Christmas program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15;

2020 budget available for members to review; Budget discussions to be held after worship on Nov. 24 & Dec. 8;

Pajama project distribution on Dec. 14;

Projector screen repair will be done the week of Nov. 18 – 22;

Outdoor lighting repair will be addressed as soon as possible.

Names of potential church council ballot nominees were distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OCTOBER, 2019

Total Monthly Budget Income	\$ 13,866.97
Total Monthly Budget Expense	\$ 17,196.74
Year-to-date Budget Income	\$177,055.98
Year-to date Budget Expense	\$187,302.79
Year-to-date Surplus (Deficit)	\$(10,246.81)

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Many of us have found it much easier to make online transactions than cash or checks. Trinity offers that option for regular giving as well. The church office has the form needed to get started.



2019 CANTATA: I HEAR THE PROPHET CALLIN'

**Sunday, December 8, 3 pm
Here at Trinity**

Featuring musicians from
throughout northwest Illinois

Conductor/Jennie Saltzgiver
Accompanist, Coordinator/Karen Larson
karensarlson@gmail.com (219-309-4405)
Instrumentalist Coordinator/Andy Eckhardt

Visit: www.mmchristmascantata.com



@mmChristmasCantata

This is a Free Concert. Donations accepted to benefit
Loaves & Fish and Lifeline food pantries.



FALL, BE THE CHURCH THANK YOUS!

"Dear Trinity Be the Church
Workers, Thank you very much
for weeding & cleaning my two
flower beds. It is a relief to look out
and see them all ready for winter!
Thank you again," Margie Stouffer

"To Be the Church Day workers, A
big thanks to the Ricks and Ehrlers
for coming to my house and raking
the leaves. A big job and well done.

Also thanks to whomever left the Halloween treats—so
thoughtful of you. And they were gone in no time!"
Blessings, Carol Reckmeyer

"Dear Trinity Be the Church Volunteers, Thank you
so much for coming to my house and washing my
windows. I especially enjoyed the note from Evan
Ricks, telling me that 'God Loves Me'.
Have a Blessed day."
Joe Dettloff"

"Thank you to Pastor Josh,
Amy, Kendra & Caleb for
weed whipping. You did an
excellent job. I wish you the
Lord's blessings and a sincere
thank you." Betty Ford



OUR BELOVED SAINTS REMEMBERED



During our worship services All Saints weekend, we read
the list of names whom Trinity family and friends have
lost in the past year. We also offered time during the
services for all to light a candle in memory or honor of
loved ones.

For these blessed saints we give you thanks...

Eleanore Finrock (October 9, 2018)
Aimee Jo Johnson-Kilman (November 20, 2018)
Harold Hammil (December 28, 2018)
Kathryn Pearson (January 7, 2019)
Lucille Snodgrass (January 14, 2019)
Marion Sheldon (January 27, 2019)
Jill Carlson (January 31, 2019)
Betty Handschuh (March 18, 2019)
Starr Holbrook (July 4, 2019)
Ronald Hoffmeister (July 17, 2019)
John Grove (August 28, 2019)
LaVern Ehrlers (September 13, 2019)
Patricia Rosenbaum (September 16, 2019)
Steven Gann (September 19, 2019)
Randy Stone (October 6, 2019)
Stanley Ubben (October 24, 2019)
Walter LeFevre (October 25, 2019)

In the midst of our memories of those who have gone
ahead, we also remembered our people among us this day
who have been washed in your holy Baptism.

Kasen Bocker (November 24, 2018)

Affirmation of Baptism: (June 2, 2019)

Alexys Davis Kendra Ehrlers Laura Wright

MEMORIAL GIFTS USED THIS PAST YEAR

Lois Horst: 32 Youth Bibles
Marilyn George & Mary Thompson: 100 cup Coffee Pot
Elva Buser, Gladys Osborne, Margaret Ryberg, Lois
Steffen, Sherwood Stouffer, Vivian Unger: New Swell
Engine for Pipe Organ.
Art & Grace Dietze: LSSI Foster Care School Supplies
Doris Kuntzelman: Chancel and Chime Choir Music 4

BUDGET BANTERING

Sunday Dec 8, 11:00am

Our Council will lead a conversation on the proposed annual budget for 2020. The plan is to get the information and details out earlier than in years past so that we might all have some insights and contribute ideas toward our ministry plans.

We hope you can make it.

RESPONDING TO GOD:

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Reflect-Pray-Give



During November everyone connected to Trinity was invited to prayerfully join one another in praying toward our generosity. We will continue these prayers throughout 2020 as we celebrate our being a “city on a hill” in Mt Morris. Our shared devotion is printed here:

Stewardship Devotion for Trinity Lutheran Church

REFLECT *Matthew 5.14 “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill can’t be hidden.”*

Jesus is speaking to a diverse crowd. Take a few moments and reflect on the ways you have been encountered by Christ through Trinity. Then imagine how a child, adult, or family has heard that God’s love is for them through our “city on a hill.”

PRAY Let us pray together...God, you have been wonderfully generous with your forgiveness and peace with me and so many. Though I struggle with how to be generous and sometimes I hesitate, help me to trust my life in you. Grant the whole assembly wisdom to shine your light boldly through our words, our deeds, and our giving. Help us, Lord, to be a light shining forth, and use our gifts to impact our neighbors across the street and around the world. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

GIVE Pray with your checkbook in hand or your computer within reach, and as you are moved, make a financial commitment to God through Trinity Lutheran Church. Sign your intent and give it joyfully, knowing Christ is alive and moving through your congregation. Give thanks and praise that God’s light will be seen by so many.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED FOR ONE MONTH COMMITMENT

The Church Council has two committees that need volunteers for a one month term: Nominating and Audit. You can volunteer for one of the committees or both. A brief explanation of each follows:

NOMINATING

COMMITTEE:

Nominating Committee will:



- Be voting members elected by the Congregation Council.
- Seek to obtain the names of candidates for every vacant Congregation Council position – presently 3 positions
- Solicit Council members, committee members, and the congregation for suggested names of candidates
- Seek qualified candidates who represent a cross section of the congregational demographics and who display gifts for particular areas of congregational ministry
- Make use of the newsletter, bulletins, temple talks, and the Trinity website to solicit names of candidates in the fall of the year
- Present slate of candidates to Council no later than January Council meeting

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The Audit committee will:



- Be three (3) voting members elected by the Congregation Council.
- Will not be members of the Congregation Council nor members of the Finance Committee.
- Be responsible to conduct an examination and review of all congregational financial records, including all established funds, to assure that such records fairly represent the financial condition of the church.
- Submit the findings of the audit to the Church Council and these findings shall be documented in the Annual Report of the Congregation.

If you are willing to serve on either or both committees, please contact either the church office, Pastor Erhler, or a Church Council member below:

Vern Welp - President Craig Suttman - Vice Pres.
Joshua Keene - Secretary Jim Vickery - Treasurer
Arika Black, Joe Dettloff, Tom Dula,
Holly Handschuh and Dave Link

MONTHLY YOUTH GATHERING FOR 6th GRADE thru HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, December 15

5:00 pm—7:30 pm

**Caroling (see more on page 7),
Christmas Party, Dinner Danish Meal,
Christmas Story**

Bring \$5 for meal & a Friend(s)

Below, Youth Group enjoys “Friendsgiving” Meal



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Welcome to Sunday School at Trinity Lutheran Church! This semester we learned about some of the strangest stories in the Bible. Please let Melissa know if you have any questions by calling/texting 815-440-0279 or emailing melissa8305@gmail.com

Sunday School starts at 10:30 with snacks with adults in Coffee Hour & then meet on top floor at 10:45 am

Sun, Dec 1 Christmas Program Practice

Sun, Dec 6 Christmas Program Practice

Sat., Dec 14 6:30 pm Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal & Pizza Party!

Sun Dec 15 Christmas Program during 9:30 am Worship service

No Sunday School December 22 through January 5,

Sun, Jan 12th Sunday School Resumes!

JUNIOR HIGH (YC) MINISTRY What Are They Up To This Month?

In November, we took a field trip to the Mt Morris Fire Department. We got to hang out around the equipment and we held our session in the “training room,” which our YC youth were disappointed to learn is NOT where firefighters lift weights. Words definitely mean different things to different people.

This month a friend of the church has offered their workshop for us to visit, where we’ll talk about creative ways to develop skills and methods for dealing with stress.

Since our theme this year is **Resilience**, we are always looking for new ideas to help ourselves endure the stressors of life with faith and resolve.

We will also continue to learn the books of the Bible and learn how to navigate our *Prayer Book for the Armed Services*, an ELCA resource full of prayers, songs, and psalms for a wide range of situations. Pr Josh has copies if you are curious what they look like and if you’d be interested.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

“T’WAS THE EVENING OF CHRISTMAS”

Sunday, December 15, 9:30 am

The Sunday School students, along with the Junior High and High School students, are busy preparing to present this delightful pageant, written by Glenys Nellist, during our Sunday morning worship service.

Under the direction of our talented Kelly Handschuh and her excellent assistants, Melissa Nicholson, Mary Jo Dilbeck, Holly Handschuh and Nicole Ricks, the program will be both meaningful and entertaining.

Be sure to join us!

Refreshments and activities will follow the service.

NOISY OFFERING FOR December ELCA Good Gifts



The purpose of our Noisy Offering is to teach the joy of giving to God. For November and December, we're collecting coins and cash gifts for ELCA Good Gifts, a ministry of the ELCA (our national church partnership). Good Gifts invites families and organizations to choose animals and village needs for impoverished international communities and contribute funds for those items.

Our Sunday School has fun every year deciding what animals they can "buy," from baby chicks to goats to cows. Your generosity will provide much needed equipment to villages in order to promote lasting sustainability and community development. We are proud to support this ELCA ministry for the good of the world.

Results of the Collection for ELCA Good Gifts = \$135.84 (through November 24, 2019)

Thank you for your generosity!

LET'S GO CAROLING! ALL AGES INVITED!

**Sunday, December 15,
5:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 22,
4:30 pm**



On Dec 15th, we will meet at the Pinecrest MANOR entrance on South Wesley Avenue. We will join carolers from St. James Lutheran Church to carol through the Manor, the Village and the Terrace.

Carl & Leona Nelson have invited the carolers to their home for a potluck meal following caroling. Please bring a dish to share, if you are able. Our youth (6th grade through high school) will return to Trinity for their monthly Youth Gathering - see more on page 6

On Dec 22nd, we will meet in the chapel (gathering space) at Trinity to carol to the home bound in and around our community.

This is for EVERYONE! Plan to join us!

TWELCA NEWS



T.W.E.L.C.A. = Trinity Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. TWELCA's Mission Statement is: **to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.**

Naomi Group meets the 4th Monday at 1 pm from April through November in the chapel/gathering space. Please see their joint meeting with Dorcas group below.

Dorcas Group meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9 am in the chapel/gathering space, except for August & December, when they have a joint meeting with Naomi Group. See below

Both groups welcome all women to join them!

TWELCA CHRISTMAS COFFEE

**Tuesday, December 10,
9:00 am**



Take a break from the Christmas rush!

Join us in the chapel for Coffee, Treats and Fellowship!

ALL Women are welcome!

You do NOT need to belong to the Naomi or Dorcas Group to attend!



PAJAMA/CLOTHES PROJECT 2019

If you chose to purchase an item from the Christmas Tree in the back of the church, **Please wrap the item and attach the ornament you chose to the front of the package.**

Please place your package under the tree **by Sunday, December 1.**

Pajamas will be delivered Saturday, Dec 14.

A sign-up sheet for anyone willing to help deliver the packages is on the bulletin board outside the office.

Questions? Please contact the office at 815-734-4116

Thank you to everyone who participated to give our community's children a new item to warm them on Christmas morning and throughout the winter!

LIFELINE FOOD PANTRY NEWS

LIFELINE is located in Conover Square at
201 N 3rd St, Suite 6, Oregon, IL 61061
Phone: 815-732-7891

Hours: **Tues** 1:30 - 4:00 PM (food & clothing)
Thurs 1:00 - 4:00 pm (clothing only)
Fri 1:30—4:30 pm (food & clothing)
Sat 10:30—1:30 pm. (clothing only)

Thanks to the community for your support! We are very grateful for everything you do to help us.

For the month of October we served 289 clients. Thank you to all our volunteers who work to sort the clothing and the volunteers that serve clients. We appreciate all that you do!

We are in need of: boxed potatoes, Hamburger Helper, pancake syrup and crackers.

Due to the extreme cold weather, we are also in need of:
Mittens, gloves, scarves, boots, snow pants and hats for children and adults.

Below are times Lifeline will be CLOSED for Holidays:
December 24, Tuesday, Christmas Celebrations
December 25, Wednesday, Christmas Celebrations
December 26, Thursday, Christmas Celebrations
December 31, Tuesday, Welcoming a New Year
January 1, Wednesday, and Peace to Everyone!

Questions? Call 815-564-8234

PRAIRIE FARMS “OUR CAPS FOR YOUR CAUSE”

They make it easy for you to give back to your favorite cause, in your community, how you choose.

1. Begin by purchasing Prairie Farms milk in gallon or half gallon sizes.
2. Peel off the Prairie Farms cap sticker to reveal a unique, redeemable code.
3. Go to www.prairiefarms.com/ourcapsyourcause/
4. Click on Redeem Codes Now.
Choose Category: Faith Based & Religious
Choose Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Mount Morris
5. Enter cap codes.
6. Click the donate button



LOAVES & FISH FOOD PANTRY

serves Mt. Morris & Leaf River.
It is located on the lower level of
The Church of the Brethren:
409 W Brayton Rd, Mt. Morris.

Hours: **1st & 3rd Thurs. of ea. month: 4:30 - 7pm**
2nd & 4th Monday of ea. month: 2 pm – 4:30 pm

For October, 138 households were served, for a total of 341 individuals.

Thank you for your donations to purchase turkey meal boxes for the Pantry patrons.

Your contribution of hats, scarves, gloves and socks for our Christmas sharing is appreciated.

Want to volunteer?
Please call Lori at 608-774-9370



COLD WEATHER IS HERE!

Loaves and Fish Pantry of Mt. Morris Invites you to donate **hats, mittens, gloves, scarves or socks** to be given away to their clients during the Christmas season. The items may be purchased or hand made. **Items for adults as well as children are appreciated!**

Please place your donation in the boxes located in The bell tower hallway & back of worship space by **December 5th.** Thank you for your support!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Quick, what was the last thing you bought through Amazon? Did you use Amazon Smile and name Trinity as the recipient? Don't feel bad if you didn't. Next time you make that rush order of do-dads, check to make sure you're on the Amazon Smile side (it will say those words somewhere in the upper banner). If not, follow the directions below.

Every order you make will give a small percentage to Trinity Lutheran Church. You get what you need & your church receives a financial gift. A win-win.

Type: Amazon.com/Smile Search for "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church" in Mt Morris, IL

TRINITY'S SERVANTS FOR DECEMBER 2019

Altar Guild

All Month Linda Borneman and
Mary Jo Dilbeck

Acolytes

1 RJ Keene
8 Alex Persinger
15 Sofia Dula
22 Caleb Ehrler
24 4 pm 8 pm
29 Noah Johnson

Ushers/ Greeters*

Sat: Kevin Nelson
1 Joe, Nicole, Evan & Riley Ricks
8 Joe, Nicole, Evan & Riley Ricks
15 **Ushers Needed, Contact Office**
22 Joe, Nicole, Evan & Riley Ricks
29 **Ushers Needed, Contact Office**

Song Leaders & Cantors

1 Linda Borneman
8 Lily Welp
15 Linda Borneman or Doreen
Vickery
22 Mary Jo Dilbeck
29 Steve Pearson

Assisting Ministers:

1 Kendra Ehrler
8 Kendra Ehrler

Blood Pressure Checks

29 Robin Keene & Dave Link

Lector Schedule*

1, 15, 29 Mary Jo Dilbeck
8, 22 Carolyn Dilbeck

*Scripture Readings

30/1 Psalm 122
Matthew 24.36-44

7/8 Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19
Matthew 3.1-12

14/15 Luke 1.46-55
Matthew 11.2-11

21/22 Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19
Matthew 1.18-25

24 Isaiah 9.2-7 (continued in next
column)

24 Continued: Titus 2.11-14
Luke 2.1-20

28/29 Isaiah 63
Psalm 148
Matthew 2.13-23

Coffee Hour Hosts

Sign up sheet is posted on bulletin
Board outside office. Or, call or
email office. See far left column
For phone & email information

1 Nicole Ricks
8 Vern & Lily Welp
15 - Sunday School Families in
Celebration of Christmas
Program

22
29

Altar Flowers

Calendar & Information for
providing flowers is on bulletin
board in Narthex (back of
worship space). Questions?
Ask Karen Larson, any Altar
Guild member or contact office.

30/1
7/8
14/15
21/22 Dennis & Shirley Hoffmeister
24
28/29

Home Communion

(Normally 1st Sunday of Month)

Dave & Cindy Link
Sandra Stengel

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. — Thurs.
8:30 am — 12:00 pm
1:00 pm — 4:00 pm

Friday:
8:00 am — 12:00 pm



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**Believing in Christ,
we are called to grow,
and are sent to serve.**

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WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (*DETAILS INSIDE)

SATURDAY evening worship service at 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 9:30 am Worship Service

Fellowship Time following Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 - 11:30 am for children
4 yrs. - 6th grade No Sunday school Dec 22, 29 &
Jan 5. **Sunday School Resumes Jan 12th!**

Our **Youth Group** (6th grade through high school)
meets the 3rd Sunday of each month!*

Y.C. (7th & 8th grades) Meets 3rd Sunday of each
Month.

Pre-Con (5th & 6th grades) meets 1st Sunday of
each month

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS

Wednesdays: 6-7 pm Chime Choir;
7-8 pm Chancel Choir

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE (* DETAILS INSIDE)

- Sun, Dec 1, Please have all Pajama Project gifts here
- Wed, Dec 4, 12:00 pm Monthly Staff Meeting
- Wed. Dec 4, 1:30 pm Pinecrest Communion Service
and Communion at Terrace
- Wed. Dec 4, 5:30 pm YC E4C at LOMC
- Sun, Dec 8, 11 am Budget Bantering*
- Sun, Dec 8, 3 pm Community Christmas Cantata*
- Tues Dec 10, 9 am - Womens' Christmas Coffee*
- Sun, Dec 15, 9:30 am Children's Christmas Program*
- Sun, Dec 15, 5:00 pm Caroling at Pinecrest*
- Sun Dec 15, 5:00 - 7:30 pm Trinity Youth Group*
- Sun Dec 22, 4:30 pm Caroling to Home bound*
- Tues, Dec 24 4 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Serv.*
- Tues, Dec 24, 8 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve
Service*