

THE TRINITY LUTHERAN

December, 2018



Trinity Family Christmas Gathering

Dinner and Family Activity
Sunday, December 9

5 PM

Trinity Fellowship Hall

*RSVP: Green sheet, sign up sheet in narthex,
or call the church office 392-4181*



After dinner each family can make a wooden block Nativity Set. All materials will be provided. Join us for a wonderful evening of Christmas fellowship!

Dear Fellow Member of Trinity:

We will collect money for a congregational Christmas gift to be given to Pastor James.

If you wish to contribute to this gift, please use the marked envelope that will be located in the pew rack and place your contribution in the offering plate any Sunday from now through Sunday, December 23 or give your marked envelope to the church secretary.

If you have any questions about this, please contact the president of Council; and please accept our warmest wishes to you in this holy season.

The 2018 Church Council

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON, Trinity has again adopted a local family to help them have a Merry Christmas.

Our family this year consists of a disabled Caregiver and four children.

Eight year old boy in second grade whose favorite color is blue.

Five year old girl in kindergarten whose favorite color is pink.

Three year old girl whose favorite color is purple.

Six month old baby boy.

If you would like to help this family, there is a Christmas tree set up in the narthex with tags marked with items on the family's wish list. Please write your name in the notebook beside the tag or tags that you are taking. Please return the gifts wrapped and marked (ex. 8 year old boy or 6 month old boy) to the church no later than Sunday, December 16th. Some household items such as paper goods, cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, etc. do not need to be wrapped.

THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER is available this morning on the table in the Narthex.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We are seeking individuals who would be interested in running the slides/sound on Sunday mornings. **Also, we have a special need for members to join our visitation team to visit and give communion to shut-ins. Training is provided. Please join us in this ministry.**

BIBLE STUDY will continue to meet in December. The dates are yet to be determined.



PLEASE LET THE OFFICE know if we need to add or update any personal information including birthdays, anniversaries, mail or email address. You can email the office at trinityolney@frontier.com or call 392-4181. Thank you.

TRINITY COUNCIL BIOS: The council has written short bios on each council member to help the congregation become more acquainted with their council representatives. The bios are compiled in a booklet which is available on the table in the Narthex.

REMEMBER WHEN will be meeting in the church fellowship hall on Thursday, December 13th at noon for our annual Christmas Party. We will be having a traditional holiday meal with everything provided. We are also planning to have a white elephant gift exchange. You can bring something you already have at home that you don't want any more or if you choose to buy something, keep the price no more than \$5.00. It can be something funny or something nice and useful. Come join us for a meal, a little fun and some good fellowship.

MAY GOD COMFORT the family of Arthur E. Fritschle who passed away at his residence on Monday, October 29th. Arthur was a member of Trinity and the brother of Anna Mae Barber. The funeral was Friday, November 2, at Kistler-Patterson Funeral Home.

ADVENT SERVICES will be offered on three Wednesdays prior to Christmas, beginning December 5th at 7:00 p.m. Trinity and the First Presbyterian Church will have a shared service with Rev. Pam Laing leading the worship. This is a quiet time with Scripture, Prayer and the Word. Please join us.

Immanuel United Methodist Church

Once again this year, Immanuel is preparing and delivering **Christmas Eve meals** in the community and would appreciate some help to accomplish this mission of service and care.

They need people to help with the preparation of food, baking pies and cakes, kitchen clean up, monetary donations and delivery of the meals. The past several years this project would not have been possible without the tremendous amount of help that we received from so many of the wonderful churches in our community.

Christmas Eve: Friday Dec. 21 thru Monday, Dec. 24. (Preparation schedules will be announced at a later date.) meal packaging begins at 10:30 a.m., delivery at 11:00 a.m., usually finished by 12:30 p.m. If you or anyone you know would like to help out in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you know of anyone who needs a meal, please let us know. If you would like to help, stop by the IUM kitchen anytime on the days listed above, or for questions call Judy Schnepfer at 838-4130. **Sign up sheets for volunteers and pies is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.**



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS will be ordered

by December 10th. The cost will be \$10.00. Please sign up on the green sheet if you would like to order one and specify if in honor/memory of a loved one.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Bruce Peters
Carol Diel, Council Secretary
David Britton
Vicki Fehrenbacher
Becky Holstrum
Randi Cowan, Council President
Larry Saler, Council Vice President
Victoria Goad
Barb Stiff
Mike Kurtz ~ Church Treasurer

November Council Minutes

*Council members present: Larry Saler, Randi Cowan, Bruce Peters, Becky Holstrum, Carol Diel, Victoria Goad, Vicki Fehrenbacher, Barb Stiff, and David Britton. Sharon Kurtz also attended to go over the 2019 proposed budget

*The minutes and financial report from October were read and approved

*The Service Committee will discuss Salvation Army bell ringing. There is an option of not ringing bells but making a monetary donation

*Volunteers from Trinity well be needed to help at Good Samaritan the week before Christmas

*Plans are being made for a Christmas dinner and fellowship or program

*There will be 7:00 & 11:00 worship services for Christmas Eve. Mid-week Advent Services will be Dec. 5, 12, & 19

*Roofing materials for the pavilion have been ordered.

*Sue Crum would like Trinity to sponsor a float for the Christmas Parade on November 24

* Trinity's congregational annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 27.

*A nominating committee is needed for the 2019 council. This announcement will be posted in the bulletin and newsletter.

STAFF:

(Pulpit Supply) ~ Rev. Dr. James Mutayoba
Pianist ~ Keegan Tucker

Choir Director ~ Andrew Flynn
Sunday School Coordinator ~
Altar Guild ~ Carol Diel
Church Secretary ~ Rhoda Slichenmyer
Financial Secretaries ~ Bob Crum, Bob Guinn, Mike Kurtz
Custodians ~ Adam/Hilary Donaldson

WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Board Members

Vicki Fehrenbacher, President
Bob Crum, Treasurer
Sandy Britton
Mike Kurtz
Beth Saler
Victoria Goad
Christina Diel

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Director ~ Kristie Nosek
Teacher ~ Tanara Ryden
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Teacher ~ Kayla Myers

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Bereavement ~
Convalescing Meals ~ Becky Holsturm
Funeral Luncheons ~ Elaine Ochs

Learning ~
 Memorials & Special Gifts ~ Sarah Kincaid
 Property ~ David Britton
 Service ~ Randi Cowan
 Stewardship ~ Carol Diel
 Witness ~ Becky Holstrum
 Worship ~ Beth Saler
 Finance ~ Bruce Peters, Bob Guinn

GROUPS:

Remember When ~ Ed & Darlene Fritschle

December 2

Advent Family: Advent Family
Acolyte: Jenna Neil
Com. Assistant: Randi Cowan, Jean Weber
Sound: Steve Berry

December 9

Advent Family: Mark & Jillian, Daniel
 & Mary Scherer
Acolyte: Bree Holdren
Com. Assistants: Randi Cowan, Sue Crum
 Vicki Fehrenbacher

Sound: Bob Guinn

December 16

Advent Family: Gillis Family
Acolyte: Colin Diel
Com. Assistant: Randi Cowan, Sue Crum
Sound: Tyler Stuck

December 23

Advent Family: Advent Family
Acolyte: Alex Diel
Com. Assistant: Randi Cowan, Kevin Scherer
 David Britton
Sound: Steve Berry

December 24

Readers: TBD
Acolyte: (7:00) Owen Powell
(11:00) Hannah Gillis
Com. Assistant: TBD
Sound: Steve Berry

December 30



Lector: Bob Guinn
Acolyte: Rylee Stuck
Com. Assistant: Randi Cowan, Larry
 Saler
Sound: Bob Guinn

Birthdays in December

- 1 Sharon Kurtz
- 1 Larry Saler
- 2 Sydney Sue Mehl
- 3 Sirena Shan
- 3 Cathy Zellmer
- 6 Lain Burgener
- 7 Shari Russell
- 7 Margaret Stole
- 8 Hilary Donaldson
- 9 Jim Holstrum
- 9 Alayna Rodgers
- 13 Loran Budde
- 13 Chris Russell
- 14 Don Strole
- 16 Ed Fritschle
- 16 Brad Stuck
- 18 Shirley Kessler
- 20 Chris Cantwell

20 Ray Zerkel
 20 Kylie Holdren
 21 Michelle Higgason
 23 Jonah Donalson
 24 Don Hatten
 24 Milana Karyn Lea
 25 Bob McClenathan
 28 Natalie Britton
 28 Randi Cowan
 29 Rob Scherer



Anniversaries in December

18 Jim & Becky Holstrum
 20 Catherine & John Parks
 21 Joy & Rosemary West
 27 Jerry & Linda Miller
 30 Mike & Crystal Trout

SPECIAL CARE MEMBERS (as of 12/01/2018)

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| Jeannie Cantwell | Lavender Ridge, East Street ,Room #19 |
| Loren Gerber | Brookstone #23, 869-2398 |
| Don Harriss | Brookstone #37, 395-4033 |
| Dorothy Lustfeldt | 3 rd floor CRMH #25, 395-1549 |
| Elaine Pierzchalski | Life's Journey, 705 Kenton St., Paris, IL, 61944 |
| Bill Barber | Lavender Ridge, 1304 N. East St., Room 1 North |
| Gerlind Dean | Lavender Ridge, 1304 N. East St. Olney |
| Patricia Roberts | Lavender Ridge, 1302 N. East St. Olney |

AT HOME MEMBERS:

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| Wilma Beck | 6308 East Seven Hills Lane, Olney, 869-2394 |
| Luella Densmore | No address or phone number |
| Roberta Holstrum | 320 West St. John Street, Olney, 392-5605 |
| Helen Meers | 6943 N. Ste. Marie Rd., Dundas, 754-3573 |
| Jean Miller | 518 N. Boone Street, Olney, 395-1809 |
| Mary Lou Sager | 5322 N. Wood River Road, Claremont, 869-2358 |
| Don & Margaret Strole | 1000 E. Laurel Street, Olney, 392- 3106 |
| Elfrieda Zerkel | Nursing Home in Altamont, IL. |

Please join us for *Midweek Advent*



Services

contemplative time of prayer, scripture, and Word

December 5

December 12

December 19

Services begin at 7:00 p.m.

in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2018

Candlelight & Communion

7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.



Oh Come Let Us Adore Him! Christ the Lord!