THE TRINITY LUTHERAN

January, 2020

Trinity Preschool Benefit Breakfast
Blueberry pancakes, sweet rolls, sausage, biscuits & gravy, milk, juice

Saturday, January 11, 2019
7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Adult - $7.00
Child under 12 $3.00

Public is invited – please join us!

(WCM is asking for donations of Breads and Sweet Rolls for the breakfast)

Congregational Meeting!

Sunday, January 26th

Join us for Trinity's annual meeting on Sunday, January 26th. We will have a carry-in brunch at 11:00 a.m. with the meeting immediately following.

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.**

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.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS: Please have all committee and organization annual reports in the church office by Sunday, January 10th. Thank you.

STATEMENT OF GIVING FOR TAX PURPOSES will be available in January. Let the office if you would like your statement emailed or sent out in the mail.

A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU for the beautiful Christmas decorating done in the sanctuary and around the church building by Sarah Kincaid & Elaine Ochs.

THERE IS AN OPENING on the Good Samaritan board of directors for a member of Trinity to fill. They like to have all the churches represented. It entails four meetings a year each about an hour long. Ask Larry Saler for details if you are interested.

NOTICE: Thrivent members can donate their funds to Preschool thru the Thrivent Financials Thrivent Choice(R) program. Thank you.

WE ARE LOOKING for someone to keep the sidewalks, steps and ramp clear of ice and snow this winter for the school, quilters, services and all the events that go on seven days a week. It pays $35 per occurrence. Please tell a council member if you are interested and they will get back to you.

GOOD SAMARITAN: We will be missing some of our Good Samaritan team members January 3 & March 18 & 20. If you might be available to help from 9-11 a.m. any or all of those mornings, please call Beth Saler at 618 395-1152.

I WANT TO EXPRESS HOW THANKFUL I am to Barb Stiff for designing the craft for our Advent dinner and giving instructions to all of us so we could make a wreath. A big thank you to Karyn St Pierre for the delicious meal. Once again want to thank Ed and Darlene Fritschle and Don and Sarah Kincaid for providing even more blocks for our Nativity sets and boxes to store them in. Also thanks to Barb Stiff for making camels to add to our Nativity sets. Also thank you to Bob and Nancy McClenathan at Printforce for helping with the figures.

WEEKDAY CHILDRENS MINISTRY is asking for donations of baked goods for their preschool fundraiser pancake breakfast on Saturday, January 11th. Please contact Vicki Fehrenbacher or Bob & Sue Crum if you have questions. Thank you.

Steward our best year ever!!

We are at the beginning of a new year. Our giving envelopes for 2020 are labeled and in the Narthex; be sure to pick them up. As we go into the New Year the Stewardship committee asks that we all prayerfully consider our gifts of talents, time, money, and dedication to the church so that we can continue to do God's work. Let's make this our best year ever!

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Carol Diel, Council Secretary
Tyler Stuck
Vicki Fehrenbacher
Becky Holstrum
Randi Cowan, Council Vice President
Larry Saler, Council President
Mark Scherer
Barb Stiff
Hannah Gillis, Youth Representative
Mike Kurtz ~ Church Treasurer

December Council Minutes

*Council members present: Larry Saler, Randi Cowan, Mark Scherer, Becky Holstrum, Carol Diel, and Tyler Stuck. Mike Kurtz & Beth Saler also attended.

*The November council minutes and financial report were approved

*Good Samaritan is looking to fill their board position that Larry has vacated

*Mike Kurtz presented the revised Budget Worksheet to council for approval to present at the congregational meeting

*A monetary donation of $100 was donated to the Salvation Army in lieu of ringing the bells in addition Sue Crum lined up some bell ringers

*A temple talk is planned to encourage members to visit shut-ins with or without giving communion

*Envelopes will be collected for a Christmas gift for Pastor James

*Tyler Stuck and Bob Fehrenbacher replaced lights in the sanctuary.

* Attendance at Sunday School has stopped, will focus more on helping with Children's Church

*Synod login was given so members could look at our church profile and see if any corrections or improvements should be made

*Annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 26. Council will provide drinks, table service, clean up.

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
Christina Diel

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Bereavement ~
Convalescing Meals ~ Becky Holsturm
Funeral Luncheons ~ Elaine Ochs
Learning ~
Memorials & Special Gifts ~ Sarah Kincaid
Property ~ Tyler Stuck
Service ~ Randi Cowan
Stewardship ~ Carol Diel
Witness ~ Becky Holstrum
Worship ~ Beth Saler
Finance ~ Bruce Peters, Bob Guinn

GROUPS:

Remember When ~ Ed & Darlene Fritschle

January 5

Lector: Sarah Kincaid
Acolyte: Alex Diel
Com. Assistant: Barb Stiff
Rosemary West
Sound: Steve Berry

January 12

Lector: Barb Stiff
Acolyte: Jenna Neil
Com. Assistants: Randi Cowan,
David Britton, Sue Crum
Sound: Bob Guinn

January 19

Lector: Bob Fehrenbacher
Acolyte: Collin Diel
Com. Assistant: Vicki Fehrenbacher
Jean Weber
Sound Tyler Stuck

January 26

Lector: Elaine Ochs
Acolyte: Carolyn Powell
Com. Assistant: Randi Cowan,
Bob Guinn, Becky Holstrum
Sound: Steve Berry

Children's Sermon TBD

Birthdays in January

2 Lauren Anne Oslawski
4 Bob Fehrenbacher
5 Cynthia Neil
6 Darlene Burgener
9 Rylee Stuck
12 Connie Ashby
12 Janet Bielecki
12 Frances Stoll
14 Breanna Shull
14 Jonnie Cussey
15 Jay St. Pierre
22 Margaret Cartmill
29 Lucille Kincaid
30 Kimila Bussard
31 Cindy Peters

Anniversaries in January

2 Joe & Elaine Ochs

SPECIAL CARE MEMBERS (as of 01/01/2020)

Jeannie Cantwell	Lavender Ridge, 1304 N. East St. Olney
Don Harriss	Brookstone #37, 395-4033
Dorothy Lustfeldt	CRMH, 3rd. floor. Room 25
Elaine Pierzchalski	Life's Journey, 705 Kenton St., Paris, IL, 61944
Gerlind Dean	Lavender Ridge, 1304 N. East St. Olney
Patricia Roberts	Lavender Ridge, 1304 N. East St. Olney
Margaret Strole	Aperion Care, 900 E. Scott, Olney, Il.

AT HOME MEMBERS:

Marlene Schnepper	5502 N Fox Rd, Olney, Il. 843-3325
Wilma Beck	6308 East Seven Hills Lane, Olney, **869-2394**
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**

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany is from a Greek word, meaning to "reveal" or "make manifest." The season of Epiphany is our time to focus on the revelation of "who" Jesus is: both true God and man. On the Festival of Epiphany, Jan. 6, we hear the reading of the visit of the wise men (Mt. 2:1-12). In that event, these foreigners bowed down in acknowledgement that this infant was indeed the Christ, the Son of God.

The Sunday after Epiphany we hear the story of the Baptism of Jesus (Mt. 3:13-17). Here, God the Father confirms that this man standing in the water is His beloved Son. The following Sunday we hear the story of the changing of water into wine at Cana (John 2:1-11). Through this event, Jesus revealed his glory and his disciples put their faith in him.

According to Jewish law, all males were circumcised on the eighth day–one week after their birth. We don't know the actual birth date of Jesus, so we don't know the day of His circumcision either. But since we have set aside a date for observing His birth, Dec. 25, we then set aside Jan. 1 (eight days later) as the date for the naming and circumcision of Jesus (Luke 2:21). The significance of this day is that our Savior began His long ministry of submitting Himself to the Law in our place. Also, this was the first shedding of His blood, and points, in a small way, to the ultimate shedding of His blood on the cross.