

# December

# TRINITY TRANSMITTER

Dear Friends,

I truly love the excitement and joy as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior! During Advent we have a meal in the Fellowship Hall starting at 5:45. We follow this with Worship at 6:30; and then we will have Bible Studies for all ages, as our younger children prepare for the Christmas Service. They will share this with the congregation on December 18). Please read on to hear about our services for Advent.

This year our Midweek Advent services are titled *Call of Christmas*. It is more than just the story of Jesus' arrival. Each week we will hear from someone special that was involved in preparation for the arrival of Jesus. A time of worship in the temple turns to a life-altering event for Zechariah. We will watch what happens when the angel, Gabriel, pays him a visit and he's **called to prepare**. It's the beginning of a story that changes the lives of every person who hears it.

Next we will see Mary when she was visited by the angel and found herself in God's favor and overcome with so many emotions. We will see how Mary responds to the words of the angel—, as she is **called to prepare**, words that changed everything.

Who would've thought that a dream could be reality? We will see Joseph discover the role he will play in the story of Emmanuel when an angel visits him in a dream with a **call to protect**. The Messiah is coming and Joseph gets to be part of this story—a story that is now a part of us.

Nobody would expect lowly shepherds to be some of the first to hear about the birth of the Messiah. But God's angel comes to these men with good news, **calling them to praise**. They're invited to be part of the story, reminding us that God calls us all to Himself.

Finally, on Christmas morning we reflect on the stories of Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds before we are introduced to the Christ child who would change the world forever. We too are reminded that we have each been given a **call to prepare, a call to provide, a call to protect, and a call to praise**.

We have 3 Wednesday night services plus the wondrous joy of celebrating Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Our children's' service this year is *To Us a Child Is Born*, believers of all ages gather to sing songs that have been sung for generations in celebration of our Savior's birth. But along with those traditional hymns, each new generation adds to the Church's praise of the Lord, creating a rich heritage of hymnody throughout the ages.

*To Us a Child Is Born* celebrates favorite hymns that are hundreds—some almost thousands—of years old, and a new song for Christmas, "To Us a Child Is Born". The central theme for this Christmas program, the words of Isaiah 9, help us reflect on the promise God the Father fulfilled through the birth of His Son, a gift to us, that we may become the children of God. Many words of thanks to our volunteers and teachers that make this Christmas service one to remember.

So, my church family, as we head into a new church season may we continue to thank God for all He does for us daily. May we take time daily to use our Advent devotions, *Portal of Prayers*, and of course our Bible. Instead of getting caught in all the busyness let's get busy using our Bibles and allow our Savior to care for the stuff we just can't wrap our heads around. Merry Christmas my dear Trinity Family.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

*Cynthia*

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## TLC Mission Statement:

KNOW CHRIST



SHARE CHRIST



SERVE CHRIST



## MINISTRYSPOTLIGHT

God continues to bless the **PieceMaker** ministry at the Juvenile Detention Center. To date, the students have made 360 quilts. This ministry started as a prompting from the Holy Spirit: "Who tells these kids that they have value and worth"? And nearly 4 years later, every Thursday, the students at the JDC hear that Jesus loves them. The JDC volunteers are privileged to share the Gospel, give a high five, speak an encouraging word and teach a skill; all as we sew and tie quilts.

The population at the JDC changes from week to week, although some students are there for an extended period. It is safe to say that over 500 students have been shown the love of Jesus since this ministry began. And not only do we share the love of Jesus with the students, but we have also built friendships with the evening guards. Just last week a guard stated how much they appreciate the quilting ministry.

The students feel good about making something useful for another person and often choose the recipients. Over the years, the quilts have been donated to Nursing Homes, ABC Pregnancy Care Center, Foster Children, St Catherine's Hospital, Emmaus House, Old Soldier's Home, Mexico Missions, and auctioned off to raise money.

Thank you to those who have cut fabric squares, sewn on backs, volunteered, donated money toward, and prayed for the mission and ministry of the **PieceMakers JDC**. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers. Ask God to empower us, through the Holy Spirit, to compassionately share the love of Jesus with these students.

Mary Jo, Darlene, Tina, Bernie and Kathy

## TLC Family Care Connections

We pray for...

✠ **Shut-Ins:** Bill Bridges, Irene Gestenslager, Eugene & Vada Hurd, Evelyn Kowalke, Dot Merz, Esther McMichael, George Powell, Bob Shackelford, Hellen Strickland, Opal Sroufe, Lillian VonLintel

✠ **Health Concerns:** Jim Baker, Pat Bridges, Kelly Chopp, Johanna Hall, Jay Holste, Gary Kraft, Aspen Phillips, Gloria Magallan, Aaron Schiffelbein, Loretta Schultz, Lupita Tapia, Dianne Wilken, Chris Hall

*If you have a prayer concern, please call the office*

*\*\* always obtain permission before sharing another's concerns*

### ENDOWMENT NEWS:

The regular meeting of the Endowment Board will be February 20, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Meeting Room at Trinity. The Endowment Board last met in August to review current investments. There is a likelihood of funds to be available for ministry from the Endowment Fund following the February 2017 meeting. The Board will receive requests for ministry projects and requests that the same be made in writing and given to any Board member. Such requests can also be submitted electronically to the undersigned at [gos@cox.net](mailto:gos@cox.net).

Trinity has been blessed with good stewards of God's Blessings and we, in turn, need to put this Fund to work for to spread the Gospel here on Earth.

Respectfully,

Gerry Schultz  
Endowment Board Chairman

# Christian Education

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies 10:15 a.m.

### *Because of Bethlehem*

Explore how the One who made *everything* chose to make himself *nothing* and come into our world. Jesus' birth gives us the promise that God is always near us, always for us, and always within us.  
*Led by Cynthia Lavrenz in the East Wing*

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## Weekday Fellowship Opportunities Act Like Men

Focuses on what Paul meant in 1 Corinthians 16:13 when he said act like men.  
Mondays, 7:00 p.m.— Meeting Room

### Get-together-Girls

meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.  
Join the ladies for fellowship, devotions, and card ministry. Drop-ins are welcome!

### Brown Bag Bible Buddies Lutheranism 101: The Lord's Supper

meet on Tuesdays at noon, bring your lunch!  
Examine what Scripture and the Confessions have to say about the life-giving blessing given by God to the Church: a miracle in bread and wine established by the God-man Jesus Christ— the gift of His true body to eat and His true blood to drink for the forgiveness of sins.

### Galatians Philipians Colossians—LifeLight Thursdays, at 1:30 p.m.

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## Monthly Opportunities—

First Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study—Double Classroom—West Hallway



## Next Meeting for Stephen Ministry

December 12 at 6:30 pm for our  
annual Christmas celebration  
in the East Wing.

## WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

5:45-6:30	Dinner
6:30-7:00	Advent Worship
7:00-7:30	Midweek Classes/Mentor/Time
7:00-7:50	Children's Christmas Worship practice
8:00	Young Adult Ministry

## MIDWEEK CLASSES

**Preschool-6th grade Confirmation Preparation.** All students will be fed spiritually and learn the value of God's Word and of their church family

**7th & 8th Grade Confirmation** led by DCE Cynthia Lavrenz

**High School small groups** led by DCE Leland Jackson

## ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

*Before Amen*, written by Max Lucado.

The power of a simple prayer.

Do you struggle to pray?

We aren't the first to struggle with prayer.

Join Max Lucado on a journey to the very heart of Biblical prayer and these six simple lines: Father. You are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus's name, amen.

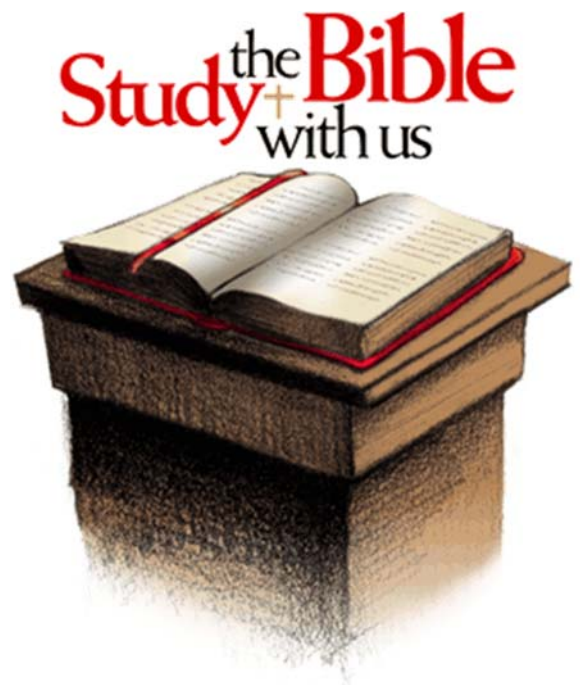
*Facilitated by Kathy Jackson—in the East Wing*

### Romans—LifeLight

A 9-week Bible study group.

God reveals the way of salvation to us through His Word.

*Led by Ron Thiele—Meeting Room*



# December 2016 Servants

Worship Assistants  
Altar Committee

Bruce Algrim & Ron Hall  
Brenda Algrim

## **Acolytes**

December	4	Colby Cessna
	7 6:30	Holley Douglas
	11	Jenna Nelson
	14 6:30	Calista Davis
	18	Holley Douglas
	21 6:30	Bryce Foreman
	24 7:00	Kaleb Reagle
	25	Chloe Powell
	31 7:00	Colby Cessna

## **PowerPoint**

December	4	Clara Jackson
	7 6:30	Alex Foreman
	11	Bailey Pauley
	14 6:30	Bryce Foreman
	18	Alexis Powell
	21 6:30	Grace Reagle
	24 7:00	Colby Cessna
	25	Clara Jackson
	31 7:00	Alex Foreman

## **Lectors**

December	4	Darett Burr
	11	Alice Banning
	18	Ed Adams
	25	Tim Lavrenz

## **Nursery**

December	4	ConniJo Bailey
	11	Clara Jackson
	18	Grace Reagle
	25	Alexis Powell

### **Notice to ALL servants:**

This is a very important service to the church. Please take this seriously. If this time does not work for you, it is your responsibility to find a replacement or trade with someone else. You may call Katy at the church office, 276-3110 for suggestions or phone numbers.



# JUST 4 YOUTH!

## Wednesday Youth Activities



Join us Wednesdays for dinner beginning at 5:45, Worship at 6:30, and class/activities at 7:00. Advent focus for the month of December following worship.

Studying Baptism. What does it mean to be a baptized child of God and how do we live it out.

## Past Calendar:

### Mystery Bus Tour, October 21-22

JOY! the theme based on Hebrews 12:2. 40 youth and adults participated with the event. 4 from Atwood, and 5 from Colby. The rest were from Garden City and Holcomb. Thanks to the leadership team: Austin Bond, Peter Hall, Clara & Paul Jackson, Jackson, Ethan Perkins, Jonathan & CJ Bailey, Jose Munoz, Manuel Rodriguez, Bailey & Brianna Pauley, Lisa & Dale Theye.



## All Saints Eve— Bonfire—October 31

Brought over 130 kids and adults to the event.

District Youth Gathering  
November 18-20  
Hyatt Hotel in Wichita.

Registered: Alex Foreman, Alexis Powell, Ann Douglas, Clara Jackson, Hannah Schultz, Mitch McKinley, Tzionah Palmer, and Leland Jackson and Ginger Douglas.



December 27-31  
Winter Retreat  
"Fire on the Mountain" \$25



## Future Calendar:

January 27-28  
Confirmation Retreat in Rexford

Junior High Youth Quake—Hyatt, Wichita,  
February 3-5

February 16-19, 2017  
Ski Trip  
Monarch, CO



Travel on Thursday to Salida, CO. Ski on Friday and Saturday, stay over and worship with First Lutheran in Salida.

## MEXICO MISSION

Mexico Mission Trip—March 11-17, 2017  
or March 18-24, 2017

Due to the Generosity of the LWML of the KS District and others; members of Trinity can go to Mexico for \$100.00. Deposits of only \$25.00 are due by December 1.

Trinity members who have signed up so far include: Mark Estrada, Clara, Paul, Kathy, Leland and Tasha Jackson, Bailey, Brianna, Katy and Paul Pauley, Tyler Millershaksi and Ed Adams. Waiting for registrations from Angela Bridges, Peter Hall. Manuel and Monica Rodriguez and Nicole Creacy.

Wild Wild West April 7 & 8  
Paintball event in Colby and Rexford.

## Young Adult Ministry! (YAMs)

Post High School through 30's meet  
Wednesdays from 8-9 p.m. in the church basement!  
For the month of November the group will go through the DVD series "Overcoming Emotions That Destroy"

- \*How to make your anger work for you
- \*God's Anger Management Plan
- \*Eliminating Stress Before it Starts.

The Annual LVR Memoria Day Servant  
Event is May 25-29. Cost is \$50

# TLC PRESCHOOL



Merry Christmas! It's that time when we find ourselves anxiously waiting for the birth of the new born babe, Our Lord and Savior! At Trinity preschool we have been busy getting ready; we have our tree up and working on decking the halls and our room. Both preschool classes have stables ready for the birth, and each day they are adding something new to make the wait a little easier. Not only are we busy learning about Christmas but we are very busy practicing for our Christmas programs.

Trinity 3 will have their program on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; Trinity 4 will have their program Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please join us to hear the Christmas story from 3-5 year olds!

We will be on Christmas break from December 20 - January 6, 2017. We pray that you have a joyous Christmas and New Year full of blessings!

Serving Christ together,

*Tammy Lampe & Brittany Barnhardt*



## Christmas PieceMakers

The PieceMakers will meet for sewing December 27-30, from 10 am - 1 pm. The quilts will be given to Hurricane Matthew Relief. Children, youth and adults are invited to join in this project. Bring a friend, a sack lunch, and a servant heart. If you have questions please contact: Mary Jo 640-7370, or Kathy 640-6968

# LET'S GO ICE SKATING

Congregational Ice Skating

Sunday, December 11, leave Trinity at 3:00,  
return about 7:00 pm

Costs: \$7 for rental and session;  
\$5 if you have your own skates

Contact Leland, 620-272-7003 with questions

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



James Davis	12/1	Heidi Berg	12/15
Kelly Langdon	12/1	Kaye Kuhlman	12/15
Conni Jo Bailey	12/2	Statler Kerr	12/16
Keith Erichsen	12/4	Kellee Odneal	12/17
Kaiden Fisher	12/4	Gary Kraft	12/18
Liz Meyer	12/4	Jacynda Vargas	12/18
Jacya Vargas	12/4	Warren Schwab	12/19
Gordon Drees	12/6	Isaiah Bossett	12/20
Dixie Beery	12/7	Johanna Hall	12/20
Oliver Gonzalez	12/7	Carly Schmale	12/22
Brian Odneal	12/7	Lilith Cole	12/23
Jamie Bastin	12/8	Curt Kinney	12/23
Tonya Chmielewski	12/9	Betty White	12/24
Janet Colson	12/9	Zossy Algrim	12/26
Austin Ackerman	12/12	Tim Cruz	12/26
Roger Reetz	12/13	Jayce Vargas	12/27
Renee Algrim	12/14	Judy Schweer	12/28
Taelor Hernandez	12/14	Kimberly Guy	12/30
Lois Hinkle	12/14	Robert Leal	12/30
Mark Petersen	12/14	Kay Petersen	12/30
Lorinda Skeie	12/14	Don Bohl	12/31
		Irene Gestenslager	12/31
		Gary Irsik	12/31
		Marin Kerr	12/31

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Emil & Deandra Krug	12/5
Brian & Kristina Odneal	12/5
Bob & Doris Lewis	12/8
Curt & Kathleen Kinney	12/9
Daniel & Nancy McMillan	12/10
Gordon & Stephanie Wright	12/13
Tom & Lisa Hogan	12/15
Brad & Jody Kerr	12/18
Grady & Kaye Kuhlman	12/21
Lowell & Dorothy Mueller	12/22
Adam & Cammie Nelson	12/23



Stewardship Moment for November, 2016.

*For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. Hebrews 10:14*

Offerings—there are as many types as there are ways to give them. Still, regardless of what we give and when, it's hard to present a true offering without being vulnerable to rejection. From meals we offer our families to romantic serenades to the word on tis page, it can be nerve-racking to give others the power to judge our gifts. Questions like "Are we giving enough?" and "Are we good enough?" fill our minds. Instead the focus should be on "How can I continue to show love because of the gifts God gives me?"

When our invulnerable God offered Himself as our substitute, He became a fragile, vulnerable baby. As a man, when Christ offered Himself for our sons, He face rejection and scorn. No one forced him to do this. We may think of offerings as something we have to give, rather than something we are allowed to give. But that has never been God's way. Christ died on the cross in our place not because He had to but because He wanted to.

He offers us faith, hope, and life because He wants us to have them, and they are exactly what we need. What fools we would be not to accept such and offer!

**God, lead us to eagerly receive the gifts Your Son has earned. Amen.**

Portals of Prayer, October-December 2016; November 15



**ALL** children, 3 year olds through 8th grades are encouraged to attend these rehearsals and participate in the service.

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Congregational  
Christmas Caroling  
to our shut-ins  
December 18 at  
3:00 pm



**Joy to the World!**

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Children's Christmas Service  
Sunday, December 18

Rehearsals will be during **Sunday School** opening, 10:15-10:35 on December 4, 11; and at Midweek, on **Wednesdays** December 7, 14 (7:00-7:50)





# Christmas Worship Times

December 18

Children's Christmas Worship 9:00 am

Congregation Caroling 3:00 pm

Christmas Eve 7:00 pm

Christmas Day 9:00 am

(No Sunday School/Bible Class)

New Years' Eve 7:00 pm

New Years' Day 9:00 am

(No Sunday School/Bible Class)



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#### Trinity Lutheran Church : Vision Statement

To create a 21st century mission post in southwest Kansas where people of all ages are touched by the love of Jesus in dynamic worship, Bible study and fellowship;

A mission post where persistent efforts will be made to equip disciples, using every resource the Spirit makes available, to share Christ with everyone.

#### **M**ission Minded

**I**nspired to use spiritual gifts

**S**erving in love

**S**eeking the lost

**I**ntegrating all members

**O**ngoing education for all

**N**urturing family environment

**P**raying priesthood

**O**pportunities for giving/receiving God's grace

**S**cripturally focused

**T**ouched by Christ's love