

# Trinity Lutheran Church

311 SE Schley Street

Sheridan, OR 97378

503-843-4747 DECEMBER 2017 Newsletter

*"Saved by Grace we proclaim the Gospel by sharing the love of Jesus."*



## From Our Pastor

Dear Members and Friends at Trinity, Sheridan:

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration, blessed with safe travel and fond memories.

There is a book on my shelf at home called ***Too Busy Not to Pray***. We have come to the Season of Advent, anticipating the joyful good news that "unto us a child is born, a Son is given." If there is one word that characterizes many people's lives this time of year it is the word "busy." In this book evangelical author and pastor Bill Hybels warns us that we can never be too busy to open our lives to God in prayer. In fact, the busier we are, the more hectic our lives feel, the more we need to see these things as signals to slow down and open our hearts and minds to God.

One of the problems with my prayer life is that I find myself engaging in one long laundry list of things I am worried about or need God's help with: God help me with this week's sermon, God help me not to forget anything on my "to-do" list. God help me this, and help me that. I suspect that God rather gets tired of me with this laundry list. I am thankful that he still listens and is patient and understanding. All of which points out that my prayer life can, and should be, so much more about gratitude and praise than about the worries that keeping running around in my head when I am trying to go to sleep.

Former Bishop and New Testament scholar, N. T. Wright reminds us that Advent is first of all a time for thanksgiving to God who is faithful to his promises. And of course, the greatest promise of all was the promise of a blessing for all people. Thanks be to God who was faithful in fulfilling the promise once given to Abraham: "in you all the families of the earth will be blessed" (Genesis 12:3). Don't let your hectic holiday schedule keep you from thankfully and joyfully sharing in the wonderful worship opportunities we have planned at Trinity this month.

We will begin Advent on Sunday, **December 3** with a **"Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent with Holy Communion."** In the past this, service was done on Christmas Day in the absence of a pastor. But my understanding is that it was intended to mark the beginning of the Advent Season, the four weeks of anticipation and preparation before Christmas. Our traditional **"Heritage Potluck"** church family meal will follow the service. On the afternoon of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent, **December 10**, it will be a delight to have the **Festival Victorian Carolers** perform at Trinity under the direction of Dr. Solveig Holmquist. The performance starts at **3:00 PM**, but get here early as seating is limited and this is open to our whole community. Trinity is blessed to be one of four churches the Victorian Carolers will visit that Sunday to share this wonderful, old fashioned Christmas celebration complete with Victorian era costumes, and it is a great occasion to invite someone to come to church with you at Trinity. On **December 17** the annual Christmas Program will be part of the worship service for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent at **10:30 AM**. Thanks to Jane Monroe and Mary Lukehart who have been working on this.

This year **Christmas Eve, December 24**, falls on a Sunday. The elders and church council decided that we would NOT have morning service that Sunday, but that everyone would be invited to attend the **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** that evening at **7:00 PM**. On **Christmas Day, Monday December 25**, we will celebrate the Nativity of our Lord with Holy Communion at **10:00 AM**. Please note that there will be no adult education hour during Advent to allow our choir and musicians to have adequate rehearsal time.

God's blessings,  
Pastor Joe Hughes

# KneE-mail

Please remember our church family members in your prayers.

- ♥ Pauline Pelzer
- ♥ Elbert & Jacqueline Hatch
- ♥ Our Homebound Members & Friends

Please send your PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAISES to

Pastor Joe:

J\_W\_Hughes@Hotmail.com

or

Stefanie: stefaniem@sheridanTLC.org



## Call Process Meeting

On December 3, at 3:00 pm, there will be a meeting with Pastor Warmbier about the call process that Trinity will be going through in our search for a new pastor. The Church Elders, Church Council Members, Call Committee Members, and other interested people should plan on attending this informational meeting.



LET EVERY HEART PREPARE  
HIM ROOM

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



Pastor Joe

Monday through Thursday  
9:00am - 1:00pm

Stefanie

Monday through Friday  
9:00am - 12:00 noon

*Office hours are kept to the best of our ability  
but subject to change as needs arise.*

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.*

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## LESSONS AND CAROLS & ADVENT LUNCHEON

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

at our regular worship time, **10:30.am**

Trinity will host a

### Community Advent Service of Lessons and Carols.

Our Fourth Annual Advent Luncheon  
will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

We celebrate the beginning of Advent with a festive luncheon featuring "heritage" dishes. Of course, every dish can really be a "heritage" dish; you know the ones you savor for this special time of year!

Please plan to join us for a time of good fellowship, some special foods, and an expression of thankfulness to God for our many blessings as a parish.

**Bring a friend! All are welcome!**

Volunteers are needed for set-up and decoration before Divine Service, set-up for the luncheon, and clean-up after the luncheon.

Please contact Stefanie if you are able to help.



**LADIES AID** will meet

**December 5<sup>th</sup>**

at **1:30 pm**,

in the Fellowship Hall.

**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME  
PLEASE JOIN US!**

### Bethesda Christmas Collection

Ladies Aid is collecting monetary gifts for the Bethesda Lutheran Community. The money will be used to help with Christmas parties and activities for the residents. Your donations may be placed in the can on the table in the Narthex. We hope to send our donations off by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> **Thank you!**



Bethesda, formerly known as Good Shepherd Homes, assists developmentally delayed adults.



### Pastor's Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study

Wednesdays,  
Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27  
10:00-11:15 AM

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME.** Participants will read and discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday with an ear toward sharing how God is speaking to us in the appointed readings to help shape the sermon for the coming Sunday.

### PLEASE NOTE:

There will be **NO ADULT EDUCATION HOUR** during Advent to allow our choir and musicians adequate rehearsal time.

**Also No Sunday School for all ages on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.**

### Unwrapping the Greatest Gift

A wonderful book for Advent, *Unwrapping the Greatest Gift* by Ann Voskamp is the basis for this year's Christmas program on  
**December 17**

Please join us that Sunday at **10:30 AM** and help prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord Jesus.

There will be a **POTLUCK BRUNCH** following - hosts are Holly Gleason, Verna Jordan, Lindah & Sam Hagglund. Please bring a dish to share, if you can & join in the fellowship!

*All are Welcome!*



### Farewell Coffee Hour

Please join us on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> for a special farewell coffee hour for Pastor Hughes following worship service.  
Hosts are Elin and Hal and others.



### Decorating for Christmas

Come join the decorating crew as they decorate the Sanctuary on

**Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM**

It is **fun** to work together and many hands make the job go quickly.



Would you like to donate a **Poinsettias** for Christmas? If so please bring your poinsettia to

church by **Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>** so they can be arranged prior to Christmas Eve Service.

It would be lovely to see many poinsettias around the altar.



*Don't forget to take your plant home following the service on Christmas Day.*



Christmas Eve  
Candlelight  
Service  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm  
Celebrating the  
Birth of Jesus our Savior!

### Christmas Day Service

Monday  
December 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM

Trinity Lutheran  
Church





### Christian Fellowship

"Christian Fellowship" services will begin on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month in December at Deer Meadow Assisted Living Community and Sheridan Care Center. The service at Deer Meadow is scheduled from 2:00 – 2:40PM and the service at Sheridan Care is scheduled from 3:00 – 3:40PM.

Our Christian Fellowship gatherings will offer a couple of well-known songs/hymns, Holy Communion, Bible readings/stories which have meaning for our daily lives, an opportunity to share about faith, prayers, and talking about difficulties of living someplace other than home and meeting the challenges. Bibles will be made available to residents who need personal copies. There will also be daily Bible readings for each week.

Both care facilities have been supportive and extremely cooperative for us to reengage residents! In the past, I have been astonished by the work of the Holy Spirit with the wisdom and faith expressed by the saints who have attended the services. They are eager and willing to gather, fellowship, seek, and support each other.

There is ample opportunity to assist with a minimum time commitment in this wonderful ministry. If you have questions and/or a gift to work with older adults, please contact Jeff through the church office.

For Christ and the Church

### Victorian Carolers

Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 pm.  
Trinity Lutheran Church

The Carolers are directed by Solveig Holmquist and the concert is in honor of her parents Barbara and Ken Knutson.

Donations are accepted and the money will go toward the Sheridan School District music programs.

The event is sponsored by the Sheridan Woman's Study Club. Refreshments of cookies, hot spiced cider, coffee & tea will be served following the performance.

The Study Club Ladies would appreciate donations of cookies. Thank you

The Study Club really appreciates the use of the fellowship hall after the program for refreshments and visiting.



*Please note: No coffee hour following worship service on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Come at 3:00 PM to enjoy the Carolers and stay for refreshments & visiting following the program.*

### Volunteers Needed

Stefanie is looking for volunteers to read the Lessons during Worship and lead the Young Worshipper's Time.



Please let her know if you are willing to help.

**Thank you!**

### Grand Sheramina Food Bank

I am so thankful there is food to take to the food bank each week. In a recent letter from George Robertson, the President of Grand Sheramina, he wrote: *In the past four months we have provided food boxes each month to 700 low income individuals and families in our communities.*

The items our congregation donates are truly a blessing!

The Food Bank is located at  
120 N. Bridge St.  
Sheridan

It is open:  
Tuesdays 2-6 PM  
Thursdays 11 AM – 3:00 PM  
Every third Saturday 11:00-3:00 PM

For more information  
call 503-843-7777

~Stefanie Morrow.



### TLC QUILTERS



TLC Quilters will **NOT** meet in **December**. We did tie 5 quilts at our one meeting in November but sure do need more help when we start the new year---

THURSDAYS, JAN. 18 & 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 AM



## BRINGING GOD'S WORD THROUGH AVIATION

Serving in  
Papua Indonesia

News *Zehr Air* Update

Courtney, Beth, Anne, Adelaide & David



### Prayer Walking by Beth

We had three ladies from Jefferson Baptist Church of Jefferson, OR visit us for the month of September. Their mission trip here was to pray and go on prayer walks in places in the city. We went to many spots to pray asking God's light and blessings to



come to that place and we trust that in His goodness, it will guide people to repent. Their visit was so important to me. It was the highlight of my year last year and I was glad for them to return. I learned more about praying through the warfare I sense and not resigning to hopelessness. I have

been walking more victoriously over discouragement and anxiety this year.

#### Some highlights of this prayer emphasis were:

- Traveling to four interior villages in swampy areas among under-reached people groups. As they prayed that God would expose the darkness, it became apparent to the missionary leader the same week that the people of the church were highly involved in witchcraft. One of the original evangelists the missionary had trained and sent out was a witch-doctor! A few weeks later after this prayer trip concluded, we received news that the people came together to burn all their relics. Also, the witch-doctor had died.

- The prayer team returned to a village they prayed at last year and heard the fruit of the tribe's repentance. Last year, two chiefs repented from their ancestors' sin - two hundred years ago they had massacred four villages from a neighboring tribe, and as a result the people felt they were under a curse. Their clan was dying out, school dropout rates were high, and there were many social problems. Soon afterwards, a villager had a dream where God told her, "You've made peace with Me, but now it's time to make peace with the other tribe." The head chief sought them out and invited them to a peace treaty. The celebration included worshipping God together, retelling the age old story from both tribes, confession of sin, asking forgiveness of one another, chiefs of each tribe signing a peace treaty document, and blessing one another. Such wonderful news!!! And even better to hear that this story has carried across that valley and three other villages have eagerly followed this example of repentance and forgiveness of other clans and tribes they have wronged. They initiated another peace treaty last month. It is neat to see the Papuan people carry this news to one another and be moved by God and his Word to live in peace and repaired relationships! They said it is only because they have peace with God in Christ that they are able to meet together in unity as children of the Big Chief.

- We prayed in the Mayor's office two days in a row. Though we waited to get in to meet the mayor, the meeting was bumped. However, we know God was guiding us to intercede at government offices.

- Encouraging our Christian Papuan friends to pray what they want to see happen around them. Where they see sin, ask God to bless people with His light that they may repent; where they see conflict, pray unity; where they see hopelessness, pray for understanding of hope and purpose. Our friends felt encouraged and remarked how this has changed the way they pray and gave them a renewed sense that they can be a part of what God is wanting to do through their prayers.



- This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual trip and we look forward to seeing more of them in years to come. Next prayer trip is planned for September 2018. If you live in the Oregon area and want to consider being a part of it, please contact me.

### House building project

Our new house is coming along quickly. We have to move from our current house by December 10<sup>th</sup>. The time frame is short for us to move in but it looks like our house will be far enough along to move by then. The new house won't be finished, so we will be completing it as we live in it. We appreciate your prayers for God to keep guiding us along the way. We have seen his provision in many ways!

Join us in praying that the local power company will install power soon! It has been a slow process as there are many people to communicate with apart from the power company. If there's no power, we can use an extension cable from a neighbor to power the bare essentials but we are really hopeful to have full power by December.

Pray, too, for the construction workers we have hired that they would be guided by God, give attention to detail, and most of all that Jesus would encounter them and reveal Himself as the one and only way to God the Father. Pray that we would be a light and witness to them of Jesus Christ.

### Flying Again

Courtney has really enjoyed flying again and directly serving the Bible Translation movement in Papua. After getting several hours of experience in the new plane he is now getting checked out for more runways. During one of these checkouts, the grass field was recently cut and very wet from rain the night before. This makes for a dangerous condition on landing because when

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*I came across this article recently, and, as Trinity prepares to enter into the process to call a new settled pastor, I thought it would be good to share it with you. Trinity has been a wonderful place to serve and I deeply appreciate the love devotion you have for one another and for the church. This is just a reminder that whomever you call as your next settled pastor, he is going to be a person who not only wants to give and serve, but who also needs to receive support and encouragement. Trinity does these things well, but I wanted to stress to you all how important they are in a healthy pastor/congregation relationship. -Pastor Joe*

Above: "Church Pew with Worshippers" | Vincent van Gogh | 1882

## 12 Things that Your New Pastor Will Wish You Knew

1. *YOU are a source of encouragement to us.* All too often the people in our pews imagine that clergy are islands of devotion – except, of course, when we fail spectacularly and publicly. We aren't. Like everyone else we draw encouragement from others who are faithful and courageous. You shouldn't be that way for our sake, of course, but don't forget, there are days when we draw renewed strength from your example.
2. *Don't forget to show up.* A church official or a search committee may have been instrumental in our coming to your parish, but we count on your presence. In one ancient Rabbinic story God tells the children of Israel, "If you obey the Law, I am God. If you don't, I am not." The story didn't mean that literally, but it makes an important point. God works through people and through God's church. That work requires your presence.
3. *Don't compliment my sermons. React to them.* I would rather hear you struggle with what I've said from the pulpit or tell me that you disagree and why, rather than say, "That was nice."
4. *Remember, I'm not here to be the religious or spiritual performer.* Clergy take responsibility for fostering and nurturing the spiritual life of a congregation, but we are not there to believe, sing, pray, or profess the faith for all of you. When we do it brings out the worst in us and in you.
5. *Remember that I can't "fix" you.* Like every caregiver, I wish that I could fix things for you. I can't. Only God can heal you and even God cannot nurture healing when we resist God's help. I will walk with you, listen to God alongside of you, and offer advice when and where it seems appropriate and welcome. But there are spiritual decisions that are all your own.
6. *Please don't pick on my family.* They are in this because they are devoted to God and to me, but like all of us they are human. They make mistakes. They have their own growing pains and they can be defensive on my behalf. Clergy often describe the lives of their children as "life in a goldfish bowl." Remember, the memories they have of the church are shaped in dramatic ways by your love for them. Just as surely, abusive behavior can alienate them.
7. *No one is perfect.* When you are unrealistic about me, it can make it difficult to relate to you in an honest, transparent fashion. Don't make us little "g" gods or paragons of virtue. We can't possibly fulfill those expectations.
8. *Even clergy need grace.* We all have bad days and we all live in a world marked by sharp differences of opinion, unmanageable stress, and the pressure to be everything to everyone. Like you, we will have moments when we are impatient, when we lose our temper, or when we react out of fear or a sense of betrayal. We try to remember to say we are sorry, but we will still need grace, forgiveness, and understanding.
9. *We can't hold together a church that you are determined to re-make to suit yourself.* We work hard to discern the will of God, but no one knows the will of God in the absolute sense of the word. Along the way, we will feel honor bound to make a decision you don't approve. Wait long enough and we will make one that others don't like. If we offer transparent, sound reasons for making a choice, we hope you will remember that we are doing the best we can to hear God and to hear you. If you think that can be done without disagreement, you must be living alone.
10. *We don't like talking about money anymore than you do.* We might even like it less. But we live in a world in which many good things can only be accomplished by raising money and spending it. We will try to avoid asking for the wrong thing. We will focus on vision, not vanity. We hope that you will remember that the money you give is for something far larger than any of us.
11. *Bring your gifts to the table.* Jesus didn't call the Lone Ranger. He called twelve people who were asked to find twelve more, who – over the centuries – have called billions of others. You are God's gift to the world in the making and there are contributions that only you can make. Nudge us and offer those gifts. Our lives will be enriched and yours will become more of what God created you to be.
12. *Pray for us.* These are challenging days for the church. They are also days filled with potential. You nurtured us in this vocation. Please pray for us. We will pray for you.





## FROM THE HYMNAL BLESSED ASSURANCE

Fanny J. Crosby 1820-1915

Tune by Phoebe P. Knapp 1839-1908

For those of you that were in church a few Sundays ago, this hymn was the last one sung during the service. It's a beautiful hymn with a great message and it is not one of those "un-sing-able Lutheran hymns."

*Beware of despairing about yourself. You are commanded to put your trust in God, and not in yourself.* ~St Augustine

Truer words were never spoken. Some people claim to have accepted Christ as Savior, yet they live in the tragic uncertainty of doubting their personal relationship with God. The Scriptures teach that we can know with absolute confidence that we have life with God within us (John 5:13). This assurance is founded upon the promises of a faithful God and His inspired Word.

Blinded at 6 weeks of age Fanny J. Crosby wrote more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs in her lifetime of 95 years. Some publishers were hesitant to have so many hymns by 1 person in their hymnals, so Crosby used nearly 200 pseudonyms during her career. She stated:

*"If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me."*

Her many favorite hymns such as *Blessed Assurance* have been an important part of evangelical worship for over a century.

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His Blood.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst o my sight, angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

*Perfect submission – all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*

Chorus: *This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

~Steve Sommerfeld

~Above content taken from the book *Amazing Grace*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, by Kenneth W Osbeck



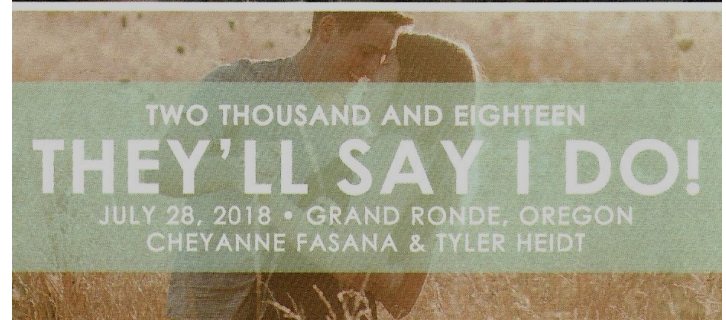
Thank you to everyone who helped out with Trinity Café and Sunday School while I was in Wisconsin with my family.

I continue to tear up every time I recollect the words of comfort from so many people-in cards and hugs.

Mary



Thank you to Sharon Willweber for her gift of free advertising to Trinity. Sharon won the advertising last summer as a prize from The Bulletin.



Please save the date!  
We hope to see you there.  
For more information,  
please visit our website  
at the knot.com!



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES ♥

01 - Dorothy Wyss  
 01 - Steve Sommerfeld  
 01 - Don & Lois Emmons ♥  
 07 - Teresa Cruickshank  
 10 - Bertil & Josephine Elias ♥  
 11 - Tamia Duncan  
 14 - Brian Prevett  
 17 - Anna Frost  
 19 - Briann Monroe  
 20 - Jane Monroe  
 21 - Becky Prevett  
 31 - Dale Stapleton

*We would like to remember you on your special day. Please let Stefanie or Gretchen know if we missed your birthday, anniversary or have incorrect information. Thank you!*

### Sheridan Museum of History

The old museum is about all packed up and waiting for the move in December. We HOPE to meet the Dec 1<sup>st</sup> deadline but with contractors' schedules it's hard to tell at this time. We will need help with the moving but no definite date to ask for help yet.



~Donna Hulett

### Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour

The Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour was quite successful in spite of the wet weather. Coastal Hills Quilters show and sale was in the WVCC auditorium for the first time and we really appreciated the bigger area that was so well lit. We had our second highest sales and also second highest attendance of our 19 years.

We quilters are already making plans for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary show and sale next year.

Just a reminder - Coastal Hills Quilters are now in classroom 7 at WVCC and from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM each Friday we are open to help with quilting questions or get a person started learning to quilt.

Donna Hulett, one of the members is a contact person at 503-843-2834.



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you apply brakes the grass can build up almost instantly and creates a "chock" that prevents the tire from turning even when you release the brakes. This means that the aircraft can turn off the runway and there is nothing you can do to stop it. The key is to not use brakes, which means that your landing must be on spot and on speed. During the checkout we applied the brakes just a little as we were slowing down and instantly got a "chock" that caused us to swerve about 3 feet to the left of the runway center-line. This is just one scenario that jungle pilots must be prepared for. Courtney is grateful for the team here that give thorough check-outs to all the new runways that he will be flying to.

### New Member Orientation in Salatiga (Java)

Our whole family had the opportunity to go to Salatiga in Java to help two new families that just arrived there for language school. Courtney has done this trip several times but this time we were so blessed that our whole family came. Plus, both of our moms came to visit us! Most of our work is helping the new families get set up with a house and showing them the essentials for living in Indonesia. They will be spending around 10 months learning language and culture before joining our aviation team at YAJASI in Papua. We also made time to see a couple of ancient temples including Borobudur. It was a great excursion for our family!



Thank you for all of your prayers and support  
 that are enabling us to serve here!  
 Courtney & Beth Zehr

### How To Donate:

As Wycliffe missionaries, we rely on the financial partnership of churches and individuals to enable us to do this work. If you're interested in becoming a financial partner or want to make a one time gift you can do so at [Wycliffe USA's Website](http://WycliffeUSA'sWebsite). Or you can send a check payable to Wycliffe Bible Translators with a separate note saying "Preference for the Wycliffe ministry of Courtney and Beth Zehr #200594."

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 JANUARY NEWSLETTER is  
**SUNDAY, Dec. 24**

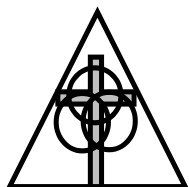
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 503-835-3548; or leave a note  
 in Jones' church mailbox.

**Thank you!**





Trinity Lutheran Church  
2018 Budget

Expense Category	2016	2017	2018
<b>Trustees</b>			
Utilities	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Office	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$3,500
Property	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Insurance	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
SAIF	\$550	\$550	\$300
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$21,650</b>	<b>\$22,650</b>	<b>\$23,400</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Outreach</b>			
Speaker	\$450	\$450	\$450
Lutheran College Fund & Seminary Student	\$0	\$0	\$500
District	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$3,750
Social Ministry	\$500	\$500	\$500
Fellowship	\$200	\$200	\$200
Discretionary Fund	\$500	\$500	\$500
Public Relations & Publicity			\$1,000
Congregational Retreat	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$7,400</b>	<b>\$7,400</b>	<b>\$8,900</b>
<b>Elders</b>			
Guest Pastor	\$800	\$800	\$900
Worship	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Office Manager	\$8,623	\$8,710	\$12,798 *
Conference	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Music	\$22,500	\$22,725	\$25,000 **
Pastor Salary	\$33,926	\$33,926	\$34,604 ***
Pastor Auto	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Benefit Plan	\$22,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$94,449</b>	<b>\$96,761</b>	<b>\$103,902</b>
<b>Education</b>			
Youth Ministry	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Education	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Parsonage</b>			
Taxes & Insurance	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,600
Maintenance	\$400	\$400	\$400
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,900</b>	<b>\$1,900</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$130,399</b>	<b>\$133,711</b>	<b>\$143,202</b>

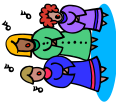
\* 2% increase for Office Manager as well as an increase in hours by 180 hours per year. (20 hrs./week)

\*\* 2% increase for Organist and Choir Director. We always budget for the choir director.  
The current director defers a salary.

\*\*\* 2% increase in Pastor's salary.

# December 2017

## Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37
<b>3</b> Sunday School 9am Community Advent Service of Lessons and Carols 10:30 am <b>Heritage Potluck</b> Call Meeting 3:00 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Ladies Aid Meeting 1:30 pm	<b>6</b> Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>7</b> Mill Creek Group 9:00 am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15 Mark 1:1-8 <b>Fellowship Hall Reserved All Day</b>
<b>10</b> Sunday School 9am Holy Communion 10:30am Victorian Carolers & Coffee Hour 3pm	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> Group Supervision for Companions in Christ 6:00 pm	<b>13</b> Bible Study 10:00 am Care Center Service: Deer Meadow 2:00 pm Sheridan Care 3:00 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28 <b>Christmas Decorating 9:00 am</b>
<b>17</b> Sunday School 9am Special Christmas Service & Holy Communion 10:30am <b>Potluck Brunch</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14
<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00pm</b>  NO Morning Service	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day Worship Service 10:00 am</b>	<b>26</b> Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14	<b>27</b> Bible Study 10:00 am Care Center Service: Deer Meadow 2:00 pm Sheridan Care 3:00 pm <b>Fellowship Hall Reserved All Day</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40 <b>Fellowship Hall Reserved All Day</b>
<b>31</b> <b>NO Sunday School</b> Holy Communion 10:30am <b>Farewell Coffee Hour</b>						

<b>December Servers:</b>	<b>12-03-17</b>	<b>12-10-17</b>	<b>12-17-17</b>	<b>12-24-17</b>	<b>12-25-17</b>
Acolyte	Kasey Monroe	Alec Prevett	Emily Monroe	Cordell Prevett	Kasey Monroe
Altar Guild	Denise Pelzer	Denise Pelzer	Denise Pelzer	Denise Pelzer	Denise Pelzer
Young Worshipers' Time	Pastor Joe	Andy Monroe	Pastor Joe		
Counters	Steve and Gretchen Jones	Steve and Gretchen Jones	Steve and Gretchen Jones	Steve and Gretchen Jones	Steve and Gretchen Jones
Elder	Bill Howden	Bill Howden	Bill Howden	Bill Howden	Bill Howden
Greeters	Dick, Verna & Andy Jordan	Dick, Verna & Andy Jordan	Dick, Verna & Andy Jordan	Dick, Verna & Andy Jordan	Dick, Verna & Andy Jordan
Ladies Aid	Meeting December 5th 1:30 PM				
Potluck Hosts	Jeff Lukehart Stefanie Morrow		Holly Gleason Verna Jordan Lindah & Sam Hagglund		
Reader	Bill Howden	Cheryl Stapleton	Andy Monroe	Steve Jones	Dale Stapleton
Usher	Izak Monroe	Izak Monroe	Izak Monroe	Izak Monroe	Izak Monroe



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TO

JANUARY



- ★ Mon. Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
- ★ Sat. Jan. 6 - Epiphany
- ★ Tues. Jan. 9 - 1:30 PM, Ladies Aid Meeting
- ★ Tues. Jan. 9 - 6:00 PM, Group Supervision for Companions in Christ
- ★ Wed. Jan. 10 & 24, Care Facility Service
  - 2:00-2:40 PM at Deer Meadow
  - 3:00-3:40 PM at Sheridan Care
- ★ Sun. Jan. 14 - Coffee Hour
- ★ Thurs. Jan. 18 & 25, 10 AM - TLC Quilters
- ★ Sun. Jan. 21 - February Newsletter Deadline
- ★ Sun. Jan. 28 - Potluck

★ **PLEASE CHECK THIS MONTH'S SERVING**

**SCHEDULE:** Are you a greeter, reader, usher, offering counter...?

THANK YOU  
FOR SERVING!