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Trinity Tidings

January 21, 2018

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Welcome newcomers! We are honored that you have chosen to worship here today! Following worship, join us for refreshments and conversation. We ask that you participate in our **Ritual of Friendship**, filling in your name, address and e-mail.

A supervised **Nursery** for infants & toddlers, hosted by a paid child care provider, is available in the marked room off of the gathering space. Our Nursery is hosted by paid child care team of Amanda Cohen and Grace Stephan.



Trinity Lutheran Church is a **Reconciling in Christ congregation**.

RIC congregations

clearly state that they welcome people of every sexual orientation and gender identity.

Today we return to our regular school-year schedule:

- ◆ 8:30am Heritage Worship
- ◆ 9:45am Education Hour
- ◆ 11:00am Celebration Worship

With glad hearts we welcome back our organist **Dolly Collins!**

Adult Forum: Pastor Sue Sprowls continues a 5-week discussion of A

Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic and Hopeful Spiritual Community by John Pavlovitz. The book is available locally at Nicola's and Barnes & Noble and also online.

2017 Giving Statements will be mailed out soon. Thanks to all who supported our ministry last year with generous donations of both treasure and time! Contact the church office if you have any questions or corrections regarding your statement or if you want to enroll in online giving for 2018.

The **2017 Annual Report** is available in the gathering space today and in the Member Access section of our website at trinityaa.org.

Trinity's **Annual Budget Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 4**. There will be only one service that day at 10:00 a.m. followed by a brunch and then the meeting.

The **2018 flower chart** is out in the gathering space. Sign up for your special date/dates you want to donate flowers. Be sure to fill out a card if you want a dedication listed in the Tidings and indicate whether you want to keep your flowers or donate them to one of our shut-ins.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Guest groups in italics

General Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

Pastor's Office Hours

Our pastors are available to meet with you at your convenience throughout the week. To schedule time with a pastor, please call them at 734-662-4419, or email them at:

lcarey@trinityaa.org

sara@trinityaa.org

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 a.m. **Heritage Worship**

9:45 a.m. **Sunday School**

9:45 a.m. **Adult Forum**

11:00 a.m. **Celebration Worship**

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 a.m. TLC Adventure Preschool

10:00 a.m. *AA Meeting*

7:00 p.m. *Outloud Chorus*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 a.m. *AA Women's Group*

1:00 p.m. *OLLI Class*

1:30 p.m. *Tai Chi*

7:30 p.m. *Dope less Hope Fiends*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 a.m. Men's Morning Ministry

9:00 a.m. TLC Adventure Preschool

11:30 a.m. Senior Connection Outing

12:30 p.m. Midweek Bible Study

6:00 p.m. *Tai Chi*

7:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study

7:30 p.m. *Tai Chi*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Quarter Bistro Fundraiser-All Day

9:30 a.m. *AA Meeting*

10:00 a.m. *Tai Chi*

2:00 p.m. *ELS Tutoring*

5:30 p.m. *Steel on Steel*

6:30 p.m. Chancel Bells

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

7:30 p.m. *AA Meeting*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 a.m. TLC Adventure Preschool

10:00 a.m. Senior Exercise

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 a.m. *Greysheet*

11:00 a.m. John Anderson Memorial

12:00 p.m. Memorial Luncheon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:30 a.m. **Heritage Worship**

9:45 a.m. **Sunday School**

9:45 a.m. **Adult Forum**

11:00 a.m. **Celebration Worship**

2:00 p.m. *AA Storytellers Guild*



TLC Adventure Preschool Winter Fundraiser: Dine at **The Quarter Bistro** this **Thursday, January 25** and 15% of your bill will

be donated back to our preschool when you present one of our flyers, available in the gathering space. The event is **ALL DAY**, so go for breakfast, lunch and/or dinner! Donations apply to carry-out, too!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study:

All our welcome to a new course studying the twelve readings of the Easter Vigil on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** These readings help God's people to study the mystery of salvation history from the beginning of time through the Old Testament, leading to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The list of readings can be found in our Worship book on page 269. Each Wednesday we will study another reading from the list. Contact Roger Harms for more information (rmharms321@aol.com or 734-253-2129.)

Don't Shop Alone! Our **monthly goods collection** for January goes to Emmanuel Lutheran's Food Bank in Ypsilanti, who served over 900 households in 2017. Needing replenishing are: **rice, soups, stew, spaghetti** and **canned fruit**, but any nutritious, non-perishable food in unbreakable containers will be graciously accepted.

We are saddened to report that **John Anderson**, Trinity member and father of Sue Monkiewicz, passed away on Tuesday. A memorial service will be held here at Trinity on **Saturday, January 27** at 11:00 a.m. The service will be followed by a memorial luncheon in the Social Hall. All are welcome.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study meets in the Library at 12:30 p.m. Come share in the scripture lessons for the coming week. Bring your lunch if you like. Contact Delores Wurst at wandwurst@frontier.com or 429-7917, or simply show up.

Tuesday, February 6 is Trinity's day to volunteer at **Peace Neighborhood Center** to help fix and serve an after-school meal to the kids from 2:30-5:00pm. Sign up in the gathering space, volunteer online, or contact Kay Hurst in the church office!



It is time to sign up for volunteering at Trinity's **Men's Rotating Shelter February 19-26**. Volunteers are needed to stay overnight, drive the men

to and from church and provide food. Signup sheets are in the gathering space or online signup can be accessed from the links in the weekly email update.

We are also looking for donations of new socks and T-shirts for the men again this year. Please do NOT donate any used clothing. Thanks! Joyce Stein: jazstein@me.com, and Sandy Schmoker: 734-769-8429.

Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity! Our Fall Commitment Campaign demonstrated once again how important the ministries at Trinity are to you.

Are you still writing 2017 on checks? Or have you adjusted to writing 2018? And have you updated your online giving? January is a great time to adjust your giving based on your commitments to support the ministry of Trinity locally and in the world. And if your circumstances change, for example, a salary increase, or a job change and the like, you can update your commitment by calling the office, or going online to adjust your giving details.

Reminder on how online giving works: If you use, or are ready to begin using e-giving, click on the green "Give Online" button on the Trinity home page (trinityaa.org). You'll be taken to a secure page where you can update or set-up your profile and giving. *See the insert for a screenshot & detailed instructions.*

Thank you for your giving, as always. May giving bring you blessings, like those that are being displayed on the Giving Cross at Trinity.

Warm regards, the Stewardship team

Senior Connection: Join us **Fridays at 10:00 a.m.** in the Lounge for **Senior "Stretch & Strength" Exercise**, a great way to stay fit this winter. On **Wednesday, January 24** we will go out for lunch at Carlyle Grill and then take in the movie "The Post" at the Quality 16 theater. Sign up today in the gathering space.

TLC Adventure Preschool is back in session following the holiday break. **NOTICE: We now keep our building locked when Preschool is in session**, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until 2:00pm. Monitored access is provided during that time. Please wait patiently at the door or call 734-662-4419 to request entry. Be prepared to identify yourself and your purpose for being here.

Online Giving is a convenient way to manage your church offerings and keep your regular contributions coming in throughout the year. Follow the link on our home page or contact the church office for help.

Join our email lists:

- Weekly News Update
- Weekly Devotional
- Sunday School
- TLC Adventure Preschool



Gentlemen! It is time once again to add the Washtenaw **Lutheran Men's Retreat** to your calendar. The topic will be *Crossing Reformation Spirituality with a Wobbly Church* led by Pastor Dennis Bux from Christ Lutheran Church in Monroe. It will be held at the Weber Center in Adrian from Friday evening through Sunday mid-morning, **February 9—11**. The cost for a single room for 2 nights and 4 meals is \$175 (checks payable to *Zion Lutheran Church*) and partial and full scholarships are available. Sign up at the Welcome Desk at Zion Ann Arbor, or by contacting this year's coordinator Steve Johgart, stevej1@mac.com or 734-904-4936. Please join us! God loves you, and so do we.

Weekly Offering Update

As of January 14, 2018	
Weekly Offering	\$ 7,618
Year-to-Date Offerings	\$ 21,813
Difference from Budget	\$ 1,813
So far, our 2018 giving is: on budget	

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Pastors: Rev. Lori Carey
Rev. Sara Freudenburg

Music Staff: Dolly Collins, Sarah Altenburg
Office Staff: Kay & Daryl Hurst; *Accountant:* Onda Cymes
Preschool Staff: Barb Daniel, Nancy Baldus, Lorin Kummer, Stacie Porter and Raquel Notz

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and click on the  button.



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General Fund

This fund supports the ongoing ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Building Fund

This fund supports the building loan retirement and future building needs.

Designated Fund

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A **mobile version** is available, too!



Trinity's Online Giving Option

Trinity's online giving option offers members, associates and visitors a convenient, safe, and simple way to make recurring or one-time donations without the need to write checks. Our online giving system works the same as the automated payment methods used by most families to make mortgage or utility payments.

Why choose this option? **It's convenient for you.** There is no need to write checks or bring cash to worship when your giving is made automatically. Your payments are transmitted electronically and are deposited directly into Trinity's bank account. **It keeps you on track.** Scheduled, automated payments prevent you from falling behind on pledge commitments. It offers today's most popular payment methods. Set up transfers from your checking or savings account, or use your Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express card*. **It saves volunteer and staff time.** As the effort required to process cash and check donations decreases, our focus can be directed towards ministry programs! **It adds greater security in the Trinity office** with the reduced handling of checks and cash. **Has a positive impact on the environment.** Making payments electronically reduces the amount of natural resources consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks.

Getting Started

- *First-time users:* Go to the home page at **trinityaa.org** and click on the 'Create Profile' button in the **Create Your Online Profile** section on the right hand side.
- *Returning users:* once you have created your online profile, you can use the **Log In** button to get back into your secure profile.
- On the Online Donation/Payment page, click the **Add Transaction** button
- **Type in an amount** in the appropriate category (General Fund, Building Fund, Designated Fund, etc.)
- Choose a **Donation/Payment Frequency** (One-time, Weekly, Monthly) from the drop-down list;
- Set a **Start Date**
- **Select a payment method** (checking or savings account, debit card or credit card) and enter the appropriate account information (routing number, account number, etc.)
- Once your payment has been submitted, you may return to your Profile and select Edit transaction to set an **End Date** if you wish to limit the length of your automated giving.

FAQs

- **How do automatic payments work?** No matter which payment method you use, you will be asked to select a payment method, start date, frequency and payment amount. On the date(s) scheduled, payments will be processed and deposited into Trinity's bank account.
- **When will my payment be processed?** Your contribution will be processed each month on the date (s) you authorize.
- **What if I need to cancel or temporarily place my payment on hold?** If you signed up online, you have the option to go online to cancel or suspend your own payments, or you may cancel or suspend payments by notifying the church office.
- **Why is it a good idea to create a profile if I choose the Online Payment Option?** By creating an online profile, you may login anytime to see your transaction history and edit your payments.
- **I don't have access to a computer, but would like to use the Online Payment Option. How can I do this?** You may contact Daryl Hurst (dhurst@trinityaa.org or 734-662-4419) in the church office and he can set up online payments for you.

*Using a debit or credit card incurs an extra fee for us (your payment is discounted). We ask you to consider checking the "**Help Offset**" button when you use Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express to ensure that the full value of your donation is received by Trinity. This will add 2.75% to your total payment amount and thereby reimburse us for a portion of the processing fees charged by our bank.