

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 12/18/16

Church Schedule this week:

TODAY!:	Trinity Troupers performance: 9:15 a.m., social hall
Tues., Dec. 20	TLS Upper School Lessons and Carols: 7:00 p.m., sanctuary
Tues., Dec. 20:	Bible Study: 10:30 a.m., church parlor; text study: John 1:1-14
Wed., Dec. 21:	TLS School Winter Holiday Break begins
Wed., Dec. 21:	Chancel Choir Practice: 7:00 p.m., choir room
Sat., Dec. 24:	Christmas Eve worship services: 4:30 p.m. Children's service and 7:30 p.m. Festival Worship
Sun., Dec. 25:	Christmas Day Worship Service: 10 a.m.
REMINDER:	Confirmation classes resume in January

PASTOR MELUSKY: Pastor Tina's cell phone number is (734) 239-4013 and her address is 633 Clinton Drive, Newport News, VA, 23605. To leave a message for Pastor Tina at her Trinity office after hours, please call the church number and at the prompt, push the #2 button.

GUEST CANTOR: Thank you, Stephanie Marx, who has been sharing her vocal talent during Advent. We appreciate your time and lovely voice.

TROUPERS PERFORM ON OUR WAY TO BETHLEHEM: TODAY, Trinity Troupers will be performing a musical that depicts the significance of the journey to the manger as it relates to today. The performance begins after the first service, in the social hall. It will be videotaped. Donations will be accepted to offset costs of the production and/or for a copy of the DVD. All are invited to join us on this musical journey to Bethlehem.

GREENING/DEGREENING OF THE CHURCH: TODAY, after the late service, we will be decorating the church for the holidays. If you can stay for a little while, please do so as we work to make our sanctuary beautiful for the season. Also, mark your calendars for the take down decorations on Saturday, January 7th at 9:00 a.m. Thank you!

DECORATING AND CAROLING: TODAY, our Trinity youth will help in the decorating of the church and then go caroling to our homebound members, delivering the gifts that we made for them in Sunday School. Youth group members will meet in the church library immediately following the 10:45 worship service. We will decorate the church, play a few of our favorite youth group games, and head out to carol. The evening will end with a pizza party at the Rummel household and will include a favorite Christmas movie. Parents can pick up their youth at 8 PM at the Rummels – (**remember, we moved!**). **Things to bring:** A packed lunch (we will eat quickly at the church), \$5 for pizza for dinner, your beautiful singing voice, and a Christmas goody to share at dinner (cookies, side dish, whatever you want to make). Sign up on the youth group bulletin board. Happy Holidays!!!

TREASURER'S NEWS: The Bequest funds the congregation borrowed to supplement donations for the Social Hall floor have been *completely repaid*. Thank you to the congregation for your generosity! If you would like to continue with that extra donation, the general fund sure could use it!

OFFERING ENVELOPES: As part of our effort to reduce costs, the church reduced the number of offering envelope boxes from 400 to 300. When you pick up your 2017 offering envelopes, if your envelope had been #301 – #400, please be aware that you will have a new envelope for 2017! Envelopes will be ready to pick up by the end of the year.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS: Our new accounts at BayPort Credit Union are now open. If you wish your bank to make **automatic donations** to the church, please **call the treasurer** at 245-7861 for our routing and account numbers. Thank you!

LASER TAG/LOCK-IN: On January 6, the Trinity Youth will meet at Lazer Rush in Kiln Creek at 6 PM. We plan to play two games of Laser Tag and then head to the church for an evening of fun and games. Things to Bring: \$20 for Laser Tag, a snack to share at the church, a sleeping bag, pillow, PJs, change of clothes, tennis shoes, and a flashlight! **EAT DINNER BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT LASER TAG PLEASE!** Parents ... please pick up your youth at 8 AM on January 7. Sign up on the youth group bulletin board.

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SKI TRIP: This event is for all members of Trinity! The annual Seven Springs Ski Trip will be held February 2-5, 2017. We leave the Newport News area around 3 PM on Thursday, February 2 and return home around noon on Sunday, February 5. We will spend Friday and Saturday at the Seven Springs Resort near Somerset, PA. Families and youth can participate as much or as little as they would like, i.e. skiing, snowboarding, etc. We will be housed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset at night. The cost of the trip depends on the number of activities you choose. Breakfasts are cereal and Pop Tarts at the church before we leave for the day. Lunches can be packed picnic style or bought at the ski lodge, and dinner is usually Ruby Tuesdays and Pizza. This is a fun event loved by folks of all ages. If you are interested in going, grab a packet of information off of the youth group bulletin board and put your name on the sign up sheet there.

2017 CALENDAR SALES: Trinity 2017 calendars by JoAnne Rawls are now available! There is a *very* limited number of calendars available, so if you wish to purchase one, please contact JoAnne *immediately!* She will have the calendars during second service and at choir practice, but don't wait to make your purchase! JoAnne may be able to provide one shipment of reorders, by request, **one time only.** In that case, a reorder deadline for the final shipment will be announced and all ordered at once. Delivery on this shipment may take place in January.

A MESSAGE FROM LINK RE: PORT: Our employment person has managed to find slots for our PORT guests to work labor jobs. We are currently in need of work boots of all sizes please, especially large sizes. Thanks so very much! - Lynn Finding (via email from Sister David Ann Niski)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR: Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: Andrea & Mike Cobb, USCG; James Fielding, Marine Corps; Elijah Harter, Army, Georgia; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Maputo, Mozambique; Eric Lindfors, Navy, Santa Rita, Guam; Chip Nassau, Navy; Tyler Obara, Air Force Reserves, LAFB. **Our Missionary:** Robin Strickler, serving in the ELCA Mission: The Rwanda School Project. **Our Mutual Ministry Committee:** Suzanne Beckstoffer, Connie Hoover, Mark Madler, Kelly Rummel, John Savage, and Bill Solomon. **Church and school weekly prayer families:** Amy Robinson and Lina Edwards TLS Fourth Grade Teacher.

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY: Remembering in our prayers: Millie Christensen (The Gardens at Warwick Forest, Rm 334), Alberta and Clifford Fricke (both now in Northampton Conv. Ctr., Rm 13); Slim Hawkins (The Hidenwood, Rm 411), Bob McWithey (Riverside Rehab-Chesapeake Ave., Rm 210); Ernie and Doris Moeser (home), Charlotte Paschal (The Chesapeake); Tillie Schultz (Riverside Hospital) and Charley Smith (Riverside Rehab, Hampton, Rm. 42-A); **Retirement Home:** Gloria Driver (Williamsburg), Betty Hasel (The Newport—Rehab unit Rm 20-B) and Marge Zender (The Mennowood-Assisted Living, **Rm. 205**); Wilma Johnson (Envoy), Charles and Viola Kessler (The Chesapeake-Assisted Living Rms. 206 & 208).

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Bill Nuckols (father), Cynthia Ladlee, Katey Loy, and Jim Powers**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Peggy & Hardy Cash; Christina McManama and Charlotte Rogers**, requested by Richard and Sandra Anderson; **Nancy Orrison**, requested by Dick and Laura Davis; **Joan Johnston; Stephanie Beauvais and Gary Brooks**, requested by Jarvis and Janet Edwards; **Joe and Anna Dunker**, requested by Jerry and Sandy Cobb; **Jennifer Henderson**, requested by Kristen Turnage; **Ruth Davis (Jenny's grandmother), Bill Oglesby, Stephen Edward Rippl and Patricia Davis**, requested by Jenny Davis; **Jay and Ron Vodenichar and Linda Rahn**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; **Leda Hogle**, requested by Nancy Lindfors; **Kimberly Winget**, requested by Kristen Young; **Don and Billie Jo Harvey** requested by Anne Obara; **Todd Recupero and Nancy Lindfors**, requested by Carter Recupero; and **Laurie Lynn** (Erik's stepsister), requested by the Rummel family.

THIS WEEK'S CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND . . . in memory of his father, Spindler Krause, Sr., by Shirley and Spindler Krause, Jr. and in honor of Ben and Joann Darnley's 40th wedding anniversary, by the Harriman family.

CHRISTIAN HOPE AND SYMPATHY are extended to the Mazingo family upon the death of their husband and father, Roy Mazingo, who died on Saturday, December 10, 2016. A memorial service was held at Trinity on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, followed by a graveside service at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. Please keep the Mazingo family in your thoughts and prayers. "Thanks be to God who gives us victory over death through Jesus Christ our Lord."