

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for 12/25/16

### Church Schedule this week:

**TODAY!:** Merry Christmas from the TELC Office Staff!  
**Mon., Dec. 26:** SCHOOL AND CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED!  
**Tues., Dec. 27:** NO BIBLE STUDY! Classes resume January 3, 2017  
**Wed., Dec. 27:** NO CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE!  
**Fri., Dec. 30:** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON! Church and School offices reopen on Tuesday, 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.

**OFFICE TELEPHONES:** We are still having issues with our church office telephones. Please be patient as we work to get the problem solved.

**INDUCTION LOOP FOR HEARING AIDS:** If you have a hearing aid and wish to hear the service, sermon, etc. better, please turn your hearing to "T" **AND** as you choose a pew to sit in, please sit either to the far right on the lectern side or far left on the pulpit side. Our induction loop is wired around the outer edges of all the pews. Thank you!

**THANKS TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS READERS:** A heartfelt thanks to all of our Trinity members who read during the advent season and for our Christmas services. We appreciate each and every one of you

**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.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Our newly elected council members and trustee will be **installed** at both worship services on **Sunday, January 8**. Congratulations to all!

**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:** Dave and Diane Roselius and Peggy Faircloth, TLS Extended Care.

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY:** Remembering in our prayers: Millie Christensen (home), 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 (home) and Charley Smith (home); **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; **Matt Adamo, Bill Nuckols (father), Cynthia Ladlee, Katey Loy, Dimitri Hvorostovsky 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; 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 Ripple 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; **Laurie Lynn** (Erik's stepsister), requested by the Rummel family; and **Kenzie O'Connell**, requested by Pat and Pearl O'Connell.

**NEW FLOWER CHART:** The new **2017 flower chart is now posted**. Please feel free to sign up for flowers by printing your name and phone number beside the day and month you wish to donate. The price of a vase of flowers is still \$18 per vase. If you write a check for flowers, please write the word flowers and your check may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday.

**THIS WEEK'S CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND . . .** In celebration of our new Pastor and new beginnings for Trinity Lutheran Church by Donna Owens, and in honor of our families, by Jeannette and Bruce Cantrell.