

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 01/01/17

Church Schedule this week:

TODAY!:	Happy New Year from the TELC Office Staff!
Mon., Jan. 2:	SCHOOL AND CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED!
Tues., Jan. 3:	Bible Study: 10:30 a.m., church parlor; Text: Matthew 3:13-17
Tues., Jan. 3:	Worship and Music meeting: 7:00 p.m., church library
Wed., Jan. 4:	Chancel Choir practice: 7:00 p.m., choir room
Fri., Jan 6:	Youth Lazer Rush and Lock-in: 6:00 p.m. meet at Lazer Rush/Kiln Creek; lock-in at church afterwards; parents pick up by 8 a.m. on Saturday morning
Sat., Jan. 7:	Degreening of the church sanctuary; 9 a.m.

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.

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.

DEGREENING OF THE CHURCH SANCTUARY: If you are able to help on Saturday, January 7, at 9 a.m. by putting away holiday greenery or taking some items back up into the attic, the Worship and Music Committee would greatly appreciate your help.

REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER: As we begin planning our donations for the new calendar year, we should remember that *only donations to the general fund* can be used to pay the expenses that allow us to do God's work! A donation designated to a *specific* fund, such as World Hunger, property, third grade Bibles, etc., can *only be used for that fund!* Please keep this in mind as you plan your giving, and be sure that donations to a specific fund are given *in addition* to your regular, planned giving to the general fund.

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 ARE NOW READY FOR PICK UP IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY.** Please help save on the cost of mailing by picking yours up today. Thank you!

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 next **Sunday, January 8.**

TRINITY SCRAPBOOKING: The next scrapbook Saturday will be held on January 7. Please feel free to join Terri Hoffeditz and her "band of creative merrymakers" for a fun day of socializing and getting your Christmas photos organized. Please reserve your spot by calling Terri at (C) 757-0871-1182 (H) 757-766-2646. This will NOT be a sales sponsored event, just pure fun! Reminder: the group meets every second Saturday.

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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.

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)

REMINDER: All articles photos, etc. for the January Tidings are due now!

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:** Linda Ross and Angela Goerger, TLS First Grade Teacher.

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY: Remembering in our prayers: Millie Christensen (home), Alberta and Clifford Fricke (both now in Northampton Conv. Ctr., Rm 13); Betty Hasel (The Newport-Rehab unit Rm 20-B); Bob McWithey (Riverside Rehab-Chesapeake Ave., Rm 210); Tillie Schultz (home) and Charley Smith (home); **Retirement Home:** Gloria Driver (Williamsburg), Slim Hawkins (The Hidenwood, Rm. 411); Ernie and Doris Moeser (home); Charlotte Paschal (The Chesapeake) 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), Katey Loy, and Dimitri Hvorostovsky** requested by Patricia Fielding; **Peggy & Hardy Cash; Christina McManama and Charlotte Rogers**, requested by Richard and Sandra Anderson; **the family of Nancy Orrison**, requested by Dick and Laura Davis; **Joan Johnston; Joe and Anna Dunker**, requested by Jerry and Sandy Cobb; **Linda Rahn**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; **Leda Hogle**, requested by Nancy Lindfors; **Don and Billie Jo Harvey** requested by Anne Obara; **Nancy Lindfors**, requested by Carter Recuperero; **Laurie Lynn** (Erik's stepsister), requested by the Rummel family; **Kenzie O'Connell**, requested by Pat and Pearl O'Connell; **Kelly Paul**, requested by Janet and **Mike Zock**, requested by Rock Moeslein.

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 month and day 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 . . . in memory of Jeanne Crumley Lindemann, by Dick and Laura Davis and in honor of Rob Keene, by Dick and Laura Davis