

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 12/17/17

Church Schedule this week:

- TODAY!:** **LAST SUNDAY for poinsettia orders: before and after service in narthex; Trinity Troupers performance** after 8:15 worship service in the social hall; **Wreath greening** of the church sanctuary and outside doors, after the 10:45 worship service: help needed!
- Tues., Dec. 19:** Tuesday Morning Bible Study this week: Text: **Luke 1:26-38**
- Tues., Dec. 19:** Zumba: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., gym
- Wed., Dec. 20:** Adult Chancel Choir Practice: 7:00 p. m., choir room
- Sun., Dec. 24:** ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.; placement of poinsettias after service
- Sun., Dec., 24:** **4:30 p.m.** Family Christmas Eve Worship Service **and 7:30 p.m.** Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service
- Ongoing:** 2018 TELC Calendar Sales - See JoAnne Rawls, \$22 per calendar

CHILDREN/YOUTH INVITED TO SERVE AS USHERS/LECTORS: Speak to someone in the office or sign up with the persons who coordinate these ministries: **Ushers:** Dick Davis, 595-7474; **Lectors:** Kathy Stevens (8:15), 532-6228 and Laura Davis (10:45), 595-7474; **Nursery Caregivers:** Charlotte Duff, 342-9251 and **Altar Guild:** Astrid Quist, 930-2492 or Karoline Ardis, 766-0388. Thanks to all who serve.

INTERESTED IN JOINING TRINITY?: We're in the midst of planning a new member Sunday for January 2018. We want to be able to start out the new year as a wonderful family of God, welcoming in new families to our congregation. If you and your family are interested in joining Trinity, please contact Pastor Tina.

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES: All five of the nominees who were listed on your ballots: Michelle Carpenter, John Savage, Phil Shook, Don Sniady and Bill Solomon have been elected to serve on council. They will be installed on January 21, 2018. Congratulations to all!

PASTOR TINA ON VACATION: From December 25 through January 1, Pastor Tina will be on vacation. Pastor Joel Neubauer (St. Mark's Lutheran) will be covering for Pastor Tina. Please call the church office at 245-7861 to get a phone number for Pastor Neubauer or Anne Obara at (757) 870-0793, if you have any pastoral need.

CAN YOU HELP OUT?: The Christian Education committee is looking for someone (or someone's!) to help teach our preschool aged children during the Sunday school time. The curriculum is already selected and prepared, we simply need folks who are willing to help teach our kids. If this is something that you might be interested in, please contact either Jessica Moye or Pastor Tina.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH: TODAY, **December 17, after the late service**, will be the last phase of the greening where all the **wreaths** will be decorated with bows and hung around the church and candles placed in the windows. Volunteers are needed for this part of the decorating in order to complete the greening before the Virginia Choral Society concert that afternoon. Please consider giving a few minutes of your time to help with this last portion of our greening. It would be greatly appreciated!

2018 TELC CALENDARS: The 2018 calendars are in! The price is still only \$22, with all revenue above cost going to support the Organ Fund. Please contact JoAnne Rawls, 757-596-0004 or jrawls68@verizon.net, to arrange payment and delivery.

POINSETTIA ORDERS EXTENDED: Since we have about 30 more poinsettias to take orders for to fulfill the 70 that we ordered, TODAY will be the last day that poinsettia orders will be taken in the narthex. Make your **check** payable to **Trinity Lutheran Church, marked poinsettia**, or you may pay cash. All forms must be accompanied by payment and can either be turned in via the offering plate today or given to Terri Hoffeditz at the table in the narthex. Thank you! **PLEASE NOTE: All poinsettias must be picked up after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 31.** After that date, they will be disposed of. Also, please ask Laura Davis, Terri Hoffeditz or Anne Obara to remove your poinsettia from the glass plate it is resting on. Thank you!

VIRGINIA CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT AT TRINITY: TODAY the VCS will be holding their *Hark!* Christmas concert at Trinity. Ticket information and purchasing may be done online at <http://vachoralsociety.org/buy-tickets-winter-17/>.

YOUTH BAKING LOCK-IN: The youth group will be locking ourselves into the church **January 5-6** for a Baking Lock In. We will meet at the church at 6 PM, and parent pick up is at 8 AM on January 6. This is a fun evening of wild and crazy games, free time, gym time, and baking. Yes Baking! Youth will bring their favorite recipe and ingredients with them to the lock in. We will spend some time making yummy treats for the congregation that will be sold on Sunday morning. Proceeds from our sales will go to benefit a local charity. Youth will need a sleeping bag, pillow, PJs, flashlight for a game of Sardines, and your favorite snack to share with your friends. We will feed you sugary donuts in the morning before you depart with your parents for your Saturday events. If you plan to attend, sign up on the youth group bulletin board and let me know the item you plan to bake.

YOUTH SKI TRIP: This event is for ALL members of Trinity! The annual Seven Springs Ski Trip will be held **February 1-4, 2017**. We leave the Newport News area around 3 PM on Thursday, February 1 and return home around Noon on Sunday February 4. Friday and Saturday, we spend at the Seven Springs Resort near Somerset, PA. Families and youth can participate in as much or as little as they would like to include skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing, roller skating, swimming, indoor Putt Putt, bowling, spa offerings, and swimming. We will be housed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset at night. The best part about this trip is that the cost is really dependent on how much you do. Breakfasts are cereal and Pop Tarts at the church before we leave for the day. Lunches can be a 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.**

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 and Ashby Owens, Operation Smile. **Our Missionary:** Robin Strickler, serving in the ELCA Mission: The Rwanda School Project. **Church and school weekly prayer families:** The Carpenter family and Patricia Phillips, TLS Lower School Assistant.

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY: **Recovery:** Diana Behlmar (MCV); **Remembering in our prayers long-term:** Sandra Anderson (home), Ethel Long (home); Anne Obara (home) and Tillie Schultz (home); **Retirement Home:** Alan Bobbe (Warwick Forest, Apt. 30); Millie Christensen (Morningside of NN, Rm. 131); Betty Hasel (The Newport-Rehab unit, Rm 2-B); Slim Hawkins (The Hidenwood, Rm 411); Betty Neal (The Arbors, Rm. 316); Bob McWithey (Morningside, Rm. 100); Charles and Viola Kessler (The Chesapeake-Assisted Living, Rms. 206 & 208); Charlotte Paschall (The Chesapeake, Rm. 2055); Tillie Schultz (at home); Marge Zender (The Mennowood-Assisted Living, Rm. 205); **Shut-in at Home:** Phyllis Argenbright, Peggy Cash and Ruth White.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **Nathan Bruehl (nephew), The Ahlen Family**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Brian Dumire (nephew), Daniel Gould, Bill Nuckols (father), Carolyn Patterson and the family and friends of Martha Askew**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Christina McManama** requested by Richard and Sandra Anderson; **Joan Johnston; Ron Vodenichar, and Linda Rahn**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; **Michael Hunt (nephew) and family (Jennifer, Lane and Mason) and the family of Laurie Lynn (Erik's step-sister)**, requested by the Hunt and Rummel families; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother)**, requested by the Ardis family; **Peggy and Hardy Cash**, requested by Louise Mazingo; **Walt Doerr (husband of Patricia McClelland's niece Pat)**, requested by Patricia McClelland; **Leila Miley (Laura's mother)** requested by Laura Davis; **Stephanie Beauvais**, requested by the Edwards family; **Steven Strunk**, requested by Anne Obara; the family of **Paul White (Jerry's cousin)**, requested by Sandy Cobb; **Joe Dickson**, requested by Don Sniady; **Pat Veronie (father of Hamby's granddaughter, Emily Veronie)**, requested by Katherine Harry; **Trey Fisher**, requested by Beckie Belote; **Alan Jay** requested by Eric Jay and **the family of Rev. Ralph Easterhaus**, requested by Laura Jay; **Katey Bateman**, requested by Kristen Turnage, **Susan Paquet**, requested by Diane Roselius and **Robert Hawk (Wendy's father)**, requested by the Mynoymany family.

THIS WEEK'S CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD . . . and in memory of Roy L. Mazingo and in honor of Dale and Mackenzie Anderson, my two great-grandchildren's birthdays, by Shirley Anderson.