

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 12/24/17

Church Schedule this week:

- Mon., Dec. 25:** MERRY CHRISTMAS! Church and School offices closed!
Tues., Dec. 26: CHURCH and SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED! NO Tuesday Morning Bible Study this week!
Wed., Dec. 27: Adult Chancel Choir Practice: 7:00 p. m., choir room
Sun., Dec. 31: ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.; DEGREENING immediately following the service
Mon., Jan. 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR! CHURCH and SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED!
Tues., Jan. 2: Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10:30 a.m., church parlor Text: **Mark 1:4-11**
Thurs., Jan 4: Worship and Music committee meeting: 7:00 p.m., church library
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 21, 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.

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

HELP NEEDED FOR DEGREENING: Have you ever helped with removing the Christmas decorations from the sanctuary? If not, please consider staying for just a few minutes right after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 31. Many hands will make light and FAST work for those who stay. It always goes much faster taking down than putting up. The Worship and Music and Property committees appreciate any help that you can give them. Thanks!

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.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Our 2018 offering envelopes are now available for pick up in the church library. Please take your box to help save on the cost of mailing. If you will be visiting any of our shut-ins, please feel free to take their box as well. Thank you!

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:** Peggy and Hardy Cash and Amanda Read, TLS Kindergarten Teacher.

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY: **Recovery:** Diana Behlmar (MCV); **Remembering in our prayers long-term:** Sandra and Richard Anderson (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),** 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 and Aunt Janice Leonard,** requested by Kristen Turnage; **Susan Paquet,** requested by Diane Roselius; **Robert Hawk (Wendy's father),** requested by the Mynoymany family and **Daniel Brabec,** by Nancy Lindfors and Natalie Recupero.

THIS WEEK'S CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD . . . and in memory of Spindler Krause, Sr., by Shirley and Spindler Krause, Jr. and in memory of Alberta and Clifford Fricke, by Anne Obara.

PLEASE RETURN ALL FLOWER VASES TO THE CHURCH SACRISTY KITCHEN. THANK YOU!!