

December 2019

Advent Devotional Concerts will be presented on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7pm and Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 11am by **Thomas Keesecker** composer and pianist. Tom will lead us in an inspirational hour of Advent piano music, reflection, poetry, laughter, and hymn singing as we begin the Advent season. The Trinity Choir will also sing one of Tom's anthems at the Tuesday evening concert.

Tom Keesecker has served as a musician in both Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. His music is published by several publishers. He grew up in Germany and northern Virginia. His studies at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and the Catholic University School of Music in Washington, D.C. prepared him for a career in which he has mixes classical techniques and jazz improvisation. During the last decade he has explored the connection of creativity and healing and its implication for liturgical musicians. He and his wife, Tricia, are the parents of three sons. A free-will offering will be received. Tom will have CD's of his piano music available for sale. ***Please plan to attend one of Tom's concerts!***

Join us Wed. Dec. 4th from 10 to 10:45 am for Fellowship prior to the Concert.

- + **Choir and Handbell rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings.** New members are always welcome. Please let me know if you would like to sing or ring this year!
- + **Welcome visitors!** You are invited to join the Trinity choir while you are living in the area, even if only for a short time. Please let me know of your interest and I'll have music ready for you at our next rehearsal.

Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)

Brian Larson

MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP — There will be two opportunities for you to prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent on **Wednesdays in December (Dec. 11 & 18)**. These quiet and contemplative worship times will be in the style of the Taize community (France) using its songs and prayers, as we have done in the past. We will gather together Wednesdays at 11:00 AM.



Sunday School for Elementary and Middle School children

Continues to meet Sundays from 9:15 am to 10:15 am between services lead by Stephanie & Peak Sherry. Recently they made beautiful ornaments and decorated a small tree which is on display in the Fellowship hall for your enjoyment. They also learned some of the history of the Christmas Tree.

A **Mini Christmas Pageant**, "Joy to The World," will be performed for the **Adult Forum on December 15th** between services. Additional Trinity preschooler's and a youth will also participate.

Many, many thanks go to Becky Sawyer who is single handedly making wonderful costumes for all the participants. (See more info on next page)

The Phase I meeting for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held
Sunday, December 8, 2019, immediately following the 10:30 service.

Pizza, dessert and drinks will be served.

Items to be considered include election of Council members and the 2020 budget.

Please plan to attend.



**DO THE MASH POTATO!!!
thru December 8th**

This holiday season Trinity will once again be collecting instant mashed potatoes (enough to feed 4). A Christmas dinner is provided to over 200 Volusia County Families in need, known as the Jerry Doliner Holiday dinner.

Let's send someone a *Special Christmas Blessing* this year!

The WELCA Giving Tree is on display in the narthex. Trinity will sponsor 8 families during Thanksgiving and Christmas this year with gift cards and gifts. The ornament (s) you choose may ask for: **1)** a donation of money to be used to purchase food gift cards, **2)** a gift card from Wal-Mart, which a family can use to purchase a gift, or **3)** a request for a special gift that you will purchase. Age, gender, size, or other pertinent information will be provided. We also ask that you wrap this gift and tape the ornament to it. All donations should be turned into the office. Deadline is December 15th. **Additional donations are also welcome for needy families.**

WELCA is also collecting nonperishable food items for Gifts of Love from now until **Epiphany**. Please see our "tree" in the narthex and add to it. Suggested items are boxed Mac & Cheese, canned fruit, kids' cereal, canned ravioli, spaghetti, pork & beans, canned veggies or soup.



ADULT FORUM, December 15th 9:15 am

The December Adult Forum will be held on Sunday, December 15th in Fellowship Hall from 9:15-10 a.m. with a Christmas Theme! The highlight will be a "mini" Christmas pageant, "Joy to the World!" presented by Trinity's children's Sunday School class. *(It will be very sweet! Don't miss it!)*

Time permitting, come and share your special Christmas Memories and family traditions with others. And if you have a small CRECHE at home that you display each Christmas, bring it to show us.

And very important! Bring in a plate of Christmas cookies for all to enjoy and Share the Recipe with others. Coffee will be served!

Other ideas? Email Chris Williams: chrisw320@aol.com



All **Women of Trinity** are invited to **Emmaus Lutheran Church** in Orange City for their **36th Annual Advent Tea & Program** on **Monday – December 2nd at 7 p.m.** We will carpool from **TLC parking lot** at 5:30 pm and meet others at **Wal-Mart parking lot** on the way. As a reminder a free will offering will be collected for a local charity. Please call Mary Mathews 386-690-4987 if **YOU** want to join us....

Next **All Women** are invited to attend the annual Christmas program at the home of **Jean Haughwout** (200 N Riverside Dr., Edgewater) **on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** This is the 40th year Jean has hosted this gathering. The evening includes a short program and refreshment. We support the food pantry at **Gifts of Love** by **bringing** a donation of **peanut butter** to this event. *Reminder to Elizabeth Circle* this gathering takes the place of your regular December meeting so *remember your offering.* Please come join us. Contact Raeann Purcell at (386)212-7933 with any questions.

Fellowship Committee: As we start the New Year, we will be celebrating everyone's birthday with a **potluck** dinner. Dessert will be provided.

Date: **January 12, 2020**

Time: Approx 11:45, after worship

Sign up: **Dec 28 & 29** and **Jan 4 & 5.**

Anyone interested in joining our exciting committee, we meet the second Tuesday of the month in fellowship hall at 1:00 pm



| December | | | | |
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| 1 | Paige Proeger | | 16 | Mollie Martin |
| 3 | Susan Sigler | | 20 | Grace DeVoe |
| 5 | Brian Larson | | | Jacqueline Kaufmann |
| 7 | Elizabeth Johnson | | 21 | Kristina Mangiafico |
| 8 | Cheryl Tucker | | 26 | Judith Burt |
| 10 | Ronald Johnson | | 29 | Preston Newell |
| 11 | Alexander Weinrich | | 30 | Julianna Bockus |
| 12 | Charles Kershaw | | | Carol Zacha |
| | Rodney Pettys | | | |
| 14 | Bill Hinkle | | | |
| | Emillie Martin | | | |
| | Sandi Wirth | | | |

From the Stewardship Committee:

Christmas has been in some stores since just after Labor Dy. If we focus on the real gift of Christmas, God's son, shouldn't our gift giving focus on God's command to love our neighbor as our self? Consider giving a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response. This is one way to "make Christ known to our neighbors and the world through word and deed."

Important Notice: In handling the end of year contributions: The general rule is that a contribution is effective when delivered. This means that a check placed in the church offering in January of 2020 cannot be deducted in 2019 even if it is backdated to 2019. One exception – checks that are mailed and postmarked 2019 are deductible in 2019 even though not received until 2020.



Like the bell choir....

I am an offering when I ring in the bell choir. But you're thinking, she doesn't ring in the bell choir. Let me explain:

For years, I have seen the bell choir as a representation of the Body of Christ. Each of the 8 bell choir members has responsibility for at least 2 bells, ringing each one at the appropriate time in the song.

There are times when they seem to be juggling bells, further contributing to that finely-tuned team effort.

If one person is missing from the bell choir, there would be notes missing and the song would sound strange, difficult to follow, a lesser version of itself. Imagine how that song would sound if only one person were ringing his or her note. Bb Bb Bb [B flat]

Trinity is like a large bell choir, a microcosm of the Body of Christ. Each of us has his or her gifts, which are given by God to share with one another for His glory. I don't know the first thing about building maintenance but thankfully George Cramer does. I'm more comfortable with older learners, but Marie Smith and Nancy Hopkins feel at home with the little ones. Kay Smith has been folding our bulletins every Thursday, for years. Rosalie Kalman uses her bookkeeping gifts; Gary Hopkins brings his calm managerial expertise to the council. Mary Mathews coordinates the assisting ministers, Rosalie Kalman and John King seem to coordinate the altar guild, Else Abel and Jean Haughwout have asked Joe and I to lector, over the years, so one of them must coordinate the lectors. Sharon Schaeffer (now deceased) and I have painted children's faces, neither of us trained, both of us winging it. Who assembles the gifts for our visitors? There are circles that meet, and those must have leaders. Raeann Purcell uses her gifts of discernment, justice and advocacy-she just can't help it! And why would she?

At my mother's funeral, Joe and I were new to Trinity, and nobody had ever even met my parents, except for Karen Teehan who had sat with my mother's breathing body at hospice to give my Dad a break. I couldn't figure out why she already knew my Dad when we started worshipping here. Someone must have asked Laura to do a funeral set up, even using Mum's tartan table settings, and that Fellowship team jumped right in, prepared and served refreshments, and cleaned up afterwards. Other than Carol Zacha in the kitchen, I have very little recollection of that day, but I know that the Body of Christ served and supported us at that surreal time in the life of a family.

The rehearsed voice of the congregation (that's the choir) freely gives time to learn, practice and comes early to church to get ready. That extra 2 hours in church every week doesn't earn anybody a closer seat to the Throne or cookie points for the upcoming week, they are simply being an Offering.

WE are the Body of Christ, serving our neighbors and the world through Word and deed. When we each do whatever little thing we can, we are being an Offering. It takes all of us, because without each other, the Body of Christ would Bb.

Submitted by Grace Kellermeier Temple Talk - October 21st, 2018

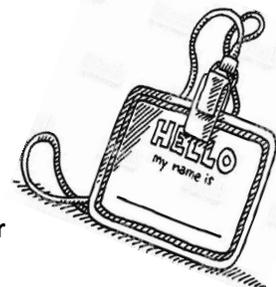
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*A message from the **Witness Committee...***

Please Remember to Wear Your Name Tag

If your name tag is one of the many stored on the porch bulletin board, please use it the next time you attend a service and check its condition. Several of them show signs of deterioration (probably due to humidity).

If you need a new name tag or have lost yours, please contact Al Schroth at 585-831-0707 or email alschroth2015@gmail.com and be sure to include the proper spelling of both your first and last name.



Library News



Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and friends, our library shelves are filled. Donations are no longer needed!

Come check out our collection- library hours are:

- Saturday 4 PM to 6:30 PM
- Sunday 7 AM to 12 Noon
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM

BOOK REVIEW Martin Luther's Christmas Book, *submitted by Marilou Spencer*

This is an "easy read" – Martin Luther's insight concerning Christ's birth.

Reformation scholar Roland H. Bainton translated and arranged this collection of Luther's sermons.

In a very powerful manner, Luther portrays the truly human reality of Christ's birth, emphasizing the enormous faith of Mary, Joseph, shepherds and wisemen who came to grips with the "miracle of miracles". Mary's distress at giving birth, with no midwife and no water. Joseph's misgivings, the wise men's perplexity and Herod's cunning ways.

Underlying this drama Luther emphasizes how humble, poor, and destitute the people involved were, compared to the many wealthy who were also making the journey to Bethlehem. Luther reminds us that keeping Christmas, is a year-round mission of caring for those in need.

My summary of this book is found on page 44. Mary is the figure of Christianity. Swaddling clothes signify preaching the gospel. The manger is the place where Christians come together to hear the word of God. We are the animals watching and listening as the drama unfolds.

Without faith we are nothing.

Martin Luther's Christmas Book would be a useful tool when developing Advent devotions, or personal preparation for Christmas. This truly inspirational Christmas read can be found in our church library, in the Reformation collection.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP- "God chose to limit God's self to flesh and blood, to be born in an awful situation, and to become one with God's people so that we can be united with God. This amazing and bizarre thing is the central theme of the Christmas season." (Gail Ramshaw-*Sundays and Seasons*) God broke into our world in and through his Son that we may have life now and forever with God.

Join us on Christmas Eve for this joyous proclamation at worship at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM of what God has done for us. We will celebrate Holy Communion at both services along with the traditional candle-lighting. We hope you will invite family and friends to join you and us for the news that the angels proclaimed: "To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord."

Annie Mouse reporting here!

Congratulations to **Gladys Bachman** who is once again about to become a great-grandmother! Her granddaughter Marie and grandson Robert are naming the new baby Sue Ellen. Sue Ellen will join her 9-year-old brother Stephen when she arrives!

Gladys plans to cook and enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with her neighbor Diane. For Christmas Gladys will enjoy a visit from her daughter Maureen, who will take over the responsibility of cooking Christmas dinner for her mom!

Congratulations to **Stephen Rose** and his New Smyrna Beach High School Special Olympics flag football team, who placed second in the state finals! Go Stephen and go Cudas!

Congratulations to **Benjamin Weinrich** who is graduating from FSU (Go Noles!) on December 13 with a degree in Criminology! He then plans to attend the Police Academy at Daytona State in January!

Congrats also to Ben's mom, **Karen Weinrich** who is one of the five finalists for Volusia County's Teacher of the Year! Karen teaches second grade at Spruce Creek Elementary School in Port Orange.

Congratulations to Jenn Holmgreen, daughter in-law of **Gail and Terry Roe**, who was recently transferred to Edgewater Public School to begin her administrative career as a principal intern!

Linda Soden will be traveling to New Jersey to spend some quality time with her family for Thanksgiving! Have a safe trip Linda, and a great time!

Chuck and Joan McCain will be leaving this week to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with their children and grandchildren! Chuck says they already have a list of activities waiting for them when they arrive!

Did you know that **Chris Williams** is a member of Harmony Sound Waves, a women's barbershop chorus which meets for rehearsals in New Smyrna Beach? They often perform in the area. I, Annie, will let you know if I hear of any upcoming performances!

Peak Sherry recently tried out for a place on an advanced swim team and was made a member of the team! Congratulations Peak! She has only been in the United States for a few months and already has good command of the English language!

Gary and Nancy Hopkins will be holding their annual Christmas Day open house from 2-6 PM! Everyone is welcome to drop in for a few minutes or a few hours. Join them for food, beverages and lots of good conversation as we all celebrate the birth of Christ!

Did you know that **Trinity** has a **Facebook page** where you can see what is going on in our congregation, participate by liking and commenting on posts and create your own posts? Join us on Facebook and be sure to like our page, https://www.facebook.com/pg/TLCNSB/posts/?ref=page_internal

Annie Mouse would love to hear from **you** next month! Please share your news so we can all get to know each other better!



Holy Land Trip 2020 – Meeting

WHY? If you plan to travel to the Holy Land in March, Pastor Prehn will be here to meet with us on January 26th between services! Hooray!

WHAT? Holy Land travel meeting with Pastor Prehn

WHEN? January 26th 9:15 – 10:15 am

WHERE? Fellowship on the porch, meeting in the Nave.

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| ASSISTING | 5 PM | | COLLEEN SUMNER | RAEANN PURCELL | PAULA BERNBAUM | RUSTY NORRIS |
| MINISTER | 8 AM | GRACE KELLERMEIER | BILL HINKLE | MARY MATHEWS | JOE KELLERMEIER | MARY MATHEWS |
| | 10:30 | CHRIS WEINRICH | DAVE FALLER | GAIL ROE | MARY MATHEWS | BOB HORAK |
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| LECTORS | 5 PM | | NANCY HOPKINS | DAVE FASANELLO | KATE MINGLE | JOHN WAGNER |
| | 8 AM | LINDA MUCHOW | JEAN HAUGHWOUT | ROSALIE KALMAN | JEAN HAUGHWOUT | BILL HINKLE |
| | 10:30 | MARILYN LANGENBACH | BOB HORAK | JAN SYVERSON | KAREN TEEHAN | IRENE SANDERS |
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| USHERS | 5 PM | HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN | HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN | HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN | HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN | HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN |
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| | 10:30 | ANN HORAK BARBARA REILLY JONATHAN WEINRICH SANDI WIRTH | KATHY BARRICK KEVIN BOCKUS KERRY WIRTH SANDI WIRTH | KEVIN BOCKUS TREVOR CORINA | KATHY BARRICK DON ERICKSON KERRY WIRTH SANDI WIRTH | KEVIN BOCKUS TREVOR CORINA ANN HORAK |
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| ALTAR | 5 PM | | HENRIETTA ECKERT | GARY & NANCY HOPKINS | PAULA BERNBAUM, KATE MINGLE, DON SMITH | MARY PARADA |
| GUILD | 8 AM | ROSALIE KALMAN JOHN KING | Rosalie Kalman John King | Rosalie Kalman John King | Rosalie Kalman John King | ROSALIE KALMAN JOHN KING |
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| CHRISTN ED | 9:15 | MARIE SMITH | MARIE SMITH | CHRISTMAS PAGEANT | MARIE SMITH | MARIE SMITH |
| ETERNAL CANDLE | | TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR OF JIM & CAROL ZACHA | TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR OF JIM & CAROL ZACHA | TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR OF JIM & CAROL ZACHA | TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR OF JIM & CAROL ZACHA | TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR OF JIM & CAROL ZACHA |
| FLOWER DEDICATN | | | JIM & MARILYN CURTIS IN HONOR OF THEIR 60 TH ANNIV. | | BRUCE & NANCY SPENGLER IN HONOR OF THEIR 63 RD ANNIV. | CHRISTMAS FLOWERS |
| DISTRIBUTN | | ELIZABETH CIRCLE | ELIZABETH CIRCLE | ELIZABETH CIRCLE | ELIZABETH CIRCLE | |

Christmas Eve - December 24th

4 pm - Assisting Minister - Rusty Norris
Lector - Mary Mathews
Altar Guild - Mary Parada, Ellen Peppas

Chalice Bearers – Dave Fasanello, Mary Mathews, Colleen Sumner
Ushers – Kathy Barrick, John King, Kerry & Sandi Wirth

7 pm - Assisting Minister - Bill Hinkle
Lector - Terry Roe

Chalice Bearers – Evelyn Hinkle, Nancy Hopkins, Raeann Purcell
Ushers – Rosalie Kalman


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Worship Schedule

Saturday – 5:00 pm
Sunday – 8 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School (all ages) – 9:15 am

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