

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

725 SW Buchanan Street

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# TRINITY TIDINGS

## JANUARY 2018

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### WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays, 10:30 AM liturgical service of Holy  
Communion celebrated every Sunday

### BIBLE STUDY

9:15 AM Sundays in Trinity Hall Lounge

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Trinity Hall-725 SW Buchanan Street

9:00-10:15 AM (September-May)

Ages 3 through Adult

***The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to:***

- *worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,*
- *serve those in need, and*
- *reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!*

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

# JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	5 pm Women's AA	4 pm W&M mtg.	5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Blood Pressure Checks after Worship  HOT NIA meeting 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	5 pm Women's AA	9 am Quilters  5:30 pm Council	5:30 pm Women's AA	11:45 am BUSN Welcome Lunch  7 pm Men's AA		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	5 pm Women's AA	9 am Quilters  4:30 pm Learning	1 pm Priscilla Circle Bible Study  5:30 pm Women's AA	<b>January Trinity Tidings deadline</b>  7 pm Men's AA		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	5 pm Women's AA	9 am Quilters  7 pm TLHA	5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA		
28	29	30	31	<b>EVERY SUNDAY:</b> 9:00 AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION		
	5 pm Women's AA	9 am Quilters	5:30 pm Women's AA			

## Special Items of Interest

◆ January 7, 2018—

Please bring your nativity scenes to share. Also, Pr. Gary Teske will lead adult Sunday school and worship that day.

◆ January 28, 2018 is

the date set for our Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend as we must have 50 eligible voting members in attendance in order to conduct business, which will include ratification of our updated constitution.



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*Galatians 4:4-7* “When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.”

Our second reading for December 31, the First Sunday in Christmas, provides a reminder that the Christmas season is still with us, at least for most of the coming week, until Saturday January 6, when we enter Epiphany. Epiphany is the celebration of Christ’s revelation to the Gentiles. You recall the wise men who came from the East, bearing gifts. We also think of Jesus’ baptism performed by John the Baptist in the River Jordan--when God’s voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Mark 3:17). It’s also the time when the Holy Spirit appeared, as

in the form of a dove.

If you’re like many folks, this is the end of a year, subject to a post-holiday letdown. Maybe everything you hoped for, whether it be gifts given or received, family and friends you planned to see but didn’t (or it didn’t go as well as you had hoped) or events that didn’t work out as you would have liked. Maybe you’re getting ready to launch into a new year full of resolutions for change and improvements. From experience, we know that those don’t always work out either, do they?

But if you take another look at Paul’s letter to the Galatians, you might find something of certainty, something to grasp and cling to, something to treasure, indeed, not just for a few days or weeks, but a promise and gift that you can value all year (and life) long—the gift of grace and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Indeed, God has “sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts.” We are God’s children, made heirs of eternal life. Through faith we too are set free—simultaneously

made saints while still living our lives as sinners.

As Trinity prepares to, with the help of the Spirit, move into new ministry with a new minister this coming year, I encourage and invite each of you to commit your hearts and minds to the love of God and neighbor. For indeed, *we* are God’s witnesses in the world as well as our community. No one else is going to do it for us—stewardship of the gifts God has given us is our responsibility as Professor Mark Allan Powell of Trinity Seminary in Columbus teaches, both a duty and delight. May God continue to bless us and our efforts.

Interim Pastor Alan



INTERIM PASTOR ALAN SAATKAMP

# TRINITY TIDINGS

January 2018

Worship Assistants								
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Jan. 7, 2018	<b>Dean McGinnis</b>	<b>David McGinnis</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Linda Longren</b>	<b>Charlotte Blenden &amp; Team Three</b>	<b>Shelley Andrews</b>	<b>Mary Heald</b>	<b>Pr. Gary Teske</b>
Jan. 14, 2018	<b>Vickie Jacobs</b>	<b>Duane Pomeroy</b>	<b>Mitchell Bean</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Charlotte Blenden &amp; Team Three</b>	<b>Duane &amp; Debbie Pomeroy</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Pr. Alan Saatkamp</b>
Jan. 21, 2018	<b>Martha Nemeth</b>	<b>Howard Reece</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Loni Reece</b>	<b>Charlotte Blenden &amp; Team Three</b>	<b>Howard &amp; Loni Reece</b>		<b>Pr. Alan Saatkamp</b>
Jan. 28, 2018 Annual Meeting	<b>Duane &amp; Debbie Pomeroy</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Ted Quast</b>	<b>Charlotte Blenden &amp; Team Three</b>	<b>Dean McGinnis</b>	<b>Vickie Jacobs</b>	<b>Pr. Alan Saatkamp</b>



## Prayer Requests

To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 249-7244. She will get the prayer chain started. If you want a prayer request included in our worship service prayers, please let Barbara know that as well.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

**JAN. 7, 2018**

CHECK YOUR  
**BLOOD**  
PRESSURE



Come to the kitchen after worship to have this important health check.

Have you designated your portion of the Dillons Community Rewards money to go to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church?



If you are a Thrivent member, have you designated Trinity to receive your Choice Dollars?



This link will take you directly to the AmazonSmile page that directs the donation generated by your AmazonSmile purchase to Trinity:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0697751>



# TRINITY TIDINGS

## JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

- 1 Mary Heald
- 4 Jane Velen
- 6 Kay Van Dorn
- 16 Ben Carlson
- 16 Daniel Erickson
- 16 Linda Longren
- 17 Edwin Bennett
- 23 Ivan Carlson
- 23 Cathy Tunnell
- 25 Jerry Chelson
- 27 Zane Kennedy
- 28 Keith Springer
- 29 Bonnie Adams

### Baptisms

- 20 Betty Quarnstrom
- 23 Betty Patton
- 27 Matthew Kobbeman
- 31 Ron Axelton

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Michael & Laurie Jackson

## JANUARY READINGS

*January 7 — Baptism of Our Lord*

- Genesis 1:1-5
- Psalm 29
- Acts 19:1-7
- Mark 1:4-11

*January 14 — 2nd Sunday of Epiphany*

- 1st Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
- 1st Corinthians 6:12-20
- John 1:43-51

*January 21 — 3rd Sunday of Epiphany*

- Jonah 3:1-5, 10
- Psalm 62:5-12
- 1st Corinthians 7:29-31
- Mark 1:14-20

*January 28 — 4th Sunday of Epiphany*

- Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- Psalm 111
- 1st Corinthians 8:1-13
- Mark 1:21-28



## EPIPHANY Sunday, January 7

Celebrate Epiphany and the climax of the Christmas season - the coming of the Wise Men - by sharing your Nativity scene with us before you store it away for another year.

Come a little early on Sunday, January 7, and place your scene on one of the round tables (if it's not too large) or one of the long tables near the entry doors. We'll take a little time during Coffee Hour to hear a brief story of where it came from and how it came into your family. We love to see these miniature reminders of Jesus' birth.

## 2018

## 5TH SUNDAY SPECIALS

- April 29
- July 29
- Sept. 30
- Dec. 30

2018 recipients of our 5th Sunday Special offerings will be designated at the January Council meeting.



*Youth group is scheduled to meet  
January 7th & January  
21st.*



# TRINITY TIDINGS

## DOORSTEP NEWS JANUARY 2018

The Doorstep staff and volunteers would like to thank everyone who donated to Doorstep during the holiday season, and throughout 2017. Doorstep adopted 261 households with 824 individuals from the Christmas Bureau this past December. Because of your generosity, and the Topeka community, we were able to provide food and gifts to our neighbors in need.

Along with the start of a new year also comes the cold weather and high utility bills. Please remember your neighbors who are struggling to pay those high bills when looking for a place to donate. Doorstep offers utility assistance to individuals and families throughout the year as funds are available.

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 4th! Just around the corner! On this weekend we ask our member congregations to collect soup and crackers to help restock our food pantry. A can of soup can be a meal, and in the past, with a successful collection, we have had soup and crackers to last us into the summer months! Please remember Doorstep when you go grocery shopping, and pick up a few items for your neighbors in need.

Also, mark your calendars for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Soup Line! This year it will be on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 11am – 2pm!

Doorstep is open Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm for donations. We are located at 1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street (10<sup>th</sup> & Buchanan). We ask that you do not leave donations outside our building when we are not here. They often become a parking lot mess. Thank you!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM. Adult Sunday School class will learn about the Lutheran Church in Russia on January 7 when Pastor Gary Teske leads the class. Pr. Teske was part of a delegation from the Central States Synod who visited Russia last fall. Then beginning on January 14, a seven week series, Animate Bible will begin.



## WELCOME LUNCHEON FOR NEW BAKER NURSING STUDENTS

On Thursday, January 11 at 11:45 we will be hosting lunch for 57 new students who will be beginning their studies toward a bachelor of science in nursing at Baker University's Stormont Vail campus. Your help is needed to welcome the students to our neighborhood. Plan on coming to meet the students and eat lunch with them. Salads and desserts are needed. If you can supply a salad or dessert, contact Diane Bottorff, 231-0379.

## LIFE REVIEW INTERVIEWS

With the start of the Spring semester persons age 65 or better once again have the opportunity to participate in a life review interview with a Baker senior nursing student. The interview is an assignment for one of their classes, Nursing of Elders. Interviews will take place beginning in late January and extending into February. The student who selects you for an interview will contact you to set up an appointment to meet with you at your home or at a mutually agreeable location. To have your name placed on the interview list, contact Diane Bottorff

# TRINITY TIDINGS

## Council Meeting Highlights, Dec. 12, 2017

- ◆ Bob Horton has given one Temple Talk and two more are planned. Info from the Time/Talents/Stewardship sheets is due to the church office by Dec. 31st.
- ◆ Bob Kobbeman asked all committee chairs and liaisons to submit a proposed budget for each committee by Jan. 5, 2018.
- ◆ Each committee liaison will ask their respective committee to prepare a description of their committee and a position description for each role within their committee. This material will become a new policy & procedure manual, replacing sections of constitution.
- ◆ Howard reported elevator is not working again. He will contact a local elevator repair company. Guide-One inspection resulted in some recommended actions to improve our property safety.
- ◆ A handout regarding neighborhood outreach was reviewed. Future of BUSN outreach was discussed. Linda reported that 47 quilts and several lap robes were given to Doorstep this year.
- ◆ Call Committee hopes to have their work completed in Feb. 2018. A compensation package for the site profile needs to be developed and given to Call Committee. Call Committee expenses need a budgeted line item.
- ◆ Dean will send the approved constitution to Synod office. Synod will meet & review on Jan. 19, 2018. We will vote to ratify at annual meeting Jan. 28, 2018. Approval requires a two-thirds majority of a minimum quorum of 50 eligible voters.
- ◆ Committee reports need to be submitted to church office

very soon after Jan. 1, 2018 so annual report booklet can be prepared. The annual meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately after worship on Jan. 28.

## WELCA

We will begin 2018 with a new four-session Bible study when we meet on January 17th. The study is titled *Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations* by Mark Allan Powell. When we gather for study in January we will look at Session one: Washing hands with distant hearts, based on Mark 7:1-12. We look forward to meeting for study after celebrating the birthday of Jesus. Come and bring a friend.

Also, we wish to thank all who participated in the Thankoffering in November; we collected \$120.

## Christmas Adoption

Thanks to all who contributed to the adoption fund and to those who shopped for the family. We were able to adopt a family of five: three adults and two children, ages 5 and 3. The children received clothing, toys and books while the adults were given clothing.

Thank  
you 

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

# TRINITY TIDINGS

January 2018

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

### 2018 Annual Meeting

# January 28, 2018

**The meeting will take place in the sanctuary, immediately after worship.**

We must have 50 eligible voting members in attendance in order to conduct business, which will include ratification of our updated constitution, in addition to normal business. Here is the definition of an eligible voter:

**Chapter 8.**

**MEMBERSHIP \*C8.02**

*b. **Confirmed** members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.*

*c. **Voting** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, shall have communed and made a contribution of record.*

As noted above, we will be voting to ratify our revised, updated constitution. Copies of the constitution showing suggested changes were emailed and/or sent by US mail prior to the November special meeting; however, if you still need a copy to review prior to the Annual Meeting, please contact the church office by phone, 233-0767, or email, [office@topekatlc.org](mailto:office@topekatlc.org) and one will be provided to you.

**If you are a committee chairperson or liaison, please work with your recording secretary to prepare and submit a committee report to the church office by January 5, 2018.**