



# Trinity TIMES



DECEMBER 2017

MINISTRY NEWS AND NOTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



"TO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR, WHO IS THE MESSIAH, THE LORD. THIS WILL BE A SIGN FOR YOU: YOU WILL FIND A CHILD WRAPPED IN BANDS OF CLOTH AND LYING IN A MANGER."

LUKE 2:11-12

*Join us for worship and our special events during the Advent and Christmas season! All are welcome at Trinity!*

**Saturday, December 2**

6 p.m. - 4th Octave Vocal Quartet

**Sunday, December 3**

8 a.m. - Handbell Choir and Waupaca High School Madrigals

10:30 a.m. - Handbell Choir

**Saturday, December 9**

6 p.m. - Men's Choir Cantata: "Candles and Carols"

**Sunday, December 10**

8 a.m. - Men's Choir Cantata

10:30 a.m. - Brass Ensemble

4 p.m. - Christmas Caroling

Meet at Trinity and join folks from other Waupaca-area churches for an hour of caroling with goodies afterward! An all-ages event!



**Monday, December 11**

6 p.m. - Tears and Tinsel: A special service for those who have experienced a loss

**Saturday, December 16**

6 p.m. - Sunday School Grades 2-5 present: "Christmas in a Box"

**Sunday, December 17**

8 a.m. - Trinity Choir

10:30 a.m. - Sunday School

Beginners 3 - Grade 1 present:

"Christmas Hide and Seek"

5 p.m. - Holiday Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale held by the Faith Ventures high school travelers

6:30 p.m. - Shepherd's Quarter Christmas Concert featuring Trinity Children's Choir

**Sunday, December 24**

10:30 a.m. - 4th Sunday in Advent/Men's Choir

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**

2 p.m. - Pastor Andy/Handbell Choir

4 p.m. - Pastor Andy/Trinity Choir

7 p.m. - Pastor Andy

11 p.m. - Pastor Bryan/The Lysnes



**Monday, December 25**

10:30 a.m. - Christmas Day worship with communion - Pastor Bryan  
WDUX AM 800 broadcast will be at 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, December 30**

No worship service

**Sunday, December 31**

10:30 a.m. - Pastor Dione

## Handling Holiday Heartache

By Pastor Andy Behrendt

It's supposed to be the most wonderful time of the year, but many of us will be struggling this Christmas.

Let's face it: 2017 has been a rough year for Trinity. A staggering number people connected to our church community have died—we had 39 names on our annual list for All Saints' Day, and many of those we mourn died much too young. A lot of us are going to need some help to make it through the so-called happy holidays.

Thankfully, Trinity has a tradition of recognizing the great grief that weighs on folks here each Christmas. At **6 p.m. Monday, December 11**, Trinity's Grief Support group will host the sixth annual **Tears and Tinsel** program in the church's chapel. Once again facilitated by experienced counselor JoAnne Adkins, the event will give those who are mourning the deaths of loved ones a sense of Christ-centered community and some strategies for getting through this time when sadness eclipses the seasonal celebrations. Participants will be able

to light candles for those they miss, and the hour will conclude with a reception for those who wish to stay.

Since 2011, Trinity's Grief Support group has offered a holy place for people to come together in their grief. Group leaders Ann Rasmussen and Steve Hackett will continue to host monthly meetings in Room 115 at 6 p.m. January 15, and on the third Monday of subsequent months. If you're experiencing a loss, I strongly encourage you to join the others around the table, where I have consistently seen God at work amid the conversation and consolation.

At any rate, if you're grieving this Christmastime, know that we're praying for you here at Trinity. And know the good news of hope - that God's humble birth into our human life, along with Christ's suffering and death for us, means life without end for all of us - is true for you and especially this Christmas. May Jesus' light shine in your darkness! God be with you, just as those we have lost are now fully with God.

 Pastor Andy



## FROM THE WORSHIP & MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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**WHS Madrigals:** Our holiday visit from the Madrigals will be Sunday, December 3, at the end of the 8 a.m. service. An annual tradition that continues to be carried on at Trinity, as this talented ensemble of young singers helps to usher in the season of Advent.

**Christmas Cantata:** The Men's Choir of Trinity will present "Candles & Carols," a seasonal cantata, on Saturday, December 9, at 6 p.m. and on Sunday, December 10, at 8 a.m. The musical is subtitled "A service of hope, peace, joy and love." It ties together the meaning of the candles we

light each week during Advent in preparation for Christmas.

**Christmas Concert:** Shepherd's Quarter will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the public, and will feature a guest appearance by the Trinity Children's Choir. All are invited to join us beforehand at 5 p.m. for the Faith Ventures holiday spaghetti dinner (more information on the back of the calendar), followed by a beautiful music concert celebrating the season of joy!

May you and your loved ones have a blessed and joyous Christmas!

Wanda





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## Christmas Program Practice

### “Christmas in a Box”

#### Grade 5 only:

Saturday, December 2 from 1 - 2 p.m.

Saturday, December 9 from 1 - 2 p.m.

#### Grades 2-5:

Saturday, December 9 from 2 - 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 16 from 1-2 p.m.

### “Christmas Hide and Seek”

#### Beg. 3, 4, Kindergarten and Grade 1:

Saturday, December 16 from 10 - 11 a.m.

Please meet in church sanctuary for practice.

## Confirmation Speaker

December 6



Everyone is welcome to hear our speaker on December 6 at 7:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Ann Jadin, community

engagement director for National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Fox Valley, will be presenting *Ending the Silence*, a transformational program devoted to giving students an opportunity to learn about mental illness, symptoms and indicators of mental illness, and ideas about how to help themselves, friends, or family members who may be in need of support. Confirmation students are expected to attend with their parent/guardian(s). Prayer partners are not required to attend but are encouraged to be there, while also continuing to do the Faith5 handout in the binder with the student. We are thankful to work with NAMI and Catalpa Health as they have opened an office in our community.

## Bethel Circle

The Christmas luncheon will be at Waupaca Woods restaurant on Thursday, December 7, at 12:30 p.m. Members should bring wrapped food products to be used for bingo prizes. All food items will be donated to the food pantry following the luncheon. We hope to see all our members there for good food and fellowship.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Trinity's Book Club:** This month's selection is *Christmas Bells* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

Discussion and Christmas potluck will be held on Thursday, December 14, beginning at 6 p.m. at the home of Chris Anthony. Books are from the Waupaca library. New members are always welcome to join us. For more information, contact Jean Schwirtz at 715-258-7688.

**TED Talks and Faith:** Join us at Trinity for delightful discussions and great fellowship on December 21 at 7 p.m. We'll watch and discuss "The Power of Vulnerability" by Brene Brown. Stop in as you are able. No sign up needed!



## Treasurer's Corner

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and finances have blessed Trinity with the ability to offer many ministries to our members and community. At the end of October, our ministry expenses have exceeded our financial support by \$18,500. Working together, we can easily eliminate this financial shortfall, as well as fulfill our \$22,000 commitment to support the good work of other ministries.

As you consider your present and year-end gifts, we ask for your help to eliminate this shortfall and to support the ministries outside of our walls. Since our office will be closed Friday, December 29, checks postmarked December 31, may be dropped off at the church office on Tuesday, January 2, for 2017 tax purposes. Thank you for all that you do in the ministries we share together!

**But wait, there's more! Look on the back of the calendar for the pancake supper recap, Miracle Tree and ELCA Good Gifts information, and Faith Ventures news!**





**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 206 E. Badger Street  
 Waupaca, WI 54981  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*

**Worship Schedule**  
 Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.  
 Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

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*CALL people to Jesus; EQUIP people with a faith that functions in daily life; SEND people into the world in Jesus' name."*

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 Monday - Thursday



If you have an immediate need outside of church office hours, you can still contact a pastor by calling the church office and leaving a voice message in the pastor's individual voice mailbox. The pastor will be notified by cell phone and will return urgent-need calls as soon as possible.

***Memorials 2017***

Thank you for the gifts to our ministries in honor of your loved ones. The funds have been designated to the following in loving memory of ...

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