

Thanks & Welcome

Trinity is served by an amazing group of people who compose the Board of Directors. They are gifted, passionate and open to God's direction. We are so grateful to David Hehl and Kim Tuttle who have served on the board for two years and are stepping down. They have been a tremendous blessing. We are excited to welcome those recently elected, Brian Merkle, Laura Strube and Sarah Younglove. God has provided us very faithful (and joyful) leaders. Other Board members: Jack Thompson (president), Jim Vallade (vice-president), Don French (treasurer), and Cathy Toburen.


What's Coming in 2018


- Make a Resolution (January)
- Lutheran Schools Week (January)
- A Book Read by whole church (Lent)
- Kick-off to 175th Anniversary
- Five Two Launch to empower the neighborhood
- Easter Celebration (April 1)
- Art Fair by Trinity School students (April 18)
- 7th & 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip (May 7-9)
- Family Fun Week this summer
- Remodeling this summer
- Summer Social Month (July)
- Appalachia Mission Trip (July)

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OFFICES CLOSED
Dec. 25 & 26, Jan. 1

Worship Services
December 30-31, 2017
Sat 6:00 p.m.
Sun 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Chapel Service – Sun 6:30 p.m.
NO NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

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**Trinity
Lutheran**

*In the name of Christ, we will:
Equip individuals to
Strengthen families to
Impact the world*

CHRISTMAS 2017

*Glory to God in the highest
and peace on earth to . . .*

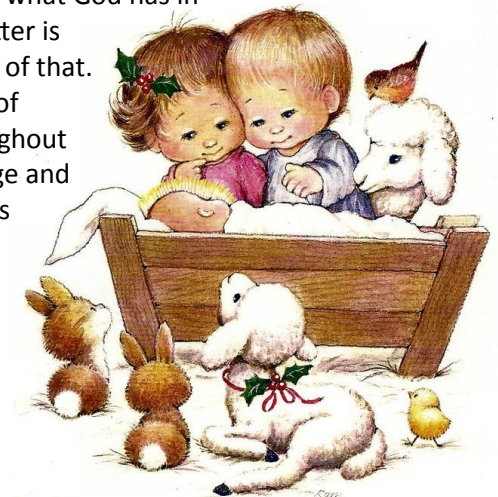
Merry Christmas to all of you!

God has blessed Trinity this past year in so many ways.
We thank God for:

- ◆ Above all else, His being with and blessing us, HIS church
- ◆ An Increase in school enrollment (152 in K-8, 34 in preschool)
- ◆ The boldness to upgrade facilities for future ministry
- ◆ A successful Capital Campaign (now over \$1.2 million committed)
- ◆ Jim Bunkelman giving 25% of his time to small group ministry
- ◆ New teachers: Jillian Riedel (middle school) and Molly Gaynier (3rd Grade)
- ◆ YOU—we are so grateful for you being part of the ministry

We are excited for 2018 to see what God has in mind for ministry. This newsletter is designed to give you a glimpse of that. It is our prayer that the peace of Christmas fill your home throughout the year. We want to encourage and equip you for the tasks God has mapped out for you. Be a blessing to your family, your Christian family, and the community!

Your brother in Jesus,
Jeffrey Heimsoth, Sr. Pastor





This January, you will be invited to **Make a Resolution** to try new ways to Make a Difference in the new year.

Volunteer coordinators Cathy Toburen and Val Parron are looking to put people (willing to give a little time and talent) together with jobs in Trinity's ministry, in the community and around the world. Trinity is blessed to have a large number of volunteers, people who help in special ministries or simply as needs arise. How about you?

Watch for:

- Invitations to serve
- Bible study: An Answer to Prayer
- Encouraging thoughts from veteran volunteers
- New ministry action teams emerging
- Opportunities already available

This work is essential to any church, is commanded by God and modeled in the Bible. The beauty is God makes it joyful and rewarding—just ask any volunteer!

Join us in January—**Make a Resolution!**

Two Amazing Gifts

On December 12, two "Here We Stand . . . Too!" contributions were brought to my attention about 30 minutes apart. One was a child's offering envelope with \$2.26 in change from a preschool student. As I counted out the nickels and dimes I was humbled to think of this child's effort to be part of the campaign. Then it was shared with me that a couple had given \$63,000 for the project. Such a gift was unexpected and I was again humbled to think that someone would believe enough in what God is doing among us to make such a contribution. God is at work among us and we are going to see amazing things from his hand. I invite you to be part of it as well. May we all see God at work doing amazing things in ministry through us—and realizing all his blessings to us. (Pastor Heimsöth)

On the Move!

God has blessed us to have a clear plan for moving forward with the projects for which funds were raised through the "Here We Stand . . . Too!" campaign in October. Our thanks again go out to Rob/Deb Sieb and Ron/Geri Allen for their leadership in the campaign. Many thanks go to the team of Don French, Jacob Baron, and Jacky Nietubicz, who have worked with the architect to develop a plan for what can be done with the funds available. We are excited to present this plan to the congregation and invite you to a special voters' meeting being called for **Sunday, January 28**, at 12:30pm in the gymnasium.

- ◆ Praise God for the ~\$1.2 million of commitments made through the campaign.
- ◆ We have ~\$375,000 in special funds available to dedicate to the project.
- ◆ By making the project two phases we have cut the cost to move forward by ~\$700,000.
- ◆ There is still work to do. We are still almost \$300,000 short (commitments) to act on Phase 1 and will have to determine how to fill that gap.
- ◆ We are working with the goal to begin construction in May or June.

Please watch for information as it comes out in the next few weeks!

Trinity Together: Our January Bible Study

An Answer to Prayer:

God's Extraordinary Miracles Through Our "Extra" Ordinary Service.

See how God still does miracles today—as we reach out in love.

Thank You!

To: All who donated and purchased baked goods last week

From: The Ladies Aid

Praise God as \$1,100+ was raised for the "Here We Stand Too!" projects.

2018 Offering Envelopes

Located in the back of the church (near the sound board). At the end of the year, please discard your 2017 box. New numbers have been issued for 2018.