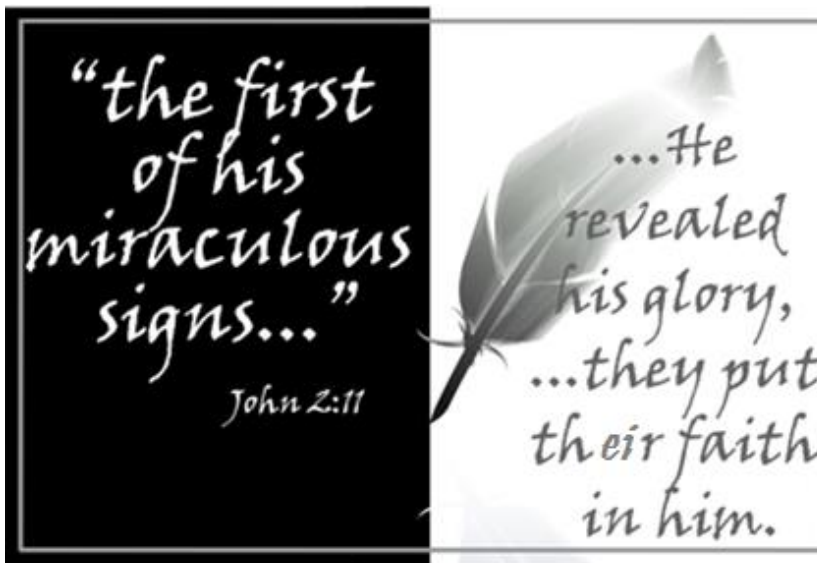


Trinity Lutheran Church

“Sharing the Caring Christ with all People”

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379



January 17, 2016

8:00a.m.

*Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association
and the Good Shepherd Community.*

WELCOME!

We pray that your time in worship will encourage
and strengthen you!

We share the greatest hope through the one
who loves you most – Jesus Christ!

Officiating Today	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Paul Cloeter
Organist	8:00am		Daniel Reineke
Musician		10:30am	Ruth Immerfall
Soundboard	8:00am		Andy Freihammer
		10:30am	Paul Benson
Lector	8:00am		Rich Austin
		10:30am	Joanne Walen
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Acolyte	8:00am		Gavin Fuchs, Nate Lindquist
		10:30am	Garrett Feuling, Christa Weide
Altar Guild			Donna Esselman, Connie Mooney
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone - 1	Barb Mingo
	10:30am	Zone - 2	Craig Cooper
Greeters	8:00am	Zone - 1	Tom Skuza, Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp
	10:30am	Zone - 2	Diane Gooch, Donna Esselman
Ushers	8:00am	Zone - 1	Mark Helgeson, Jim Gerchy, Dick Mingo, Norm Greenwaldt, Bob Koroll, Dan Reberg, Russ Riehm
	10:30am	Zone - 2	Dave & Bev Grose, John Sprengeler, Ken Knafla, Jim & Carol Truenow

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Divine Service Setting 4 (LSB pg 203)

January 17, 2016

8:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER In today's Gospel, John tells us of a miracle by Jesus that is more than a miracle. It is a sign. The changing of water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee was a significant revealing of His power, so powerful a showing that His disciples believed in Him. We have seen our Lord do so much more than change water into wine. Our lives have been changed from futility to promise. Our eternal destination has been changed from hell to heaven. Jesus is more than a miracle worker. He is the ultimate sign giver who reveals the gracious love of God to people on earth.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "The Star Proclaims the King is Here" LSB 399

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together, as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

P: [The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,

C: and his banner over me was love.

P: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

C: your faithfulness to the clouds.

P: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

C: your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord.

P: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

C: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

P: They feast on the abundance of your house,

C: and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

P: For with you is the fountain of life;

C: in your light do we see light.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: [The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,

C: and his banner over me was love.



KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray... Gracious God, You sent Your Son, the Word made flesh, to call us to You. In response to His signs, the disciples believed in Him. In the working of the Holy Spirit, help us to see His signs, to hear His call, to believe in Him, and to follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore, I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different

kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

L: The Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind

used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure" LSB 533

SERMON: "Wine is Served" (John 2:1-11)

OFFERING *(Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

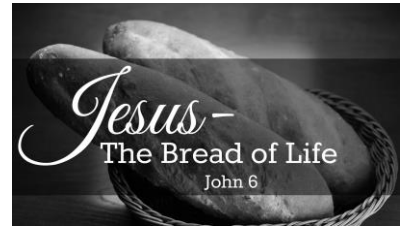
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:



SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:



ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

About Holy Communion—The Lord’s Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord’s table. Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord’s Supper (I Corinthians 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the questions on p. 329-330 in the front of the hymnal. If you are communing with us for the first time, or if you would like a fuller understanding of what we as Lutherans believe about the Lord’s Supper, please pick up a copy of “**What is the Lord’s Supper?**” at the Information table in the entryway.

Please reserve the white grape juice cups in the center of the communion trays for those who for health reasons are unable to drink wine. Our pastors are happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Arise and Shine in Splendor” LSB 396

NUNC DIMITTIS

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Come, Join in Cana's Feast" LSB 408

Life Thought in the Church Year for January 17 - Second Sunday after Epiphany:

Many observe Sanctity of Human Life Sunday today. Isaiah 62:1-5 offers opportunity to speak to those crushed by an abortion decision in their past. It gives us names those burdened by such sin need to hear applied to them—"crown of beauty," "royal diadem," not "forsaken," not "desolate," "my delight," "married." In short, regardless of our sin, in Christ God will "rejoice over you." Prayer: May those whose repentant hearts feel so unworthy hear the worthy names God gives them in Jesus. Amen.

MSYG Is Collecting Mittens, Gloves, Socks And Hats for the church of the week participants. Please bring your contributions and place in the box in the Narthex. Thank you for keeping someone warm this winter!

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME PANCAKES? Hot and delicious pancakes and sausage will be ready for you on Sunday, January 31 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in our fellowship hall courtesy of Prince of Peace Lutheran School as we wrap up our celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week (January 25-29). You'll have a choice of pancakes (blueberry, chocolate chip, plain or ???) along with sausage and beverage. Please come and help celebrate the blessing of our Lutheran Day School ministry!

A Sincere Thank You from Pastor Harvey Ehlers and his family for all the cards, prayers and memorials in remembrances of Adeline. You are a blessing to us!



Lenten Soup Suppers Beginning February 10, 2016 - served from 4:45 to 5:45pm. Volunteers needed for set-up, serving, clean-up or to make soup. Sign-up sheet to bring desserts is on the kitchen door. To volunteer, talk to Gayle Reginek, 253-9462. Come to enjoy great soup and fellowship before the 6pm Lenten worship.

Poinsettias If you purchased a poinsettia plant for Christmas, please feel free to take it home today. Thank you!



Trinity Lutheran Church

Announcements for January 17, 2016

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

TODAY Worship Z1 (HC) 8:00am
 Bible Study & SS 9:15am
 Youth Study 9:15am
 Building a Christian Marriage 9:15am
 New Member Class 9:15am
 Worship Z2 10:30am
 Anyuak Worship 12:00pm

MONDAY *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
 Narcotics Anonymous 6:45pm

TUESDAY Bible Class 10:30am
 Salt & Pepper Grief Presentation 6:00pm
 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm
 Friends in Harmony 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY Men's Bible Study @ GS 7:00am
 God's Grub 5:00pm
 Confirmation Classes 6:00pm
 HS Youth Night 6:00pm
 Financial Peace Univ. 6:00pm
 Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm

THURSDAY Kind. Open House at POP 6:30pm
 Brownie Troop Mtg. 6:30pm
 Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00pm

FRIDAY Parish Workers 9:00am

SATURDAY Altar Guild 9:00am
 Traditional Music Rehearsal 6:45pm

IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00am Worship Z3
 9:15am Bible Class & SS
 9:15am Christian Marriage Study
 9:15am Youth Study
 10:30am Worship Z4 (HC)
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship
 4:00pm Creative Crafts

Scripture Lessons:

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10;
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:16-30*

Church Office Hours:


M-F 8:30am-2:30pm
 Open during the noon hour.
Church Office Phone 252-3670

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
1/10/16	8:00am	102	General Fund Offerings	\$6,021.92
1/10/16	10:30am	139	Building Debt Offerings	\$464.00
	Total	241	Total	\$6,485.92
MISSIONS				
Missions this Week		\$424.00		
Received to-date		\$795.00		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00		


Sharing the Caring Christ with All People John 2:1-11: Jesus' first miracle was done to meet a need: the wedding feast had run out of wine. How has Jesus met a need of yours? We all have a story to tell about how Jesus has and continues to meet our needs. **Your own unique story can share Christ with someone and give witness to others about how Jesus meets their needs through His life, death, and resurrection.**

Today's Radio Broadcast in honor of our shut-ins by the Hospitality Guild. We thank them for making today's broadcast possible. We have sponsorship openings in February and March. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at www.800wval.com.



 **Sunday Morning Fellowship** Our servers for January are Terry and Jo Duea and Jan Lembeck. Members who have last names beginning with the letters "A & B" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Adult Choir Rehearsals will resume this Wednesday, January 20th, and 27th, Feb. 3rd, and we will sing on Feb. 7 and on Ash Wed., Feb. 10th. Join us in praising our Lord!

 **ChristCare Groups Are Involved in Missional Service** ChristCare small groups serve others outside the group with missional service projects. Jesus clearly showed that care involves helping meet people's physical needs. Physical needs include: hunger, thirst, health, safety, shelter, clothing and other needs. This is how the church can show God's love in practical ways to both members of the church and others in the community. A number of our ChristCare Groups are involved each year with our Church of the Week Homeless Ministry. Our church has five ChristCare groups and if you'd like to learn more about ChristCare Small Group Ministry contact one of our ChristCare Equippers: Connie Mooney, 563-508-1295, Cooney.connie77@gmail.com or Craig Cooper, 237-5507, dco@trinitysr.org.

Vacuum Cleaner Needed Would you be willing to donate a new vacuum cleaner? Just call the church office: 320-252-3670. *Thanks a million!*



The New Directories are Here! If you had a photo taken by Lifetouch, you can pick up your free directory, one per family, in the Narthex today. If you did not have a picture taken, the cost for the directory is \$10.

Prince of Peace Lutheran School Will your son or daughter turn 5 by September 1st of this year? Would you like for your daughter or son to attend a Christian Kindergarten that comes complete with a safe loving and caring setting and a great learning environment? Do you want your child to receive a Christ-centered education from a very gifted and experienced teacher who is passionate about helping each child learn and grow? Then, please accept our invitation to you and your child to come to our **KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE at Prince of Peace Lutheran School** this Thursday, January 21st beginning at 6:30 p.m. You will have the opportunity to visit with Mrs. Sheryl Gray, our Kindergarten teacher, as well as meet with Pastor Dave Strohschein, our principal, so that you can find out more about our Kindergarten program while your child has the opportunity to visit their future Kindergarten home under supervised care. You will also be able to enroll your daughter or son for the 2016/2017 school year that night and receive a \$50 discount on the registration fee. Please contact either Mrs. Gray or Pastor Dave at Prince of Peace (251-1477 or admin@princeofpeacels.org) for further information.

POP Preschool will be having an Open House to give families the opportunity to meet the teachers, visit the classroom, learn about our curriculum and learn about the special opportunities offered in the Christian environment at Prince of Peace Lutheran Preschool. The Prince of Peace campus will have an Open House on Tuesday, January 26th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Trinity campus will have an Open House on Tuesday, February 2nd from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Holy Cross campus will have an Open House Thursday, February 4th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. If you have any questions please call Kim Essington at 251-8416. We look forward to meeting with you!

Parish Workers Needed If you would like to volunteer a little time each month to help assemble our weekly bulletins, please contact Jan Lembeck at 320-259-9562. Thank you!

God's Grub: Pizza

Flickering Screens You may have noticed the flickering in the left side projection screen. The aging projection system will need to be replaced this year. The cost is \$6,897.00 and a fund raising effort has begun. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this worth-while cause. These screens enhance every worship experience here at Trinity. Place your check in the offering plate with 'Projection Screens' in the memo. Thank you!

I invite you to come to the next new member class! Some of the questions discussed in this course are: How can we know there is a God? Can you know for sure that you will go to Heaven? Can you lose your salvation? Whose sins are forgiven and whose sins are not forgiven? **If you are considering membership here at Trinity** and you have not been confirmed in the Lutheran Church this is the "Adult Confirmation Class" required for membership. **If you are transferring here from another Lutheran church**, I encourage you to take the class because Bible study is always an opportunity to learn and it helps me to get to know you so that I may assist you in becoming an active member. For those that finish this nine-week class and want to pursue membership here at Trinity there is three-week Spiritual Gift discovery process and then a **new member reception on Sunday April 17, 2016** that will give you the opportunity to publically declare your devotion to the fellowship here at Trinity. If you complete the class and you are not sure about membership, there is **no obligation** to join. In John 1:45-46 Philip told Nathaniel about Jesus and then said, "Come and see!" **I encourage Trinity members to do the same by inviting someone to the class and offer to attend with them.** We see Jesus in every class! The first class is **TODAY at 9:15 a.m.** in the Large Classroom. If you have children between the ages of 3 years to High School, they can be in their Sunday school class at the same time. Also, if you have need for the Nursery for younger children it too will be available. There is no cost or pre-registration necessary, just come in today. The coffee pot will be on and I hope to see you in class! Craig Cooper, DCO

"Building a Christian Marriage" is a Bible study for all married couples, regardless of how long you have been married! In fact, it would be great to have some couples with 10 or 20 or 30 or more years of marriage be a part of this class to share insights as well as to learn and grow in your marriage. The class will be facilitated by Pastor Dave and will meet Sunday mornings during the Bible class hour in the Caring Ministry classroom off of the main fellowship hall. The class will be 6 to 8 weeks in length and will begin **TODAY**.

Christmas Stocking Project I would like to thank you all who donated items/cash for my family's Christmas Stockings for Kids mission. Your outpouring of generosity was truly beyond words. We received and filled 30 backpacks which went to the Salvation Army shelter. They will be distributed to many of the street people (some of whom are veterans). When Al took them, the lady who received them was in tears. We felt the same when our family saw all that was given and we were able to buy. You helped to fill 1532 stockings this year! I really appreciate all you have done. Thank you so much and may you all be blessed as much as you have blessed the children.



Baby Bottle Boomerang is Back! - In 2004, Kylee found out she was pregnant. Her boyfriend wasn't in the picture. She felt alone and terrified, but the counselor at PRC shared with her, 'no matter the result, it's going to be okay' and showered Kylee with love. She thought she didn't deserve to be forgiven. But God placed supportive people around her who encouraged Kylee to forgive herself and keep moving forward. "My son saved my life. He gave me the grounding I needed and helped me to make healthier decisions for my life. I am so grateful to have walked through PRC's doors eleven years ago and to have had such encouragement and support.' Her son just celebrated his 11th birthday, and Kylee thanks PRC donors by saying, "your donations are used to touch lives, and people are being ministered to. You are making it possible for people to be exposed to genuine love, and that is what I experienced." The Baby Bottle Boomerang is a meaningful way for each of us to participate with the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) in their life-giving mission. Please pick up a bottle in the Narthex today and return it when it is full or partially full by February 14th. Your financial help will minimize replacement expenses. Thank you!



An Open Letter to President Barack Obama From Lutherans for Life

January 6, 2016

In your speech on January 5, you tearfully recalled the children killed at Sandy Hook Elementary. You said, "Every time I think about those kids it gets me mad." We are glad it makes you mad. It should make us all mad. Murder is horrible. The murder of children, however, touches the very depths of our souls.

We have a favor to ask you. The next time you think of those children and it makes you mad, we ask that you take just a minute to try to understand people like us a little better. Please know that we are not radical right-wing extremists. But, it is a matter of fact that since Sandy Hook approximately three million children in this country have lost their lives through abortion. Every time we think about those kids it gets us mad. Millions like us feel the same way. We do not blow up abortion facilities or shoot abortionists. But like you, we feel compelled to do something. Political fears seem to hold Congress hostage on the issue so we do what we can in legal protests, marches, political action, and, most importantly, by reaching out to women in crisis pregnancies and offering them real compassion and help.

You correctly noted how gun violence strips its victims of their rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Every day, 2,800 innocent and defenseless children are stripped of those same rights as abortion violently rips them from their mothers' wombs.

Mr. President, we hope against hope that your views on abortion change, though we suspect they are very deeply imbued. But we do ask that you use your deep-felt anger over the children of Sandy Hook and other victims of gun violence to strive to have some empathy for ordinary people like us who have the same deep-felt anger over the tragedy of abortion.

Church of The Week Homeless Ministry

Hosted by Trinity Feb. 15 - Feb. 21, 2016



This annual community outreach provides overnight shelter and meals for the homeless. In addition to providing over-night shelter in our Fellowship Hall for 25-35 people each night, we will be preparing and serving a community meal for 100 people at Place of Hope every night at 5:00pm. Many volunteers are needed; to drive the bus, prepare & serve meals and snacks. Also, hosts/hostesses are needed to serve 5 hour shifts for overnight security (Married couples or 2 men or 2 women). This is a labor of love as our "Social Ministry" fund will be used to purchase all the food. It costs about \$2 per plate for the ingredients for a meal. Would you consider helping to feed the hungry during our week? Would you consider feeding:

10 people = \$20

20 people = \$40

50 people= \$100

100 people= \$200

If you would like to donate, checks can be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and in the memo please note: "Social Ministry". We will be having a "door offering" at both services on Sunday January 31st to support this community outreach. This is a once a year opportunity for us to show God's love to others in need just as God has shown His love to us in Christ.

BELL TOWER The bell tower has been up for some time now but has remained silent. Verdin has installed the digital bell "Supreme Carillon" system that will provide *pealing bells* in our community. Listen for them at 12 noon and 6:00 PM as they announce the time. They will also act as a "call to worship" 15 minutes prior to our services. With the digital options, they will simulate different numbers of bells. You will hear combinations of 2, 3, or 4 bells pealing simultaneously as they ring though the country side. Let everything that has *breath*, praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6 (Bells that create soundwaves in the air, can be said to have "breath".)

Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting will be held at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, January 26th from 6:30 - 8:00pm. Please join us for this informational meeting. It is an opportunity to talk, share and become educated about this disease and how it affects families. For information call Sue Nelson: 320-290-0792 or Kelly Purcell: 320-393-3315.
