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## Growing in 2017



# Trinity at a glance

To reflect God's love and grace by welcoming everyone, sharing our gifts, caring for those in need, and witnessing to Christ as our Savior.

—Trinity's Mission Statement

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9:00 am Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship with Communion  
11:45 am Fellowship

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# They Sure Grow Up Fast

**I** get a little nostalgic thinking about the first confirmation class that I taught in Nashville, Tennessee from 2000 to 2002. Those teenagers are now young adults. When I go through my Facebook scroll I see that those youngsters have accomplished quite a bit. Some have served in the armed forces. Some have finished or are finishing graduate school. One is studying to be a doctor. And another has put out a music album and is performing around the country. A couple of them have children of their own.

Social media allows us to stay in touch and connected but when I see all the good that they are doing it takes me back to those days when we were discussing Luther's Small Catechism, learning more about the Bible and faith, and we were forced to talk openly and honestly about everyday life issues. We had to talk about 9-11, war, and faith in a post -9/11 world. Back then, I watched in amazement as those young people grew up before my eyes. Now I watch them online and I'm amazed how fast they have grown up.

When we look at the scriptures and the childhood of Jesus, or lack thereof, we see him grow up fast. Jesus goes from the babe born in Bethlehem to being baptized by John within a couple of weeks. Talk about growing up fast! But there is a great deal that must have hap-

pened in the development of Jesus and his upbringing.

The nurturing, the guidance, and the love shown towards Jesus as well as his family's experience being refugees in Egypt before resettling in Nazareth. It leaves a lot to our imagination what Jesus might have gone through as a child.



*I think about the one thing I tried to impress upon them: God loves them and God calls them to share that love with others.*

The mysteries surrounding the childhood of Jesus will always remain a little cloudy since all we have is a simple story in Luke's Gospel of Jesus teaching in the Temple before he is all grown up and is being baptized in the Jordan by John.

In the scriptures we witness the results of his upbringing and his training with the aid of humans and the Holy Spirit. We witness a man fully grown and accepting his call as God's Son and our Savior. We hope and pray that we can raise our children half as well as Mary, Joseph, and the people of Nazareth (of course with the aid of the Holy Spirit). Jesus grew up and grew into his role.

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# Reformation 500 Feature

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## Luther's Baptism Hymn: *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord*

Have you ever noticed how much easier it is to remember words that have been set to music? Martin Luther realized this too. He wrote many hymns to make it easier for Christians to learn about their faith. Sometimes he wrote new words for a familiar tune. Sometimes he took a hymn he had already written and set the words to a new and more memorable tune. Studying Luther's catechism hymns may help you learn and remember too!

### Questions for consideration

1. In the first stanza, how does Luther describe the purpose of Jesus' baptism? How does he describe the purpose of our baptism?
2. In stanzas 3 and 4, how does Luther relate Jesus' baptism to our own baptism?
3. In this hymn, as in the Small Catechism, Luther makes the point that baptism is not just water. What does he connect water with in stanza 2? What does he connect water with in stanza 7?
4. In the Small Catechism, what benefits does Luther say that baptism gives (ELW, p. 1165)? Where do you see these benefits in Luther's hymn?
5. Read stanza 5 of Luther's hymn, and then read these short Bible passages: Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; and John 3:3-5, 16-17. How do you see the themes of these Bible passages reflected in Luther's hymn?
6. Close your eyes and listen to someone read the final stanza of the hymn aloud. What words or images stand out for you as you listen?

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1. To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord,  
to do his Father's pleasure;  
baptized by John, the Father's Word  
was given us to treasure.  
This heav'nly washing now shall be  
a cleansing from transgression  
and, by his blood and agony,  
release from death's oppression.  
A new life now awaits us.

2. Oh, hear and mark the message well,  
for God himself has spoken.  
Let faith, no doubt, among us dwell,  
and so receive this token.  
Our Lord here with his word endows  
pure water freely flowing.  
God's Holy Spirit here avows  
our kinship while bestowing  
the baptism of his blessing.

3. These truths on Jordan's banks were shown  
by mighty word and wonder.  
The Father's voice from heav'n came down  
which we do well to ponder:  
"This man is my beloved Son,  
in whom my heart has pleasure.  
Him you must hear, and him alone,  
and trust in fullest measure  
the word that he has spoken."

4. There stood the Son of God in love,  
his grace to us extending;  
the Holy Spirit like a dove  
upon the scene descending;  
the triune God assuring us,  
with promises compelling,  
that in our baptism he will thus  
among us find a dwelling  
to comfort and sustain us.

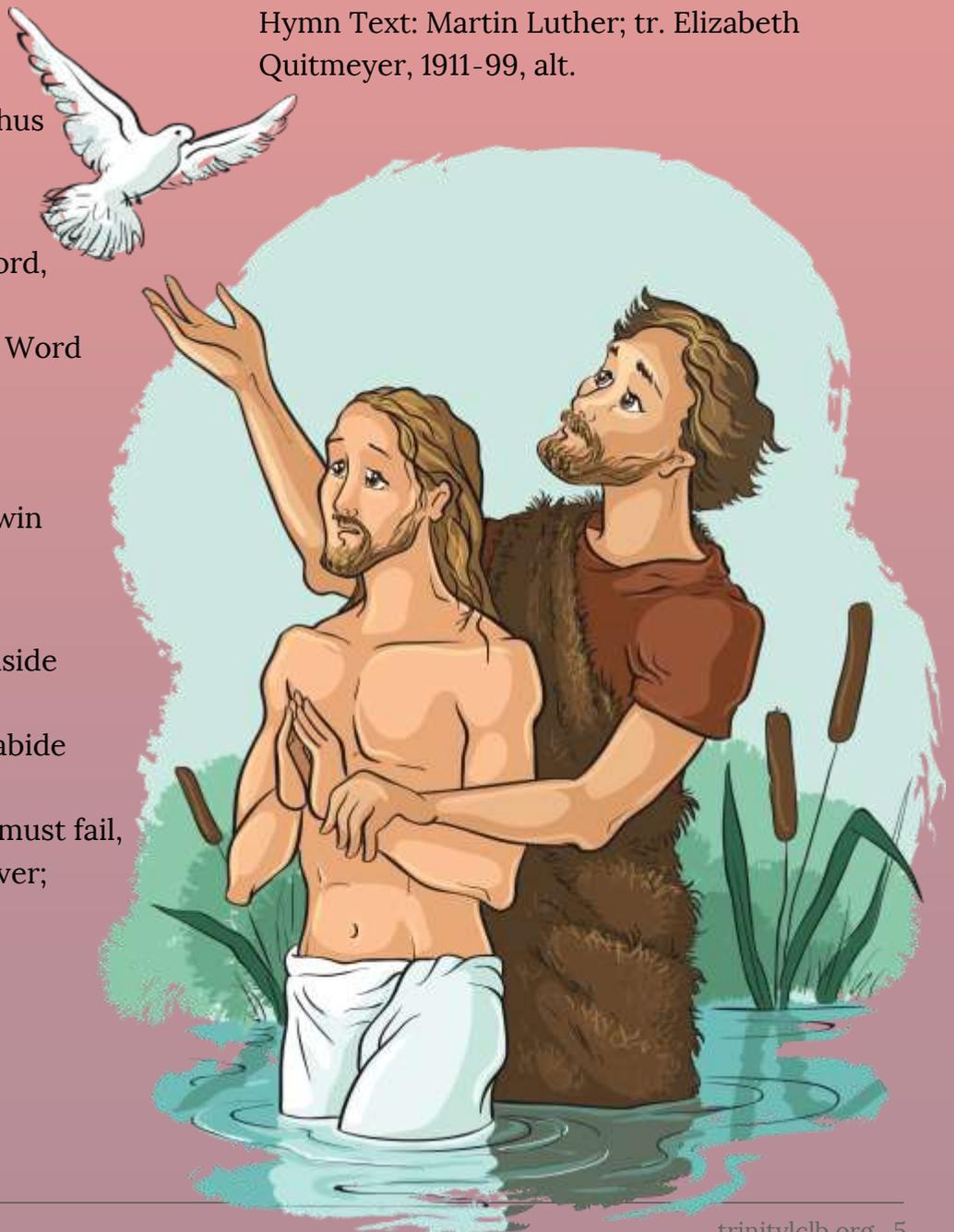
5. To his disciples spoke the Lord,  
"Go out to ev'ry nation  
and bring to them the living Word  
and this my invitation:  
let ev'ryone abandon sin  
and come in true contrition  
to be baptized and thereby win  
full pardon and remission  
and heav'nly bliss inherit."

6. But woe to those who cast aside  
this grace so freely given;  
they shall in sin and shame abide  
and to despair be driven.  
For born in sin, their works must fail,  
their striving saves them never;  
their pious acts do not avail,  
and they are lost forever,  
eternal death their portion.

7. All that the mortal eye beholds  
Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds  
The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
For here it sees the crimson flood  
To all our ills bring healing,  
The wonders of his precious blood  
The love of God revealing,  
Assuring his own pardon.

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# NOVEMBER 20, 2016

## Annual Meeting Highlights

During opening devotions, Pastor Scott Fritz pointed out that in many ways consideration of our budget is a call to stewardship. He challenged us to think about how our budget supports our ministry, about the gifts of this congregation, including the facilities we have and the talents of each of us. He closed the devotions with prayer.

President Larry Rice called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. Given the membership total reflected in our 2015 Parochial Report, 11 members constitutes a quorum. 21 signatures had been received, so a quorum was present.

Financial Secretary Marilyn Bohl posted the chart at bottom to assist attendees in focusing on the financial numbers she and Parish Administrator Kathy Glendening presented during the meeting.

The two major items of **Other Income** are Miscellaneous (rental of church space to oth-

er churches, AA groups, etc.) and Real Estate (rental of parking, apartments, garages, and homes). **Reserves** are the 10% of rental income and planned church use income moved to savings monthly to have if funds are needed for major expenditures in these areas. Mrs. Glendening addressed the 2017 proposed expense budget. She explained that total budget expenses are rising because more may be needed in areas such as **12. Synod/Conferences** and **13. Misc** (unbudgeted costs such as legal fees and gifts), and for salary increases for paid staff approved by Council. Mrs. Glendening pointed out that a sum of \$300.00 for **Youth** (item 8) is included in the 2017 proposed expense budget.

The items **Oil Income, Filming at Trinity, and McKenzie at Trinity** are not included in Budget Income projections for the 2017 calendar year, because we have no way of knowing

	2015 Actuals	2016 Projections	2017 Projections
Member Giving	\$47,275	\$47,833	\$48,040
Other Income	\$147,553	\$149,798	\$152,717
Total Budget Income	\$194,828	\$197,631	\$200,757
Reserves	(14,409)	(14,415)	(14,707)
<b>Revised Income Total</b>	<b>\$180,419</b>	<b>\$183,216</b>	<b>\$186,050</b>
<b>Budget Expense</b>	<b>-195,981</b>	<b>-205,866</b>	<b>-217,071</b>
<b>Year-end</b>	<b>(15,562)</b>	<b>(22,650)</b>	<b>(31,021)</b>
Oil Income	10,596	5,246	Not estimated
Filming at Trinity	5,100	16,500	Not estimated
McKenzie at Trinity	5,150	2,100	Not estimated
	<b>\$20,846</b>	<b>\$23,846</b>	

how much will be received in a year from these sources. However, the income from these sources is significant and unrestricted and can be applied to offset budget expenses if Council votes to do so.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the 2017 proposed budget as presented.

The following persons were elected by written ballot to serve three-year terms on the Church Council, effective January 2017: Fenton Glendening, Roland Johnson, and Jim Young.

The 2017 Nominating Committee will consist of Jan Laser (outgoing Council member in 2017), and Arline Walter and Cheyenne Williams, elected at this meeting.

Trevor Wolter stated that three firms submitted bids to do the organ project: **RM Bal-lontyne Pipe Organs** - \$69,147.50; **O'Neal Pipe Organ Service** - \$47,576; and **The Cartwright Pipe Organ Company/Manuel Rosales** - revised to recommend a new console at \$61,500 and "sweat equity" by Mr. Wolter assisting on the project. Mr. Wolter announced that Trinity has received donations for the Organ Fund to-

taling \$55,000 from 20 giving units. The \$11,000 currently in Trinity's Special Projects Account was identified in July as a potential source of funds for the project, and \$55,000 + \$11,000 is sufficient for the project. Mr. Wolter presented a recommendation from the Discipling Committee to proceed with the organ project by accepting the revised bid from Manuel Rosales. After some discussion, a motion that the vote on whether or not to move forward with the organ project be delayed until the Annual Congregation Meeting Part 2 scheduled for January 29, 2017 was made, seconded, and passed.

Pastor Scott reviewed Trinity's Mission Statement, with its four action items: "welcoming everyone, sharing our gifts, caring for those in need, and witnessing to Christ as our Savior." He noted that our outreach events are leading to more people being here, at the events and at worship and other activities. He reviewed the schedule of upcoming activities with strong encouragement to each attendee to **Invite! Invite! Invite!** The meeting closed with prayer.

- Marilyn Bohl, Secretary

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We have a task before us to raise up young people in the way of God and in the way of God's love. Matthew's Gospel focuses on an ethic of love at the heart of Christ's teaching. Early this year we will be studying the Gospel of Matthew in our Bible Study and looking at Jesus' teachings, the Sermon on the Mount, and the proclamation of the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are watching children learn and grow at Trinity. Many of us have children, grandchildren, and neighborhood children who need to

know God's love for them and how to share God's love with others.

When I think about that first confirmation class I think about the one thing I tried to impress upon them: God loves them and God calls them to share that love with others. It looks like that lesson has been learned and is being shared. Each of them are making contributions to the world in one positive way or another. I'm very proud of all of them even if it makes me feel a little bit older. They sure grow up fast.

- Rev. Scott Fritz



# NOVEMBER 20, 2016

## Annual Meeting Highlights

1. Pastor Scott asked Council members to note that the season of Advent will soon be upon us. The theme of the first week is HOPE. Pastor Scott asked Council members to suggest definitions for the word hope. Several did. Pastor remarked that Revelation, currently being studied in Bible study, is really a book about Hope. He shared several quotes, including one by Martin Luther King: "Only in darkness can you see the stars." Pastor stated that we are a people of faith, and hope, and are called to love. The devotions closed with prayer.
2. Pastor Scott spoke very positively of the Trunk or Treat event held 10/29/2016. At least 50 persons attended, about 12 volunteered, and others donated candy. Trinity will offer a pre-Thanksgiving Community Meal Saturday, November 19th. Pastor and family will provide the first midweek Advent supper before our midweek Advent service Wednesday, November 30. Pastor has notified LSS Director George Bell that Trinity intends to do a third Saturday of the month event each month rather than serve a meal each Saturday. He has welcomed LSS participation.
3. President Larry Rice referred to the gift of \$1,000 received from the estate of former pastor Rev. Ed Ray last month. President Rice has read the will of Rev. Ray, which Trinity received a few days later. It indicates that the gift is to be used for Youth Scholarships. Financial Secretary Marilyn Bohl will add that notation to the description of the line item on all subsequent Designated financial reports.
4. Ms. Bohl pointed out that October budget expenses were \$29,307.27 and October budget receipts were \$17,013.11. That is, Trinity's expenses during October exceeded income during October by more than \$12,000. The major reasons for the high expenditures were Trinity's annual property and liability insurance premium and payment of ½ of Trinity's annual property taxes on non-church buildings.
5. On behalf of the Discipling Committee, Ms. Bohl urged Council members to attend the midweek Advent services, Christmas caroling Dec. 10, and Christmas Cantata December 17, 2016.
6. The Property Committee report indicated that more than \$2600 was spent during the month on repairs and replacement associated with Apartment C. Perhaps this amount should have been charged to Building Fund Reserve rather than to the operating budget. President Rice, a member of the Committee, agreed the Property Committee will be alert to such a possibility in large expenditure situations in the future.
7. Jim Young, Kathy Glendening, and Roland Johnson are serving as the 2016 Nominating Committee. Three 3-year terms must be filled. The Committee named Fenton Glendening, Roland Johnson, and Jim Young

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# January 2017

January 2017							February 2017						
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	26	27	28				
29	30	31											

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 1, 17 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Property Committee	2	3	4 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal	5 10:00am Bible Study	6	7
8 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Executive Committee	9	10	11 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal	12 10:00am Bible Study	13	14 9:00am Discipling Committee
15 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Outreaching Committee	16	17 7:00pm Council Meeting	18 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal	19 10:00am Bible Study	20	21 2:00pm Community Meal 4:00pm Concert
22 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Committee	23	24	25 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal	26 10:00am Bible Study	27	28
29 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:45am Congregation Meeting	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4

# February 2017

February 2017							March 2017						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28					26	27	28	29	30	31	

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Outreaching Committee		7:00pm Council Meeting	5:00pm Choir Rehearsal	10:00am Bible Study		
26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4
Transfiguration 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Committee		5:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner				

# Planning for 2017

The various church committees have been busy brainstorming and planning ministry events for 2017. The many activities hosted by our congregation are fantastic not only for nurturing our relationships with each other but also to germinate new relationships with the people of our community.

The events listed on the right are all still in the planning stages. Many of them would benefit from a volunteer from the congregation stepping up offering to take ownership of the event to steer it through to the end. The sponsoring committee will be there to provide whatever support is needed.

We need **YOU**. If you want to volunteer, please contact Pastor Scott.

## Community Meal

- The third Saturday of each month

## Trinity Concert Series

- January 21
- February 18
- March 18

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

- February 28

## Vacation Bible School

## Summer Community Festival

## Trunk or Treat

## Fall Organ Dedication Concert Series

## Christmas Cantata

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as candidates. Members of Council offered no concerns or objections related to the slate the Nominating Committee presented.

8. Trevor Wolter will incorporate the ELCA-recommended changes into Trinity's Constitution, to be made available to members by November 29 (60 days in advance of Trinity's Annual Congregation Meeting, Part 2). President Rice stated that we will hold an open forum after service one day before the January 29th meeting to discuss the changes prior to vote at the meeting.
9. Trevor Wolter reported that Trinity has received notice that we are not a finalist for a

U.S. Navy Heritage grant. He has continued to interact with the firms submitting bids for the project. A firm has not been selected, but sufficient gifts have been received to fund the project. At Council request, Mr. Wolter will discuss this project with the Discipling Committee on Saturday and be prepared to present the project status and Discipling Committee's recommendation at the Annual Congregation Meeting Part 1 on Sunday, November 20th.

10. Council voted to provide \$213.21 to LSS in support of its December 10, 2016, Christmas party.

– Marilyn Bohl, Council Secretary



## **Dinner and a Concert!**

Join us for our monthly community meal at 2:00 PM followed by the concert at 4:00 PM.

**January 21, February 18 & March 18**