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Christmas caroling December 17, 2017

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Worship at Trinity

Sundays at 10:30 am
followed by Fellowship at 11:45 am

Bible Study

For children, Sundays at 9:00 am
For adults, Sundays at 9:00 am and
Thursdays at 10:00 am

Choir

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

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CALENDAR

JANUARY						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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FEBRUARY						
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January

- 7 Property Committee 12:00 pm
- 13 Discipling Committee 9:00 am
- 14 Executive Committee 12:15 pm
- 16 Council 7:00 pm
- 21 Outreaching 12:15 pm
- 28 **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
PART 2 12:00 PM**
Fellowship 12:30 pm

February

- 4 Property Committee 12:00 pm
- 10 Discipling Committee 9:00 am
**TRINITY CONCERT SERIES
The Perfect Fifth 5:00 PM**
- 18 Executive Committee 12:15 pm
- 20 Council 7:00 pm
- 25 Outreaching 12:15 pm

Support Groups

- Sun Alanza Club 7:00 pm
- Mon Serenity Circle 7:00 pm
- Tue 2 Be Free 7:00 pm
Round Robin 7:30 pm
- Fri Men to Men in Recovery 6:00 pm
- Sat SIA 9:00 am
- M-Sa Eastside Early Birds 6:30 am

Congregation Meeting Highlights December 3, 2017

The Annual Congregation Meeting, Part 1, of Trinity Lutheran Church was held following worship Sunday, December 3, 2017, as scheduled. Pastor Scott read from 1 Corinthians Chapter 1, which offers assurance that God has called us and will continue to lead and guide us. President Larry Rice called the meeting to order and confirmed that a quorum of voting members was present as required for conducting church business.



Finances. Financial Secretary Marilyn Bohl explained that her current 2017 income projections total **\$203,811**, which is \$3,000 more than originally estimated, primarily because of fewer rental property vacancies than allowed for and the addition of many parking tenants who pay \$40/month or \$50/month to park overnight in our lot. The increase would be more except it is offset by lower member giving than projected (estimate reduced from \$48,040 to \$44,040). Directing attention to 2018 estimates, Ms. Bohl noted 2018 projected income totals **\$217,053**, with \$12,000 of that amount a monthly transfer of \$1,000 from accumulated Oil Income Reserve

to the operating budget. She reminded attendees that Council has recommended each year that 10% of planned church use by other groups and 10% of monthly rentals of other church properties be set aside as Church Use Donation and Building Fund Reserve. With those values set aside, the 2018 projected income to apply to operating expenses is **\$188,439** and the 2018 projected income to apply to operating expenses is **\$201,757**.

Parish Administrator Kathy Glendening pointed out that certain changes have been made to 2018 budget categories. Item 10 Office Supplies has now been subdivided to separate out Copy Machine Maintenance, Lease, and Color Printing from the category.

A new item 19.d Supply Sexton allows for paying of someone to do sexton duties when Dalerond Smith is on vacation. Given Kathy Glendening's retirement December 21, Trinity is seeking to hire a Parish Administrator who can do the tasks she handles plus some of the responsibilities now handled by the financial office staff volunteers. The final total of the 2018 proposed budget expenses is **\$226,671.23**.

Proposed expenses exceed projected income by about \$25,000. Arline Walter asked if the Council had a plan for covering such a shortfall if the projected situation arises. Ms. Bohl stated there are definitely sufficient unrestricted funds--such as the funds

from Filming currently reported on the monthly Designated Receipts report as about \$25,000--that can be used to cover the shortfall if necessary. Motion was made by Arline Walter, seconded by Roland Johnson, and passed to accept the proposed 2018 budget as presented.

Election of New Council Members. Three candidates for three vacant Council positions were identified and elected by written ballot to serve three-year Council terms as follows: . Lail Cooper Hundertmark will hold position 1; Modesta Kardell will hold position 2; and Erica Park Smith will hold position 3, assuming all agree to serve.

Election of 2018 Nominating Committee. Three nominees to serve on the 3-member 2018 Nominating Committee were identified and elected by written ballot to serve one-year terms as follows: Kathy Glendening, Arline Walter, and Trevor Wolter.

Announcements. President Rice invited Property Chair Robert Pedder to present information relative to two potential church building projects. He did so:

Pull all of the carpet from the front of the church (altar area, etc.), aisle, and narthex, and redo the hardwood floors that are currently underneath the carpets
Keer - \$9,270
Carter Hardwood Floor Company - \$10,270
California Hardwood Floors -

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Thank You



Thank you to everyone who helped with the November Thanksgiving Community Meal. Thank you to Bob Pedder who lent me the money for the food supplies. Thank you to Sara Carlton who helped prepare food on Friday and Saturday. Thank you to Bob Jackson and Jan Laser who also helped prepare food on Friday. Thank you to Sande Rice and her niece, Kimberly Foley, who came early on Saturday to set the tables and help set up for the food. Thank you to Erica Smith and Cheyenne Williams who came to help serve the meal.

Thank you to Arline Walter and Marilyn Bohl who came and helped on Friday and Saturday and helped wherever needed. Thank you to Roland Johnson and Alan Phaeng who helped with carrying hot items upstairs and with serving. Thank you to Jonathan Fritz who helped set up and serve the cranberry sauce. Thank you to Larry Rice for helping with getting the ice and the serving and cleanup. Thank you to Tina Yanis who served the pies. Thank you to Modesta Kardell for helping with serving. Thank you Trevor Wolter for taking pictures. Thank you to my

sweet husband, Fenton Glendenning, who puts up with all my quirks and helped with serving and cleanup. Thank you to Dale-rond Smith who is a blessing to this church and all the help he was especially in the cleanup. Thank you to Pastor Scott for his greeting and prayer. Trinity is truly blessed to have so many willing hands to serve God and our community. Thank you all!

–Kathy Glendenning, organizer



Top Left: Tina Yanis

Bottom Left: Dalerond Smith

Top Right: Kathy Glendening & Sande Rice

Center Right: Erica Smith

Bottom Right: Roland Johnson, Curtis Fritz, Marilyn Bohl, Fenton Glendening, Alan Phaeng, Erica Smith



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\$16,420

Mr. Pedder did not identify any significant differences in the bids other than price. He is familiar with Carter, has worked with them previously, and recommends selection of Carter if a decision is made to proceed.

Painting of the interior walls of the sanctuary

Universal - \$6,700

Park Painting- \$7,500

Triple J - \$8,900

Mr. Pedder stated Park Painting has been in business a

long time and has done painting work for him previously.

President Rice welcomed questions/discussion. Arline Walter expressed concern that the hardwood floors may be slippery, especially when wet; Fenton Glendening and others supported that concern. After additional discussion, President Rice asked Mr. Pedder to get separate bids for each part of the carpet/hardwood floor redo. President Rice will call a special congregation meeting when the new bids are available, because of the time constraint of completion of the organ console project and installation of the new console before

Easter. Motion was made by Kathy Glendening, seconded by Arline Walter, and passed unanimously to proceed with the painting of the interior of the church.

Mr. Wolter affirmed that the organ console project is proceeding as expected. Sean O'Neal began disassembling the unit the day after the Reformation 500 Celebration. He expects the organ will be ready by Easter as projected.

President Rice encouraged committees to begin preparing their Annual reports. Pastor Scott offered a closing prayer.

—Marilyn Bohl, Secretary

Pastor's Meditation Rev. Scott Fritz

Last month we witnessed the release of the latest installment in the Star Wars saga, *The Last Jedi*. In the buildup for the movie there were plenty of Star Wars fans trying to share insights, guesses, and spoilers on the different characters and possible revelations. Who are Rey's parents? Where did Supreme Leader Snoke come from? Who is the Last Jedi? What kinds of plot twists would the writer/director Rian Johnson come up with to keep Star Wars fans guessing and surprised? What would he reveal in this latest episode or will he keep fans waiting and wanting more details regarding these questions and more?

When I was a kid, *The Empire Strikes Back* came out with perhaps one of the biggest on-screen plot twist and revelations in cinema history, when Darth Vader announced to Luke Skywalker that, "I am your father!" Watching it for the first

time, our minds were blown away with this sudden epiphany that was too crazy to believe. When they shot that movie George Lucas gave Mark Hamill a few different readings and they shot different takes including one in which Darth says that Obi Wan killed his father. Mark Hamill, who plays Luke Skywalker, did not know what the real plot was until he saw the finished movie along with everyone else.

The season of Epiphany is often a short season that gets lost between Christmas and Ash Wednesday but it is no less important or insignificant. It is the revelation to the nations that God's love has become incarnate in Jesus Christ. It is a revelation that God has come into the world in human form in the person of Jesus to be a light to the world, to teach us about God's love, God's grace, and God's mercy. It is a huge plot twist in the course of human history. Instead of a god that is far away and un-

touchable, an other-worldly god somewhere out there, God is made flesh and dwells among God's people. Emmanuel, God with us, is revealed to the nations so that the world may be transformed, renewed, and saved.

But God doesn't just stop at one big epiphany a long time ago. God continues to reveal God's self to us. God continues to speak to us and through us. There are many opportunities for mini-epiphanies all around us when we pray, when we are mindful of God, God's creation, and one another. God is still speaking to us and revealing Godself to us. God is reminding us all that God is speaking to us and is saying, "I am your Father!" But that unlike Darth Vader, our God and Father loves us, cares for us, and calls on us to do same with all of our sisters and brothers. Ω



The Perfect Fifth

Vocal Quintet
February 10 @ 5:00 PM

Octavius Womack

Gospel Singer
March 10 @ 5:00 PM

Tom Mueller

Organist / Organ Dedication Concert
April 14 @ 5:00 PM

Free Admission to All Concerts



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The Last Page Kathy Glendening

*“For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter
under heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

That time has come for me to leave Trinity as your Secretary/Parish Administrator. I have been here for 13½ years, and I have decided it is time for me to retire. The years have been filled with joys and sorrow, laughter and tears, and so much more.

During those years I have served 3 different pastors, Pastor Jeffery Nelson, Pastor Josh Ebener, Pastor Scott Fritz, and 2 interim pastors, Pastor Helen Liesenberg and Pastor Donald Koepke. They have all had their gifts which they have shared with this congregation to an abundance. I have also been privileged to work with three organist during this time, Joan Hancock, Daniel Parks, and now, Trevor Wolter. They each have shared their gifts with generosity. I also was blessed with 3 council presidents in those years, Bob Pedder, Kistyn Gritney, and Larry Rice, each gave of their time.

The one constant has been the volunteers that spend many hours of their free time

serving this congregation. I have been blessed with their guidance, thank you Marilyn Bohl, Jan Laser and Hermine Burg. Hermine has decided not to work in the office anymore, and she is very much missed. You ladies were and are a blessing.

Another person I wish to thank and feel blessed to have worked with is Dalerond Smith. He is here it seems all the time, serving Trinity and the congregation is surely blessed to have him. He has truly blessed me with his presence and prayers in my life.

I think of so many people that have been called home by the Lord that I miss – Gladys Vance, John Carroll, Harvey Anderson, Patsy Sampson, Nadine Johnson, and Chris Iverson, to name a few. They shared their gifts so generously.

My favorite Bible verse comes from Jeremiah 15:16 and it reads, “Your words were found and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.” The presence of God is in this place so clearly, with the people that serve so diligently on your church council, or on a committee, as volunteers in the

office, or during the many church services, singing in the choir. This church has blessed me with allowing me to attend many synod assemblies, taking the ELM class, teaching your children and adults more about the Bible, singing in the choir, serving on committees, serving as altar guild person, and so many more ways. You have allowed me to pray with you and for you in good times and bad. You have truly been a joy and a delight of my heart. Fenton and I will not be attending services during the month of January, I will truly miss that. We will be back in February just as members in the pews, of course, I will be singing in the choir still, and we both will be attending Bible study, and I hope that I will be resuming Sunday School then.

The many people who came through my office, many strangers who became friends, each were strangers/angels sent by God. Everyone was welcome to sit and share their story and I was privileged to pray with many of them. Thank you God.

God bless all of you!
Kathy Glendening

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