


NEWS † Trinity Lutheran Church † NOTES
402 Atchison, Sealy, TX 77474 December 20, 2015
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Members and Guests, please print your name and child or children's names and complete address (both physical and e-mail) on a blue card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate for your record of attendance.

Notice to Members and Visitors: Trinity Lutheran Church photographs and video tapes events directly and indirectly associated with the church. You or members of your family may be photographed or videotaped during an event for publicity and/or for event activity archives. These photographs may be placed on bulletin boards, web pages, and promotional flyers and videos. Every effort will be made to limit or exclude personal information of minors for any public posting of event photographs and video. If you wish to exclude yourself or members of your family from any photographs or video please contact the church office. Thank you.

Notes for our worshippers: Nursery care for children, age 3 and under, is in a preschool classroom. Ask an usher for directions. **Hearing Assistance Receivers** to enhance hearing of today's worship service are available in the narthex. Ask an elder for assistance. Restrooms are located in the church narthex.

CANCER TREATMENT	NURSING HOME/SHUT INS MILITARY AND SYMPATHY	PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND COMFORT
Debbie Christiansen (Breast Cancer) Angie Paben (Breast Cancer) Begins Chemo Lindsey Tirey (Cervical Cancer) Cousin to Adrian Horelica Mary Grunke Begins Chemo Sharon Brandes Ron Keith (cancer returned) Patty Svec (Cancer) Jo Ann Buechtien (cancer) Anthony Hlavinka (Tumors are shrinking) Elizabeth Wilson (Cancer) Friend to Marge Michaelis Kaylah McGeary (six yrs. old with brain tumor, niece to Melinda Schiller) Rosa Webster (Lung Cancer) Laura Clark Mike Smart (Prostate Cancer- Recovering) Ricky Herbrig (Leukemia) Joann Lindsay (breast cancer) Mother to Melinda Schiller Patsy Sobel (Breast Cancer) Jerry Pearson (bladder cancer)	Nursing Home Residents <i>Eddie Svinky – Hospice Care-Veranda House-Sealy</i> Charles Bolten (Colonial Belle) Ethel Donnelly (Colonial Belle) Joyce Meyer – Colonial Belle – Sealy Shut Ins Clara Gerstenberger – Kruse Village Bernice Hintz LaVonn Schier  Prayer List Thank you for all the updates on the prayer list of your loved ones and dear friends. Prayers are always needed and updates help us to pray for their needs.	Alice Burttschell (Grace Care) Bryson Wied recovering tonsil surgery grandson to George and Janice Wied) Gavin David Luetge (diagnosed with RSV-great nephew to George & Janice Wied) Leisha Wied (health issues) Dolores Cain Jennifer Millstid Lisa Wilkinson (upcoming surgery) Carrie Steinbach-Mother to Rebecca Tipton (pulmonary hypertension and heart issues) Chris Shannon (Congested heart failure – family to Jeannette Simmons Mike Michalke Earl Wolchik Paula Morton (recovering) Remington Reichardt

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Christmas Eve Service With Communion, Thursday, December 24th at 6:00 pm
 Christmas Day Service with Communion, Friday, December 25th at 9:00 am

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:

Church Office Closed @ NOON December 23rd
 Church Office Closed Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve
 Friday, December 25th Christmas Day AND Monday December 28th



Officers Installation will take place Sunday, January 10th.



Preparation for Holy Communion



ALL who commune today are encouraged to prepare themselves by using the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" section of Luther's Small Catechism found on page 329 of the hymnal.

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we celebrate communion believing that we receive the true body and true blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. As such, we invite all to our altar who share our belief and teaching concerning the Lord's Supper. All are welcome to commune who:

- * Are Baptized Christians Matthew 28:19-20
- * Are able to properly examine themselves recognizing their sinfulness 1 Corinthians 11:27-29
- * Believe that they are eating and drinking Christ's body and blood 1 Corinthians 11:23-25
- * Believe they need what is offered in this sacrament, namely the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and the power to lead a godly life Ephesians 4:22-24


"If you are unsure of any of these points or have questions, please speak with the pastor or an elder."

***Those who wish to participate in the Lord's Supper at TLC are requested to register by placing their name (s) on the reverse side of the Blue Attendance Registration Card in order that their participation in the Lord's Supper is properly recorded.**

Individual cups containing grape juice placed at the center of the tray for those sensitive to alcohol. Children and others not communing are invited to come to the altar to receive a blessing. Indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

During Communion If you are not able to come to the communion rail due to difficulty walking, you may remain at your pew and inform the Usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat. The Usher will inform the Elders to come and give you communion at your seat.

Stewardship for our Lord December 13, 2015

<p>December 13, 2015</p> <p>SS.....15 High School.....2 Visitors1 Adult Class.....19 Teachers.....3 Staff.....1 Total 41</p> <p>December 13, 2015 Attendance (130)</p> <p>Sanctuary LED Lights Replacement of sanctuary lights is \$2500.00. If you would like to donate towards the LED lights please mark this on your contribution. Thank you!</p>	<p>December 13, 2015</p> <p>General.....\$3,859.00 Building Fund..... Food Pantry..... Sunday School..... Library..... Music Ministry..... Advent.....\$5.00 Loose Cash.....\$5.00 Total \$3,869.00</p> <p> Thrivent Financial Amount of deposit: \$795.00 was deposited into our General Fund through the Thrivent Choice Dollars.</p>	<p>December 13, 2015</p> <p><i>G/Fund Contributions Needed Weekly to Comply with Budget:</i> \$5,121.00</p> <p><i>G/Fund Contributions for 12/13/2015</i> \$4,859.00</p> <p>Under Budget: \$262.00</p>	<p>November 13, 2015 <u>General & Building</u> \$3,859.00</p> <p>December 2, 2015 1st Midweek Advent Service Attendance (36) Advent.....\$190.00</p> <p>December 9, 2015 2nd Midweek Advent Service Attendance (56) General.....\$500.00 Loose Cash.....\$42.00 Advent.....\$447.00 Total \$989.00</p> <p>December 16, 2015 3rd Midweek Advent Service Attendance (43) General.....\$2,100.00 Advent.....\$322.00 Total \$2,422.00</p>
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Total received General & Building Fund one year ago (December 14, 2014) - \$3,664.00

Stewardship Corner... We can see that discipline is essential for us to receive many of life's blessings. When we discipline ourselves to give faithfully to God our first and best, we will receive God's blessings, which are the greatest blessings of all.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Many Trinity Members of Thrivent Choice Dollars have directed those dollars to several institutions. Remember to continue doing this every two or three months by calling 1-800-847-4836. After March 31, 2016, any funds not directed will be moved into the Thrivent General Fund and distributed to other organizations. Contact Grace Holtkamp for information.



Poinsettias gracing the Altar are given in dedication by various members in Honor or Memory of a loved one.



Poinsettias given in memory or honor of a loved one may be taken home after the Christmas Day worship service. Altar Guild thanks you for your purchase of the poinsettias to give the church extra beauty during the Christmas season.

<u>Those Serving Today</u>	<u>Those Serving Next Sunday</u>
<u>Elders:</u> Lee Hobratschk Bobby Barrett Johnnie Sodolak	<u>Elders:</u> Lee Hobratschk Bobby Barrett Johnnie Sodolak
<u>Ushers:</u> Jerry Grunke Bobby Barrett Johnnie Griffin Pat Buechmann	<u>Ushers:</u> Jerry Grunke Bobby Barrett Johnnie Griffin Pat Buechmann
<u>Greeters:</u> David and Carol Jean Hauschild	<u>Greeters:</u> Johanna Buechmann
<u>Lay Reader:</u> Rebecca Tipton	<u>Lay Reader:</u> Norma Pavelka
<u>Visitation Team:</u> Ron and Susie Hartmann	<u>Visitation Team:</u> Ruth Szymanski
<u>Acolytes:</u> Ellie Anderson and Brody Schiller	<u>Acolytes:</u> Gage Grigar and Austin Keeton
<u>Nursery:</u> Patricia Gum	<u>Nursery:</u> Volunter
<u>Media Team:</u> Pam Epperly	<u>Media Team:</u> Pam Epperly
<u>Videoing:</u> Stephen Stuessel	<u>Videoing:</u> Clayton Fritsch



Sign-Up for Christmas Caroling: Mark your calendars and come caroling on Tuesday, December 22nd at 5:00 p.m. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to get organized and then depart to go caroling. After caroling, the Fellowship Board will provide dinner for all the carolers. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please contact Norma Pavelka with any questions.



SUNDAY SCHOOL - Law? Gospel? Old Testament? Torah? Neviim? Ketuvim? Canon? New Testament? Textus Receptus? Do you understand these terms? Yes! No! Maybe! Find out more at Adult Bible Class every Sunday in December, upstairs in the Conference Room beginning at 9:00 a.m. See You There!!



Church Planning Meeting – is set for Monday January 11th at 6:30 pm. All committees and groups or a representative from all boards and auxiliary organizations that need to be on the church calendar (January thru June 2016) should attend.



2016 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – Please begin use of your new envelopes after the first of the year and continue to do so throughout 2016. This is located in the narthex. If you have any questions please contact Marlene Leiber or Bobby and Geraldine Barrett or any member of the Stewardship Committee.



Narthex Mailbox Christmas Cards! For all members - if you wish to send a Christmas card to a member, you may place them in the appropriate slot in the mail boxes located as you enter the glass doors. Members please check your slots every Sunday as they tend to get very full!



Christmas Cheer, A Book of Twenty-Five Poems for Christmas by Gilbert A. Franke – These poems celebrate the gift of God’s love in the birth of Jesus. They direct the reader beyond Christmas lights to the One who is the Light of the world. They find true joy in God’s gift of salvation

rather that the material things we often set our hearts upon. During a season when hearts are often heavy with remembered sorrows and unfulfilled expectations, they offer the cheer of God's promise fulfilled and His presence in our disappointments. To purchase a copy the cost is \$10.00. Please contact the church office.

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December 20, 2015 THIS WEEK FOR THE LORD



Officers Installation will take place Sunday, January 10th.

 Sunday December 20th <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Fellowship.....	8:30 AM
	Sunday School & Bible Class.....	9:00 AM
	Worship/Communion.....	10:00 AM
	No Confirmation.....	NO Confirmation
Monday December 21st	Preschool Closed.....	Closed
Tuesday December 22nd	Christmas Caroling and Meal.....	5:00 PM
Wednesday December 23rd	Church Office Closed at NOON..... Preschool Closed.....	Close at NOON Closed
Thursday December 24th	Christmas Eve Service with Communion..... Preschool Closed..... Church Office Closed.....	6:00 PM Closed Closed
Friday December 25th	Preschool Closed..... Church Office Closed.....	Closed Closed
Saturday December 26th		
Next Sunday December 27th <i>First Sunday after Christmas</i>	Fellowship..... Sunday School & Bible Class..... Worship..... NO Confirmation.....	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM NO Confirmation



December 20 **"The Gift in the Manger"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz. From the manger to the cross to resurrection life, God is in the giving business for all of us to receive and believe. (Luke 2:8-12) This may be heard on Sundays, KHCB 105.7 FM at 12:30 pm.



A MOBILE LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: Adam & Eve, The Prophet Daniel, Mary Visiting Elizabeth, The Doctrine of Justification, Katie Luther and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the new Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



Portals of Prayer books January-March are ready. Please pick one up in the narthex or ask an Usher for help to locate one for you.