

DECEMBER-JANUARY Trinity News

“To embody the love of Christ at home, at work, at play, and in the world”

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH Phase I Congregational Meeting Agenda December 2, 2018

- Approve the January 21, 2018 Phase II Congregational Meeting minutes.
 - Election of Congregation Council members.
 - Adoption of the annual Financial Plan for Mission and Ministry.
 - Adjourn
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WEDNESDAYS FRIENDS

WEDNESDAYS FRIENDS WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 12, 2018. Please mark your calendar. The staff is providing the turkey, dressing, rolls and gravy. Everyone coming is asked to bring a dish and/or a dessert. **Please contact Manetta Hairell 361-293-8987 to let her know if you are coming and what you will be bringing.**



Let's Go Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 16

*Meet after church for Pizza in Luther Hall
and then*

Leave at 1:00

*Share the gift of a Christmas song or two
and make someone's Christmas bright*

Christmas is right around the corner! **That means it is time to put up our beautiful Christmas Tree!** We need your help. No experience necessary to join in this experience. All are welcome. Invite your friends. **This will happen on November 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.** Please come. Any questions, call Wanda Reinecke or Laura Schultz. Thank You!



WORSHIP MATTERS



“Where Everyone Has a Place at the Table”

We hope you have noticed these words that have so carefully been stenciled on the wall in Luther Hall and that serve as a warm and welcoming statement about Trinity. In addition, we are all aware that hospitality should be extended throughout the building and not just on Sundays but all during the week.



Trinity worshippers have been introduced several years ago to the term “Radical Hospitality” and have been practicing this thought in our worship services. Having a place at the table is most definitely a part of our worship services. It refers to extending the invitation of communion for all who are present at worship. Christ has invited us to dine with Him.

If we follow the examples of Jesus in the New Testament we see many situations of Jesus sharing a place at the table. He invited Matthew, the tax collector, to eat with Him. He allowed a woman of the city to anoint His feet with her ointment. He asked a Samaritan woman for a drink at the well.

For us it means opening our church doors without muttering under our breath about “so & so” being present. It means extending a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable, or dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to wailing babies and energetic toddlers.

We welcome you whether you sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You are welcome here if you are just browsing, just woken up, or just got out of prison. We do not care if you are more Christian than the Pope, or have not been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, coffee sipping hipsters, vegetarians and junk food eaters. We welcome those in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you are having problems, are down in the dumps, or do not like organized religion.

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, do not have a job, cannot spell, or are here because grandma is visiting and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who need prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids, or just drove by, saw the sign and decided to stop. We welcome pilgrims, old timers, seekers, doubters and you! The preceding “welcome” is borrowed from Faith Lutheran in Bellaire.

Concerning the stenciling in Luther Hall, many thanks need to be offered to Brandon Kraatz and Cindy Hunt for donating the vinyl and cutting the stencil letters. In addition, thanks to Barbara Zimmerman and Leah Matocha for seeing the vision. Then it was not an easy job to place the letters on the wall! Thanks to P Barney, Dee, and Leah for climbing the scaffolding and placing the letters with a straight eye!

See you at worship--Where Everyone Has a Place at the Table!!



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES **DECEMBER**

- 2 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
HOPE
8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion
Both services in Sanctuary
PHASE 1 CONGREGATION MEETING
- 9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
PEACE
8:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Worship
Both Services in Sanctuary
CHOIR CANTATA
- 16 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
JOY
8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion
Both Services in Sanctuary
SS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
- 23 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
LOVE
One service—10:00 Worship, Holy Communion
Sanctuary
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**
4:00 Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary
11:00 Worship, Sanctuary
- 30 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**
One Service—10:00 Worship, Holy Communion
Sanctuary

Christmas Carols with Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday, December 19th

6:00 p.m.

At Trinity

Special participation for children and families



JANUARY

- 6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**
8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion
- 13 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**
8:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion
10:30 a. m. Worship
- 20 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**
8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion
- 27 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**
8:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Worship

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Child of God B



CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

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| Mae Baecker | Keith Kann |
| Trevor Belcik | Cullen Kickendahl |
| Linda Berger | Kathy Kuecker |
| Jason Bitterly | Debbie McClanahan |
| Martin Boedecker | Otto Migl |
| Michelle Clary Boen | R. L. Montgomery, Jr. |
| Sharon Brzozowske | Dinah Mueller |
| Dawn Foerester | Cole Ohrt |
| Manetta Hairell | Bryan Redding |
| Deloris Hindley | Roger Sanger |
| Barbara Hofmann | Kim Shilling & family |
| Cindy Jennings | Marcie Worsham |
| Elmo Kaiser, Jr. | |



The Thank-you Award goes to Trinity Lutheran Church for their outstanding work and support for the Luther Fest. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and dedication in making this year 's Luther Fest a success. It takes everyone pulling together to make this happen. Remember in Deuteronomy 6:5 states, "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might". It shows in YOU.

Thanks, Arlen Buchhorn and Ronnie Stanford
Chairmen of Luther Fest 2018

PS When all the tabulations are in we will let you know the results!



Please reserve Sunday, December 9th, for worshiping with Joyful Noise and Bells of Joyful Sound at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM services. "Love Can!" will be presented as these group's Christmas gift to the congregation through music, song, bells, and instruments. It is always a very special time in the choir and handbell year when we can share our presentation with you. It warms our hearts when you are there to worship with us on this Sunday each year.

FUNERALS

- Charlotte Smith, Emily Mc Brayer and family on the death of Emily's grandmother, **Margaret Johnson**
- Alice Kovar and family on death of her son, **Jimmy Jordan**



New Ventures in Bible Reading

December

2018

1	Saturday	Job 34--35
2	Sunday	Psalms 146, 147
3	Monday	Job 36--37
4	Tuesday	Job 38--39
5	Wednesday	Job 40
6	Thursday	Job 41
7	Friday	Job 42
8	Saturday	Titus 1--3
9	Sunday	Psalms 148
10	Monday	Esther 1
11	Tuesday	Esther 2--4
12	Wednesday	Esther 5--7
13	Thursday	Esther 8--10
14	Friday	2 Peter 1
15	Saturday	2 Peter 2--3
16	Sunday	Psalms 149
17	Monday	Ezra 1--4
18	Tuesday	Ezra 5--8
19	Wednesday	Ezra 9--10
20	Thursday	Nehemiah 1--4
21	Friday	Nehemiah 5--9
22	Saturday	Nehemiah 10--13
23	Sunday	Psalms 150
24	Monday	Psalms 119:1-24
25	Tuesday	Psalms 119:25--56
26	Wednesday	Psalms 119:57--72
27	Thursday	Psalms 119:73--104
28	Friday	Psalms 119:105--136
29	Saturday	Psalms 119:137--160
30	Sunday	Psalms 73
31	Monday	Psalms 119:161--176



NEW VENTURE IN BIBLE READING

JANUARY---2019

1	Tuesday	Luke 3:1--4:13
2	Wednesday	Luke 4:14--5:11
3	Thursday	Luke 5:12--6:11
4	Friday	Luke 6:12--7:50
5	Saturday	Luke 8:1--9:50
6	Sunday	Psalms 5, 6; Proverbs 1:20--3:12
7	Monday	Luke 9:51--10:42
8	Tuesday	Luke 11:1--13:9
9	Wednesday	Luke 13:10--14:35
10	Thursday	Luke 15:1-32
11	Friday	Luke 16:1--17:19
12	Saturday	Luke 17:20--18:30
13	Sunday	Psalms 7, 8, 9, 10
14	Monday	Luke 18:30--19:27
15	Tuesday	Luke 19:28--20:26
16	Wednesday	Luke 20:27--21:38
17	Thursday	Luke 22:1-71
18	Friday	Luke 23:1-56
19	Saturday	Luke 24:1-53
20	Sunday	Proverbs 3:13--5:23
21	Monday	Acts 1:1--2:42
22	Tuesday	Acts 2:43--4:4
23	Wednesday	Acts 4:5--5:11
24	Thursday	Acts 5:12--6:7
25	Friday	Acts 6:8--8:3
26	Saturday	Acts 8:4-40
27	Sunday	Ruth 1:1--4:22
28	Monday	Acts 9:1-43
29	Tuesday	Acts 10:1--11:18
30	Wednesday	Acts 11:19--12:25
31	Thursday	Acts 13:1--14:7



VCAM MONTHLY UPDATE

November 2018
(October 2018 Services)

Total Households Served – 1241
Total Number in Households - 3475
Food Boxes – 1068
 Basic Needs – 1404
 Clothing – 468
 Home Delivery – 19
 Financial Assistance – 17
Homeless Served – 61
 # Homeless Visits - 175
 ***First-Time VCAM Clients Served – 91**



HELLO ALL –

VCAM Saturday! this month is Saturday, December 15

Please check out our website at: www.vcamvictoria.org or our Facebook page for the list of VCAM services provided and additional *VCAM Saturday!* dates in the coming months (**always open the third Saturday of each month**).

Our hopes are that other congregations or organizations follow suit and learn how their donations are put to the greatest use in our facility. 'Tis is definitely the season, so give of yourselves and give to others.

VCAM needs—canned or packaged food products to basic need items, such as: paper towels, toilet tissue, bath soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. The basic need items are especially valuable to homeless clients who visit VCAM on a daily basis. As the weather changes, the necessity of socks, t-shirts, coats and blankets become vital to their well-being on the streets of our fair city.

Your support is always valued and much appreciated. ***Give Thanks and Give from the Heart.***

God bless...*Marc*

For more information on our services or volunteer opportunities, call (361) 572-0048, send an e-mail to victoria.vcam@gmail.com, or stop by VCAM at 108 North Liberty.

"Providing hope when things seem hopeless..."



Thank you so much for your generous donation (\$159.00) to VCAM. We truly appreciate your support of our ministry. Your gift allows us to help community members who are in need.

Sincerely~~Rose Marie Voigt, Adm. Assist.



Price:
6½" pot \$20 ea.
2 plants per pot

Orders Due by
December 10th

**POINSETTIAS
TO BE PLACED IN CHURCH DECEMBER 23 RD
AND TAKEN HOME JANUARY 6TH**

It's Time to Place
YOUR ORDER

Donor's Name[s] (exactly as YOU want printed)

In Honor/Memory of [indicate which] (exactly as YOU want printed)

_____ 6½" @ \$20 each _____

_____ Amount Paid (cash or check # _____)

Please use this form for clarification on your order.

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all my friends at Trinity for the cards, calls, and help following my heart attack and stent operation. I believe God gave me a second chance so that I may help others on this earth. I rejoice in being alive. Since my cardiac rehab will be slow, I pray for patience as I miss you and all the activities at church. I plan to see you soon if only to attend church.

Friends in Christ,
Dawn Foerster



The choir has much to be thankful for this choir season. Many, many thanks to Barbara Zimmerman, Becky Green, and Steve Zimmerman for dedicating their time, designing, and sewing talents to make the choir stoles you have seen the choir wearing lately. Just wait till you see the Easter ones they have made!!



Grace Lutheran Church
9806 NE Zac Lentz Pkwy.
VISIT "BETHLEHEM VILLAGE"
December 7th & 8th
6—8

Journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem 2,000 years ago as they encountered the sights and sounds of the Village called the House of Bread where Jesus the Savior was born.

The offering envelopes for 2019 are in the hallway by the coffee pot. Please pick them up, but do not use them until 2019. You have a new number this year. We are trying to not order as many. If you use online giving, please take them and dispose of them if you want.



ALL TREASURERS of Church Organizations are reminded to have their books in to the Church office as soon after the first of the year as possible so that they may be audited.

PLEASE PRACTICE THE BOOMERANG BLESSING!

THIS MEANS

- * **BORROW IT —RETURN IT**
- * **LIGHT ON—LIGHTS OFF**
- * **UNLOCK A DOOR—LOCK THE DOOR BACK**



January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OFFICE CLOSED In observance of New Years Day	2 6:05 Bells 6:30 7th & 8th Confirmation 7:05 Joyful Noise	3 8:00 Walkers, LH 5:30 Worship and Music Team	4	5
6 8:00 & 10:30 Worship, HC 9:15 Sunday School	7 6:00 Boy Scouts	8 7:00 Men's Group 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day 9:30 Mary-Martha 5:30 Fellowship Welcome	9 6:05 Bells 6:30 7th Confirm. 6:30 8th Food Bank 7:05 Joyful Noise	10 8:00 Walkers, LH	11	12
13 8:00 Worship, HC 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:30 Aloe 4-H	14 6:00 Boy Scouts	15 7:00 Men's Group 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day	16 NOON Wednesdays Friends 6:05 Bells 6:30 7th/8th Confir 7:05 Joyful Noise	17 8:00 Walkers, LH	18 6:00 LaSalle District Banquet	19
20 8:00 & 10:30 Worship, HC 9:15 Sunday School	21 6:00 Boy Scouts 6:30 Ruth Circle	22 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day	23 6:05 Bells 6:30 7th & 8th Confirmation 7:05 Joyful Noise	24 8:00 Walkers, LH	25	26
27 8:00 Worship, HC 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	28 6:00 Boy Scouts	29 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day Plates of Love	30 6:05 Bells 6:30 7th & 8th Confirmation 7:05 Joyful Noise	31 8:00 Walkers, LH	Trinity Lutheran Church 106 North De Leon Street Victoria, Texas 77901 361-573-4725 E-mail: staff@trinityvictoria.net	

Pastor Matocha and to the Trinity Lutheran Church Family:

Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Pastor Richard Hartman, Jr. on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of our brothers and sisters throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, we thank you for your compassion and care. We are all blessed by and grateful for your generosity.

In Christ, The Food For The Poor Family

"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble." | Peter 3:8 (NIV)

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JANUARY 2019

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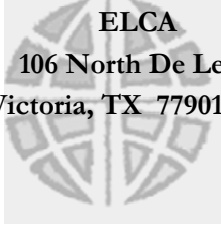
CONGREGATION COUNCIL	ALTAR GUILD	
Waylon Kern, Meredith Golden	8:00 Gary and Meredith Golden	
Kyle Brady	10:30 Arlen & Wanda Buchhorn	
ACOLYTES	READERS	USHERS/GREETERS
6th 8:00	6th 8:00 Frances Hitchcock	6th 8:00 Bill Kickendahl/Shanna Mikulenko
10:30	10:30 Kaylen Smith	10:30 Pamela Orsak/Joe Smith Family
13th 8:00	13th 8:00 Donna Appelt	13th 8:00 Richard & Donna Appelt/Diana Tuch
10:30	10:30 Emily Mc Brayer	10:30 The Ken Family/Ralph and Margaret Howard
20th 8:00	20th 8:00 Vicki Hunt	20th 8:00 Tommy Beyer Family
10:30	10:30 Rhonda Brzozowska	10:30 Brzozowska Family/Nikki Schmidt
27th 8:00	27th 8:00 Diana Tuch	27th 8:00 Gary and Meredith Golden
10:30	10:30 Loretta Johnson	10:30 Sauer Family/Sam and Lacy Neill

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 HOPE 8:00 & 10:30 Worship HC 9:15 Sunday School Phase 1 Congr.Mtg.	3 6:00 Boy Scout Troop 113	4 7:00 Men's Group 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day 2:30 WELCA MEMORIAL SERVICE 5:30 FWTEAM 11 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day	5 6:30 7th grade Confirmation 6:30 8th gr. Food Bank 6:05 Bells/Joyful Sound 7:05 Joyful Noise choir 12 NOON Wednesday Friends 6:30 7th & 8th grade Confirmation	6 8:00 Walkers 5:30 Worship & Music Team 13 8:00 Walkers	7 4:00 Patrick Ohrt wedding rehearsal 14	1 8 4:00 Patrick Ohrt Wedding as per council Kara BD 15
9 CHOIR CANTATA 8:00 Worship HC, Sanctuary PEACE 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary 16 8:00 & 10:30 Worship HC Sanctuary JOY SS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	10 6:00 Boy Scout Troop 113 17 6:00 Boy Scout Troop 113 6:30 Ruth Circle	18 7:00 Men's Group 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing 6:30 Congr. Council 	19 6:00 Carols with Our Lady of Lourdes At Trinity 26 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Break	20 8:00 Walkers 21 22	21 28 Pastor Barney pastorbarney@trinityvictoria.net Kara Hairell-Speed karahairell@gmail.com Office staff@trinityvictoria.net 361-573-4725	22 29
23 LOVE 10:00 only Worship HC, Sanctuary 30 10:00 Only Worship, HC, Sanctuary	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 pm Worship, HC 11:00 pm Worship OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Break 31 Office open 1/2 day 	25 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Break 1 OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Break	27 8:00 Walkers	28	29

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CONGREGATION COUNCIL

The Congregation Council

ALTAR GUILD

8:00 Bill Rose and Pat Miller
10:30 Ralph and Margaret
Howard

DECEMBER 2018

ACOLYTES

2nd 8:00 Allyson Schmidt

10:30 Addison Hanselman
9th 8:00 Aaron Garcia

10:30 Seth Schulz
16th 8:00 Dalton Johnson
10:30 Kaylen Smith
23rd 10:00 Maddie & Jessie Mc Brayer
30th 10:00 Ryan Waters

READERS

2nd 8:00 Frances Hitchcock

10:30 Mendy Dierlam
9th 8:00 Donna Appelt

10:30 Emily Mc Brayer
16th 8:00 Vicki Hunt
10:30 Loretta Johnson
23rd 10:00
10:00 Jackie Goranson
30th 10:00
10:00 Loretta Johnson

USHERS/GREETERS

2nd 8:00 Bill Kickendahl/Shanna Mikulenska

10:30 Stanley and Mendy Dierlam
9th 8:00 Richard & Donna Appelt/Diana Tuch

10:30 Mc Brayer Family
16th 8:00 Gary and Meredith Golden
10:30 Groll Family/Clint Caviel
23rd 10:00
10:00 Victor & Rachel Huber/Lydia Huber
30th 10:00
10:00 Scott Johnson Family/Nikki Schmidt¹²

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