

# **Trinity Weekly Tidings For December 18, 2016**

***"God's Love – Our Hearts – God's Work – Our Hands"***

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**Welcome Guests!** We are so happy to see you today! If you are traveling through the area, we wish you Godspeed on your journey. If you live nearby, we hope you will return and worship with us again. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to make Trinity Lutheran that home. Please sign the guest register located at the entrance into the Sanctuary and/or fill out the yellow card in the pew rack located in front of you, so that we can know who you are.

Although you have come as a visitor, we hope that we leave worship as friends!

**Help us to continue to enjoy the WARMTH** -Bad news is never good. Especially at Christmas time. Our sanctuary has been heated by 3 twenty to twenty five year old furnaces. A couple of weeks ago 2 of the 3 furnaces failed. The third furnace has been set at 70 degrees so as to minimize strain on the furnace because it is also in danger of failing. The fellowship hall is heated by 2 even older furnaces. The Buildings and Grounds team presented a quote to replace the furnaces to the Council on Tuesday evening. To replace the three furnaces that heat the Sanctuary, the cost would be \$16,355. To replace the two furnaces that heat the Fellowship Hall, the cost would be \$11,564. Since the Council has no authority to enter into a contract that exceeds 3 percent of our Annual Budget, the Congregation will be asked to vote on replacing 3 or all 5 furnaces at the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2017. We are exploring what available funds we have to cover the cost, but we are opening a dedicated Furnace Replacement Fund. Several Council Members have already contributed to the fund. If you are able to and wish to contribute to this fund, please make sure that this is noted on the check. Donations to this fund should be in addition to your annual giving. This is a hard time of year to be asking for extra money, but if we want to continue to keep warm in worship we need to ask for your help.

Sincerely,

The Church Council

**Lost Jacket** – We have a member who is missing a leather jacket and gloves. If you accidentally took the wrong jacket, please return it to the church office so we can get it back to this member. Thank you!

**Early Bird Registration** - Women of Trinity the 10th Triennial convention will be held in Minneapolis next summer, from the 13 - 16 July. You need to register now if you are staying for the whole gathering. Jan 6, 2017 is the last day to register for the reduced price. Who is included women from the ages 6 - 18 up to 102. How do I register, online go to [welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org); fax the completed form to 855-710-8061; or mail it to Framework Meetings and Destinations, Attn: Registration TG 2017, 2192E. Grandview Drive, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815. Don't forget the synod has scholarship money you can apply for, closing for that is in February. Our own Trinity unit has scholarship money also. ACT TODAY. Submitted by Kathleen Sumrall

## **A Study of Martin Luther's Small Catechism - Sunday Mornings between worships (9:15-10:15)**

This coming year marks the celebration of 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation; began with Martin Luther posting the 95 thesis on October 31, 1517. As part of this celebration, we will be gathering together to study Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Luther wrote the catechism in 1529, as a way of focusing learning and growth in faith around the 10 Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Baptism and Communion. Please join us on Sunday mornings, **Shalom Room** for a great time of discussion and learning!

**Loose Change**- A total of \$115.58 was collected for Faith in Action during our Loose Change offering. Thank you making a difference in our community!

**From the Office**- Just a few reminders...Articles for *January Tidings* are due by **December 20**. Reports for the *Annual Report* are due by **December 30**

*Those for whom we are praying...*

*For Carol Thorsen and Joanne Dexter.*

*Altar flowers were picked up by Dennis and Carol Glaman.*

*Altar flowers were given in honor of Paul and Cheryl Nelson's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

*Happy Anniversary!*

## **Youth & Family Announcements for the week of December 18, 2016**

God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good!

You are BEAUTIFUL because you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

You are enough! You are loved!

Please talk to Michelle face-to-face; by phone at 269-5081; call or text at 343-0324; or by e-mail at: [thehyattfive@gmail.com](mailto:thehyattfive@gmail.com) for additional information.

I don't even have enough words to say "**THANK YOU**" to our amazing church family for your incredible generosity shown through "Trinity Cares." **THANK YOU** from the bottom of my heart for reaching out with loving hands and hearts to families in need this Christmas. I am grateful to each & every one of you, & I wish I could take all of you with me when the deliveries are made. It makes my heart so full of joy knowing each of you are with me in heart sharing God's love to our brothers and sisters! All I can say is that is the biggest, warm fuzzy feeling with how the families react through smiles, hugs, & so many happy tears! I **NEVER** stop thanking God for **ALL** of you! We are **BLESSED** to be a **BLESSING**!

Stop by our **BAKE SALE** in the main hallway, & pick out your favorite sweet treats! We will start selling between services & then again after 10:30 worship. Thank you for supporting our young people & our local food pantry to help feed our hungry brothers & sisters!

The Student Discipleship Conference was an **AMAZING** weekend with **AMAZING** kids & **AMAZING** adult leaders! I am so grateful to our "Triple A" adults who gave of their time so selflessly this past weekend to walk alongside our youth during this faith-filled, praise-filled, Spirit-led "FEARLESS" experience! Stories & memories will be shared at future worship services. A special **THANK YOU** to Pauline Fahning; Kylie Holub; Sherrie Kruger; Serena Nelson; Shannon Perry; Dan Amundson; Brandon Riley; & Logan Severson. I never stop thanking God for you!

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN**

**Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – Saturday, December 31, 10:00 a.m.**

**YOU** are invited to a **FUN** night of being together with **FRIENDS**! It's going to be full of some pretty awesome stuff: food, cooking, games, movies, face-to-face, camp talk (FCA & Sugar Creek); worship; how to be leader & servant for Christ; and **PRIZES**! There is **NO** cost to you, but please bring a snack to share! Also, bring a friend, & get a chance at winning a super cool prize! Lastly, please talk to Michelle if you would like to be on the planning team & also to get signed up to make it the **BEST LOCK-IN EVER!!**