

Trinity Times

Gather as God's People...
Grow in Faith, Family & Service...
Go into the World as Disciples for Christ...

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Trinity Café



Our financial goal for the Trinity Café (formerly Wednesday Fellowship Supper) is to simply "break even". With our new name comes a chance to try new offerings. Check out many of the new serving menus as we continue to strive to serve good quality meals we believe

people will enjoy. We look forward to continuing to provide an opportunity for people to gather together around the table for a meal, conversation, and good fellowship. Trinity Café! takes place each Wednesday evening from 5:15–6:15pm in the Gustafson Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5/person with a maximum of \$17/family.

- December 2:** Swiss Stuffed Burger Bar, Tater Tots, Broccoli with Cheese, Salad Bar, Bread, Beverage, Carrot Cake
- December 9:** Swedish Meatballs, Caramelized Onion Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Salad Bar, Bread, Beverage, Brownies
- December 16:** Rosemary/Cranberry Roasted Chicken Breast, Baked Potatoes, Mel's Fancy Bean Casserole, Salad Bar, Dinner Roll, Beverage, Caramel-Nut Cheesecake

Bishop Anderson to Visit

Bishop Jon Anderson, bishop of our Southwestern Minnesota Synod, will be present to meet with interested persons on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 pm. The meeting follows Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm. Bishop Anderson has been invited to share information about the process and meaning of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly's actions of changing ministry policy to allow persons in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous same-gender relationships to serve as ELCA associates in ministry, clergy, diaconal, and deaconess ministries. We anticipate that Bishop Anderson's remarks will be followed by a time for him to respond to questions from our membership

Mid-week Advent Services

Our Mid-Week Advent Services take place each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. on the Wednesdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas (Dec. 2, 9, 16). We will be using the much-loved Holden Evening Prayer at each service. This year's Mid-Week Advent Service theme is "Advent Stories for Children (that adults love to hear)". Listen to a story about a boy named Wilbur who thinks he's a failure in the Sunday School Christmas program; hear of how an English boy named David discovers the best gift ever; imagine yourself in Amos the Shepherd Boy's shoes. Bring yourselves, your families, and your friends. Join us each week for 40 minutes of quiet and reflection on the season we are in.

Mid-week Advent Service Offerings are designated to Lutheran Social Services. Each year, Trinity's council selects a ministry or project beyond our congregation's own ministry to support in this season of giving.

In the midst of our nation's current economic woes, Lutheran Social Services has been providing free financial counseling to anyone who comes for help. Additionally, as financial stresses often trigger other problems within individuals and/or their families, there is increased need for counseling in other areas of the lives of individuals and/or their families.

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

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Cross Beams

Reflections from Pastor C's Study

Advent is the celebration of Christ's "coming". We have the opportunity to celebrate three "advents" in this beautiful season. His first coming in a humble birth (nativity), his second coming or his coming again to reign (parousia) and his weekly or daily coming as the real presence in the Word and Supper (sacrament).

The **Gospel of Luke** is our focus gospel this year. As Luke has it in Jesus' proclamation of his second coming, Jesus warns us that people will be going about in their mundane occupations, "eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building" on the day that the "Son of Man" is revealed. (Luke 17:28-30). Significantly, Jesus was born in just such a moment, the daily reliables were in full swing: taxing, traveling, giving birth, tending sheep. Christ's proclamation of the coming Kingdom includes fire and fear and lightning flashes. Yet, Christ appears, humble and peaceful, a baby wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger—and though angels appear and shine and frighten, their first words are "Do not fear!"

Advent is a celebration of what is not yet. We wait for his appearing, his birth even as we know Jesus has already come. The tension between the already and the not yet provides us opportunity to celebrate and play with one of the joyous paradoxes of our faith: Christ has come and yet still has not. As someone has said, we live in "in-betweenity", between Christ's first coming and his coming again in glory.

Of course, our primary focus is preparation of Christ's nativity. We move likewise to perhaps the busiest time of the year. Busy, busy, busy . . . In this regard I share with you a poem recently shared with me.

Fire – by Judy Brown

What makes a fire burn is space between the logs, a breathing space. Too much of a good thing, too many logs packed in too tight can douse the flames as surely as a pail of water.

So building fires requires attention to the spaces in between as much as to the wood.

When we are able to build open spaces in the way we have learned to pile on the logs, then we can come to see how it is fuel and absence of fuel together, that make fire possible.

We only need to lay a log lightly from time to time.

A fire grows simply because the space is there with openings in which the flame that knows just how it wants to burn can find its way.

So, may the strange paradox between the now and the not yet, between "too many logs in the fire" and "open spaces" build you up in faith and discipleship this Advent season.

– Pastor Christensen

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TRINITY WOMEN

Come to the Advent Brunch

All women of Trinity are invited to come to our Advent Brunch on Saturday, December 12th at 9:30 AM. The theme this year is "Christmas Around The World." The program, "Melodies in Make Up," will be presented by a clown ministry quartet. What an Advent treat!

The installation of the 2010 Coordinating board will take place and the outgoing board members will be recognized for their service. The cost of the catered brunch is \$8.00 and a free will offering will be received for the work of the ELCA women locally and church wide. Tickets are available between services or by calling the church office.

Come! Bring a friend. Take time to treat yourself to the spirit of Christmas.

Quilt Raffle

Have you seen the quilt on display in the narthex? This lovely quilt will be awarded to the lucky person at the Advent Brunch on December 12th. To have a chance to win you must get your tickets soon. Chances are offered at \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. You need not be present to win.

Bake Sale Plans Change

There has been a change in plans since the November issue of Trinity Times. Trinity Women and the Youth and Family Committee are uniting in sponsoring a holiday bake sale to be held on Thursday, December 10th from 7:30am - 3:00pm. This follows the tradition of the St. Lucia Bake Sale held at Trinity for many years.

Please bring your baked goods to church Wednesday evening or early Thursday morning. Just imagine if every family would share a bit of their Christmas baking, what a wonderful assortment of goodies we would have!!

Trinity women have applied for matching funds from Thrivent to help those planning to attend the Triennial Gathering in Spokane in 2011.

Come to bring your baked goods. Come to browse and buy some treats to take home. Come and relax with a roll & a cup of coffee.

Coming Up

- Dec. 1, 7:00pm Coordinating Board Meeting
- Dec. 4, 1:30pm Martha Bible Study Circle
- Dec. 7, 9:15am Quilting, Noon Potluck
- Dec. 9, 6:30pm Bake Sale Setup
- Dec. 10, 7:30am Bake Sale
- Dec. 12, 9:30am Advent Brunch
- Dec. 13, 8:00am Card / Napkin Sales
- Dec. 15, 3:30pm Hope Bible Study Circle

Updated Gift List for SPRTC

As you read in the November Trinity Times, we are collecting gifts for the patients at the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center thru December 15. We want to remember those who have no family or friends with whom to share for Christmas. Receiving a gift matters greatly to someone who otherwise might be forgotten. The list we printed last month has been updated. This is the new list:

Toiletries

(Plastic Containers Only)
Cologne/Shaving Lotion
Deodorant/Shampoo
Toothpaste/Toothbrush
Hairbrush/Comb

Men's & Women's Clothing

(Large sizes are appreciated)
Underwear
Pajamas/Night Gowns/Bathrobes
Jeans/T-Shirts
Jackets/Gloves/Mittens
Hats/Scarves
Sweatshirt/Sweaters/Sweatpants
Flannel Shirts/Zip up hoodies
Slippers/Shower Sandals

General Personal Gift Items

Candy/Gum (also diabetic)
Craft Kits/Colored Pencils/Felt Coloring Posters
Drawing Paper/Pads & Writing Tablets/Pens
Stationary/Stamps
Books
DVD's/Walkman CD's/Radios
Decaf Instant Coffee
Duffle Bag/Billfolds
Games
Alarm Clock (Battery or Wind up)

Cash or checks can be left in the church office or mailed to:
SPRTC Volunteer Office
100 Freeman Drive
St. Peter, MN 56082

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Faith 4 Life (5-6th grade)

This regular group meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday's of the month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Trinity. This youth group has one rule...Fun is a must! With games, a chance to learn something new & of course food of some kind (we get creative).

Live the Life (7-9th grade)

The Trinity Youth Group for 7th-9th grades is being revamped. We are working out a new day/time to better accommodate busy family schedules. Stay tuned for more info!

Senior High Youth Group: O2

Do you know someone in 10-12th grade? Invite them to join us for our WEEKLY senior high youth group which meets every Wednesday evening in the Youth Room at Trinity. This is an informal small group for our confirmed youth who want to gather, grow and go deeper in their faith.

Currently we are talking about music and finding our spirituality in lyrics....Jason Schultz (our Gustavus Helper) has been leading our devotional time, it's awesome!

We understand that your schedules are busy and that sometimes you have tons of homework, but come when you can! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!! If you have any questions, please contact Erika and checkout our group on FACEBOOK!

Trinity's Mission Statement

The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to:

Gather as God's people,
Grow in faith, family and service, and
Go into the world as disciples for Christ.

St. Lucia Bake Sale at Trinity

Thursday, December 10th, 7:30am – 3:00pm

Get your Holiday Cookies & Baked Goods!

This is a joint fundraiser for Trinity Women and the Youth & Family Program. Come and buy some wonderful homemade holiday treats and support Trinity's ministries!

Don't miss the Annual Ski Trip!

Winter Retreat: January 22-25, 2010

Grab the information at the Youth & Family Table

The Annual Ski Trip to Giant's Ridge in Biwabik, MN has been set for January 22-25, 2010. Cost of the trip is \$175, includes transportation, food, lodging, and lift ticket. Ski/snowboard rental is extra. Space is limited so sign up early! A NON-Refundable deposit of \$75 will hold your spot. Grab a flyer and registration sheet at the Youth & Family Table in the Narthex. We really need parental volunteers to come on this trip, help with transportation and some of the nuts and bolts! Willing to help? Or have questions? See Erika or Pastor Eric. PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS: This makes an EXCELLENT Christmas present! Consider giving the ski trip to your loved one!

Youth Go Caroling!

The 5th & 6th grade Faith 4 Life group and the 7th - 9th grade Live the Life group are joining together for an evening of caroling on Sunday, Dec. 6th. We will meet at the church at 5:30pm. After caroling we will come back to the church for cookies and hot cocoa. Bring your friends!

Junior High GRAPPLE (7-9th grade)

Sunday mornings in the conference room by Erika's office, you can hear a group of rowdy kids in grades 7-9 talking, wrestling, grappling with issues of faith! This group meets in 4 week blocks....the current discussion is: WORD!! Join us from 9:30-10:30 every Sunday for some fun! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

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New Fair Trade Items

NEW Fair Trade items have been added to our inventory! Consider giving a “Fair” gift to loved ones this holiday season. By “Fair”, we mean “Fair Trade” items that we have at our Fair Trade Kiosk at church. Many of you have discovered and enjoyed the Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and other items that are available. Now you have a chance to share it with family or friends by purchasing an item and giving it as a gift.

New to the Fair Trade stand are almonds, pecans, and cranberries. Also note all the wonderful new teas that are being offered: traditional tea bags, loose leaf, and large leaf in pyramid bags (extra flavor) are available. If you’ve never checked out the Fair Trade display in the narthex, then please to so! By choosing to buy fair trade products, we ensure that farmers in developing countries earn enough income to adequately feed and care for their families and communities. What a great way to help people out while enjoying the fruit of their labors!

Children’s Christmas Program

This year’s Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 20th at 4:30pm. Come early to enjoy the children’s musical talents at the beginning of the Christmas program and stay after for the potluck supper in the Gustafson Room following the program. The 3 and 4 year olds and Kindergartners will sing at the 10:45 service that morning and are welcome to come back and sing at the program as well.

Rehearsal for all Sunday School children will be held on Saturday, December 19th at 8:30am. Meet in the Sanctuary. Parents of children who have singing only roles are asked to stay as those children may be released early.

Choir Rehearsals

Beginning on December 2nd, Trinity Choir will rehearse at 5:45pm. The change is necessary to be done in time for the Advent Worship at 6:30pm. Time for rehearsal on December 23rd will be 6:30pm.

Praise Bells will meet at 8:30pm on December 2nd (the night Bishop Anderson visits) and at 7:30pm on the rest of Wednesdays in Advent.

Christmas Services at Trinity

Christmas services will be December 24th at 1:30 pm with Holy Communion, 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm and 11:00 pm with Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is available at the first and last services. We remind you, too, of mid-week Advent Holden Prayer at 6:30 pm on the Wednesdays of Dec. 02, Dec. 09, and Dec. 16th

Christmas Flower Garden

A flower garden will grace the altar area of Trinity for Christmas Eve worship. Poinsettias and other appropriate plants may be brought to the church by noon on Wednesday, December 23. Information for listings in memory of or in honor of someone should be turned into the church office by December 16. You may pick up your plants after the 11 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

Fellowship Hour Christmas Goodies Potluck

On the first Sunday of Christmas, December 27, we will be hosting our 2nd Annual “Fellowship Hour Christmas Goodies Potluck”. Bring some of your not-yet-consumed Christmas goodies to place out for our Fellowship time between services. We’ll have some fun sampling some of what each household “traditionally” makes for their own family celebrations.

Adult Education Schedule

December Adult Forums (9:30am on Sundays in the Fireside Room of the Gustafson Fellowship Hall) tackle the interface between science and religion especially as regards to Charles Darwin’s Theory of Evolution. On Dec. 6, Professor Chuck Niedereiter speaks on “The Big Bang and Beyond” – a glance at the evolution of our universe. On Dec. 13, Jon Grinnel will speak on Darwin’s Theory and its relationship with Christian faith. On Dec. 20, Darrell Jodock will wrap up the month more generally about the “connections and differences” between science and faith. Join us for coffee and stimulating conversation!

Newsletter Deadline

Newsletter Deadline for the December newsletter is Friday, December 11th. Items must be turned in by the deadline. All items are preferred in an **electronic format** and can be emailed to editor@trinitystpeter.org.

Sunday School News

The 2009 Sunday School Christmas Program "Christmas: FAQ" will take place on Sunday, December 20th at 4:30pm. Parents, please have your child in their classroom at 4:00pm. If you have a child with a musical talent that is interested in participating in the prelude, please contact Dawn Eberhart at 507-327-3783. There will be a potluck supper in the Gustafson room following the program. All are welcome! Don't forget to bring a dish to pass.

Rehearsal for the Sunday school Christmas program will be on Saturday, December 19th from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Meet in the sanctuary. This practice is for all children ages 3 - 6th grade. If your child is in the play they will probably stay the whole 2 hours. Other children, pre-school through grade 4, may be done earlier. Parents of younger children should stay for the entire rehearsal.

There will be Sunday school on December 20th at the regular time. It will be a fun time to spend with your class and to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

There will be no Sunday school on December 27th because of Christmas break.

We will be having an Epiphany Family Fun Fair on Sunday, January 3rd from 9:00-10:45am. Please join us for an exciting celebration for the whole family!

Regular Sunday school will resume on Sunday, January 10th.

I am enjoying my time as the new Christian Education Coordinator at Trinity, and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! My prayer for everyone is that we can find some time to slow down during this holiday season and spend time together as families. May we also be able to look around and count our many blessings and find ways to become closer to God and one another. The children of our church are filled with so much love and kindness, may we all be able to live our daily lives in this same way. Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season!

Cancelled Stamps

Please save your cancelled stamps over the holidays when most of us receive more mail. It costs nothing but the time to cut or tear the stamp off the envelope. I will check and trim them and Paul Baumgartner pays the postage to send them to the church in Washington D.C. Just leave them in the box in the narthex, just beyond the round stained glass window in the Library. Thanks to all who have been helping with this worthwhile project. – Lillias Harmer

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Financial Update

As of November 25, 2009

Budget Income	\$398,923.00
Budget Expense	<u>\$416,582.00</u>
Difference	-\$17,659.00

Thank you to everyone who made a special donation to the fund for the new dishwasher. We have surpassed our \$10,000 dishwasher goal by \$330.00. Unfortunately, the install expenses have been a little more than anticipated. We are still short \$782.44. Thank you to all who have given so generously!

Stewardship Committee Thanks Members

The Stewardship Committee thanks all who participated in the year's efforts to seek financial support of Trinity. We especially thank those who allowed us to video their reflections on stewardship: Neil and Joan Anderson, Grant Annexstad, Rachel Beran, and Roger and Barb Nelson.

At this writing, we are unable to report specific information but will do so in the January edition of the *Trinity Times*.

Please Welcome our Newest Members

The following members were received on November 8th:

Jody Hillbeck, Fiancé, Gerald Flowers and daughters, Kayla Hillbeck, Alexis Hillbeck, Rebekah Berry, Rachel Dallman; Son, Gregory Berry II, of Cleveland.

Jay and Amie Link and Kyler of St. Peter.

Anthony and Laura Tipton and Lauren Anderson of St. Peter.

Meet and greet them and don't forget to wear your name tag so they can get to know you too!

Understanding Grief Seminar

The seminar is designed for individuals who are grieving the death of a loved one. The program will include information about the grief process, plus time for sharing stories and memories.

Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospice sponsors:

Understanding Grief: A supportive gathering for those grieving the loss of a loved one

Thursday, December 10, 2009

6 – 7:30p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

720 S. 2nd St., Mankato

There is no charge for this seminar, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Hospice office at 507-385-2618 or 800-327-3721, extension 2618.

Winter Energy Saving Tips

Saving energy in your home doesn't require a major investment of money or even your time. These tips will cost you little or nothing and could reduce your annual energy bill by 25% or more!

- Turn down the thermostat. Reduce the temp from 70 to 65 degrees while you are home. Turn it down to 60 or 55 degrees while you're away or sleeping.
- Close off an unused room entirely
- Lock windows. It tightens the seal to stop heat leaks.
- Change furnace filter regularly
- If you have a natural gas furnace, check the pilot light regularly. It should be a steady blue flame.
- Install compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's). They use dramatically less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last much longer.
- Turn off or unplug computers, televisions and other electronic devices when you are not using them or away for a few days.
- Set ceiling fans to run clockwise in the winter. This will draw air up and keep warm air circulating.
- Turn up the temperature a few degrees in your refrigerator and save quite a few dollars.
- Wash only full loads of laundry in cold water.
- Set temperature on water heater to 115-120 degrees.

Notice

If you would like to include a community announcement, please email your items as you want them to appear to editor@trinitystpeter.org by December 11th. Items will be published on a space-available basis.

Give & Receive Food Drive with the St. Peter Girl Scouts

Bring your non-perishable food items and come shop our Christmas Store!

Children can pick out handmade gifts for friends and family, while adults enjoy cookies and cider. Be sure to bring lots of food items because each food item is equal to one gift!

Saturday, December 5th, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center, St. Peter Community Center

Questions? Call Janet Thompson at 469-2405

Christmas at the Cox House

Usher in your holiday season with a visit to St. Peter's own Christmas at the Cox House. The Victorian home and historic site is decorated for Christmas and will feature live Christmas music every day, in addition to cookies and hot cider. The Minnehaha Questers group of St. Peter have displayed doll houses in addition to the usual festive Victorian Christmas decorations. The E. St. Julien Cox House will be open the first two weekends of December (December 5th & 6th and 12th & 13th) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa

Little Saints Preschool of St. Peter is holding its 28th annual "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, December 5th, 7:30-11:00am, at the Church of St. Peter Social Hall located at 1801 West Broadway in St. Peter. Join us for a morning full of holiday fun, including a pancake breakfast, face painting, silent auction, and of course, meeting Santa!

Advanced tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-10. Tickets at the door are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Children two and under are free. Each child receives a small gift from Santa's workshop. Don't forget to bring your camera and take pictures with Santa.

To purchase tickets in advance contact Little Saints Preschool at 507-931-4314.

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Lay Readers

December 6th

8:00am Barb Nelson
9:30am Lynn Davey

December 13th

8:00am Gregg Stone
9:30am Bill Robertz

December 20th

8:00am Gregg Stone
9:30am Marilyn Beyer

December 27th

8:00am Adrian Lo
9:30am Jan Swanson

Altar Care

December 6th Ed & Ginny Bakke
December 20th Rita Kruger; Nancy Kruger

Video Camera

December 6th Dale Bjorklund
December 13th Chuck Christiansen
December 20th Chuck Christiansen
December 27th Steve Pettis

Council Assistants

8:00am Darrell Jodock (12/6)
Joan Anderson (12/13 & 20)
9:30am
10:45am Scott Moore (12/6, 13, 27)
Advent Joan Anderson (12/2 & 16)
Marc Bachman (12/9)
Christmas Eve Joan Anderson (5:30pm)

Vital Statistics

Baptisms

Abigail Lynn Flowers
Daughter of Jeffrey & Cathryn (Esser) Flowers
Born: September 18, 2009
Baptized: November 8, 2009

Please Let Us Know...

If you are hospitalized for any reason, please be sure to tell the hospital on your admission that you are a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. It isn't enough to tell them that you are Lutheran! It would also help if you or one of your family members would call the church office at 934-4786 to let us know that you have been hospitalized so that Pastor C or Pastor Eric can visit you. If you wish one of the Pastors to visit you in your home for conversation, prayer or Holy Communion, please call the church office at 934-4786 to arrange for a mutually agreeable time for the Pastor's visit.

SERVICE LIST

All Trinity members share in food preparation and serving duties for funerals and other church events throughout the year. The membership has been divided into 13 groups with designated coordinators for each month. This allows one group to have a month off each year. Groups move up one month each year as well, so that you are not serving in the same month each year. This list is also used to secure ushers. When your assistance is needed, a coordinator will contact you.

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Food Coordinators:

Shelly Hockstein 931-6630
Genevieve Miller 934-3373

Usher/Greeter Coordinators:

Roger & Barb Nelson 934-4382

Name

Annexstad, Grant & Karen
Bannick, Ron & Carol
Brown, Eldon & Margo
Burg, Tom & Lynn
Custer, Hazel
Engebretson, Phil & Dee
Erkel, Cindy
Fiebelkorn, Dorothy
Foster, Harry & Sandy
Frey, Amy
Fromm, Josh & Jaime
Gessner, Carl
Haedt George & Helga
Haugen, Sharon
Herberg, Sue
Jacobson, Mary
Johnson, Keith & Marilyn
Liebel, Jeannie
Lueck, William & Marlene
Lynch, Roger & Sandy
McCormick, Dianna
Mott, Dennis & Angie
Potz, Carol
Puchta, Rebecca
Roach, Pat & Carolyn
Scholl, Brad
Sievert, Rebecca
Skrove, Mike
Sykora, Brad & Sharon
Thompson, Jerret & Janet
Wilkinson, Robert
Woyda, Kathy

January 2010

Food Coordinators:

Leona Miller 931-3639
Delores Hahn 934-3558

Usher/Greeter Coordinators:

Rob & Janice Meyer 931-5582

Name

Andree, RJ & Miriam
Beise, Lisa
Davis, Ron & Jan
Ebbenga, Brian & Lisa
Eckberg, Richard & Wanda
Francis, Kari
Francis, Sandi
Grafstrom, Jane
Henrichs, Curt & Karla
Hofferbert, RaVae
Jacobsen, Donald
Keswani, Marianne
Klubben, Pat & Tami
Kraft, Tim & Bev
Kretschmer, Tom & Sue
Krugerud, Arlen / Manser, Roberta
Lindquist, Stan
Lindquist, Willis
Loken, Curt & Leona
Martens, Kate
McIntyre, Jeff
McIntyre, Cathy
Meyer, Rob & Janice
Munsterman, Gene & Sue
Natwick, Mary
Pettis, Steve & Natasha
Prafke, Marvel
Rodning, Paul & Gayla
Satrom, Lauren & Kellie
Schlueter, Ron & Deann
Schultz, Evelyn
Seppelt, Troy & Heidi
Sisler, Curtis & Leatta
Sowder, Monte & Juli
Sundin, Duane & Ruth
Swenson, Delores
Wilmes, Todd & Shane
Wood, Melody
Zabel, Steven & Lori
Ziebarth, Stan, Sue

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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DECEMBER

1st 5:30pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm Trinity Women Board Meeting	11th January Newsletter Deadline 7:00pm AA (Open)	21st 9:00am Rebecca Circle 5:30pm "The Kitchen" 8:00pm AA (Closed)
2nd 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Morning Bible Study 11:00am Staff & Music Meetings 1:00pm Hanging of the Greens 5:15pm Trinity Cafe (Fellowship Supper) 5:45pm Trinity Choir 6:00pm Confirmation 6:15pm Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30pm Advent Worship Service 7:00pm Bishop Anderson Visit 8:00pm Praise Band 8:00pm O2 Sr. High Youth Group 8:30pm Praise Bells	12th 9:30am Advent Brunch 7:00pm Second Harvest Assistance	23rd 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Morning Bible Study 11:00am Staff & Music Meetings 6:15pm Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30pm Trinity Choir
3rd 5:00pm Al-Anon 5:30pm Truancy Circle 8:00pm AA (Open)	13th 8:00am Worship 8:45am JOY! Choir 9:00am Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Worship 9:30am Education Hour 9:30am Celebration Singers 9:30am Grapple 10:45am Contemporary Worship 3:30pm Hope Circle Potluck 7:00pm AA (Closed)	24th 1:30pm Communion Worship 3:30pm Worship 5:00pm Al-Anon 5:30pm Worship 8:00pm AA (Open) 11:00pm Communion Worship
4th 1:30pm Martha Circle 7:00pm AA (Open)	14th 2:00pm Second Harvest Assistance 5:30pm "The Kitchen" 8:00pm AA (Closed)	25th 7:00pm AA (Open)
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7th 9:15am Mission Quilting, Noon Potluck 5:30pm "The Kitchen" 6:30pm Children & Families Committee 8:00pm AA (Closed)	16th 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Morning Bible Study 11:00am Staff & Music Meetings 5:15pm Trinity Cafe (Fellowship Supper) 5:45pm Trinity Choir 6:00pm Confirmation 6:15pm Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30pm Advent Worship Service 7:30pm Praise Bells 8:00pm Praise Band 8:00pm O2 Sr. High Youth Group	28th 2:00pm Second Harvest Assistance 5:30pm "The Kitchen" 8:00pm AA (Closed)
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