

# Trinity Lutheran Church



### Upcoming Events:

- Begin Accepting Clothing Donations—January 4th
- Women’s Bible Study Begins—January 5th
- Fellowship Meeting— January 7th
- Water Street Mission—January 7th
- Comfort Stitchers Meeting— January 9th
- Mom’s Group—January 9th & 23rd
- Outreach Meeting—January 10th
- Senior High Retreat— January 20th-22nd
- Clothing Sorting— January 25th-27th
- Community Clothing Giveaway— January 28th
- Joyful Journeys Meeting— January 29th

## A Message from Pastor Mike: “Being Made New”

I’ve never been big on New Year’s...  
It’s always seemed a bit manufactured to me.

A chance for a “restart.”

A time of resolutions.

Another attempt to make changes that will make life better.

But for a Christian? The whole thing seems a little silly. Because our God is the God of “second chances.”

In a life lived with faith, any day is another chance. A chance to start anew, be reborn, change the way we make decisions, change how we treat others.

In a life lived in faith, any day is an opportunity to become a new person—the person Jesus is asking us to be.

Because, as I think we at Trinity are coming to increasingly understand, the kingdom Jesus proclaimed is so much more than a life that will be lived after this life.

The kingdom of God is to be lived in this life. And the spirit of God, that great gift of Jesus, is here to help us live it.

So often, we begin our “changes” at New Years, hang on for a while, and then the changes peter away and out of our lives.

The gyms empty once again, donut sales go back up, and so on and so forth...

But the promise of the spirit is that, if we work to live “the kingdom,” the kingdom will be there, and we will find ourselves growing and basking in its life.

Whether that change, that “Jesus” change, is something we start on January 1st, January 15th, or—as God would have it—any day and every day.

Never forget we can always be made new, because we have the power, the spirit, the promise of Jesus.

Peace.

P. Mike



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Thank you to all who made this year's Christmas Cantata such a beautiful experience of worship and fellowship.

## New Women's Bible Study Begins in January—"The Bible in A Year"



Year long study begins  
January 5th

Would you like to dig a little deeper into your faith in 2017? Why not join our women's bible study group.

Beginning January 5th, Trinity's Women's Bible Study group is going to start a "Reading the Bible in a Year" study. This group will meet each Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. throughout 2017 for this 52 week study.

In addition to the HCSB version by George H. Guthries, resources for the class include "Reading God's Story—A Chronological Daily Bible" and "Reader's Guide to the Bible—Chronological Reading Plan".

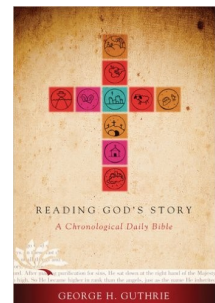
*"Reading God's Story will take you on a one-year journey through the entire Bible as the events actually unfold. This unique design will help you clearly see the grand story as well as better understand how the smaller parts fit within the larger story."*

*"The Readers Guide to the Bible is a chronological reading plan by George Guthrie that invites readers into the world of the Bible and offers guidance for walking day-by-day through its pages."*

Anyone interested in joining this bible study should contact Linda Spiridigliozzi at 653-5590 or Beth Schairer at [dbschairer@gmail.com](mailto:dbschairer@gmail.com).

If you are interested, please purchase the previously mentioned resources prior to the January kick-off. A small notebook for note taking is also recommended.

We hope you will join us on our journey through the Bible in 2017!



Food donations benefit Mount Joy  
Food Bank

## SouperBowl of Caring/Youth Sunday—February 5th

Youth Sunday is just around the corner – and on this day we also celebrate the "SouperBowl!" We will be collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations for the Mount Joy Food Bank. There are so many people in need – please help us to make this day meaningful for them!

Trinity youth in grades 4 through 12, please sign up and plan to participate in worship. Online sign up is available at: [www.tinyurl.com/tlcyouthsunday](http://www.tinyurl.com/tlcyouthsunday).

Seasoned Mens' Group is serving at Water Street  
Thursday, January 5th  
Meet at Trinity at 10:30 a.m.  
Contact Ron Lumby at (636) 235-6120



Seasoned Mens' meet every Tuesday, 11:15 a.m. at Gus's Keystone Restaurant. Newcomers are always welcome!

## Ephiphany Pay-It-Forward Event—Wednesday, January 4th

It is a night of gifting the neighborhood of Mount Joy! BOLD groups will meet at regular times and locations and will put together presents and cards to be mailed randomly to people in our community. Each gift will be accompanied with this phrase: "In honor of Epiphany this gift has been given to you. May you re-

turn the kindness shown here by paying it forward in something you do."

Don't miss this exciting night (and watch your mailbox - you never know who may receive a gift)!



Trinity youth paying it forward

## Clothing Sorting Night at BOLD—January 25th

Trinity's annual clothing giveaway takes place on January 28th and we need all our BOLD families to help us get ready! The PODS unit will need to be emptied and every bag of clothing sorted and placed into the correct folding locations. It's a big job and a great time with friends. (Don't forget: Ms. Beth always bakes an awesome jumbo cookie for us!)

PreK BOLD and Children's Choir will both meet in normal locations at 6:15 pm. Sr. High Youth will eat dinner at Trinity Place at 5:45 pm, and then help to bring in all the bundles from the PODS. All other age groups should report to the fellowship hall at 6:45 pm. We'll end the evening at 7:45 pm.

See you at the sorting!



A great night at BOLD

## Sr. High Retreat—January 20th-22nd

Youth in grades 9 through 12 - join us for our annual retreat at Camp Mount Luther! We will leave Friday, January 20 around 4:00 pm and return Sunday January 22 at noon. This is a weekend you won't want to miss!

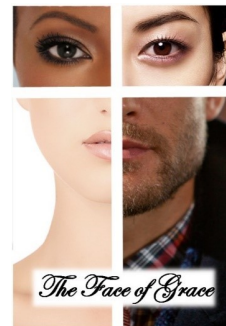
Our theme will be "The Face of Grace" and we'll explore the way

people are judged in today's world. From discrimination based on race or gender to our self-critical tendencies, we'll learn to apply God's grace to all and lead by example.

The weekend will be filled with time with friends, yummy snacks, games, art, hang-out

time, and fun in the great outdoors. (There is little more beautiful than Camp Mount Luther in the winter!)

Registration forms and \$60.00 per person are due to Trinity by Sunday, January 8th. Join us and bring a friend!



Registrations are due by January 8th.

## Jr. High Retreat Coming in February!

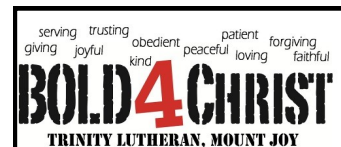
It's time for the annual Jr. High weekend at Camp Mount Luther! This year we'll be learning about boy-brains and girl-brains and why they are so different in the teen years. Get ready for some fun with "waffles" and "spaghetti!"

Youth and their friends in grades 6 through 8 are invited to join us. We will depart at 4:30 on Friday February 24th and return around noon on Sunday, February 26th. The \$60 fee and registration form is due to Michelle

by Sunday, February 5th. Bring along warm clothes, winter boots, personal items, a snack to share, and \$15-\$20 for a breakfast buffet on the way home. We can't wait for this fun weekend with all of you!



Registrations are due by February 5th.



### Wednesday Night Schedule:

5:45pm - 7:15pm

- Sr. High Supper Club  
Trinity Place

6:15 pm - 6:45 pm

- Children's Choir

6:15 pm - 7:15pm

- Preschool BOLD for ages 4 and 5

6:45 pm - 7:45pm

- Elementary & Teen BOLD



Everyone is welcome!

## New Fellowship Group Forming—Joyful Journeys!! Join Us!

Do you like to travel? Visit far-off places? Know of a cool getaway spot closer to home?

Would you like to connect with others who do too, to share stories, get recommendations, and dream about your next travel adventure?

Then we have a group for YOU!

Joyful Journeys fellowship group will have its initial meeting on Sunday January 29th from 4:00 – 5:00 PM in the conference room (the Fishbowl!). Alison Hoke-Fitts will be presenting on the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service and our nation's amazing national park system, and there will be time

for sharing, storytelling, and getting to know each other.

Alison says:

*"The idea for this group popped in my head as I was looking at pictures on Facebook of some Trinity members' vacation photos. I wanted to get more information from them regarding their trips. I wondered what they liked best, what restaurants they would recommend or what they would do differently. We're all often rushed on Sunday morning; the only way to have these kind of conversations would be to set time aside. I then thought: maybe others want to know this kind of thing too!"*

We have members who travel to many places around the country and around the world. We have members who like to travel by plane, by train, by car, by RV. We have members who plan trips that hit famous eateries or national parks. Joyful Journeys will be a place to tell those stories and to hear them, to connect with seasoned travelers, and to make new friends!

If you have questions, contact Alison at [alisoncm@comcast.net](mailto:alisoncm@comcast.net).

Hope you can join us for Joyful Journeys!

Sunday January 29, 4:00 PM



## First Fruits? Stewardship with Marc Spiridigliozzi

*Exodus 23:19 - You shall bring the choice first fruits of your soil into the house of the LORD your God.*

The idea of "first fruits" giving is very simple. When you get paid, your donation to the work of God is made FIRST.

Why? It's simple really—

If you wait and see what the VISA bill will be for the month? Or wait to see what car repairs might spring up? Or wait and see...(you get the point).

"Wait and see" giving means giving from your leftovers. And the scriptures, which mention "first fruits" giving at least 29 times, tell us that the work of God is more important than the contents of a ziplock bag left in the fridge.

But there are other reasons why giving to God first makes sense. Too many of us manage our resources by simply paying (or pushing off) bills as they come in. Giving "first fruits" encourages us to start to budget for life, to build for the future. When we essentially begin each month with less in the bank—because we have supported God's work—we need to be smarter about what we have.

Being smarter means LOOKING at what we have. And when we do that, we naturally start to look at our priorities in spending, and looking (hopefully) at the future.

And while all of this happens, we actually also give our church a chance to plan. I've sat on

council for more years than I care to count, and I can tell you, church life? Church planning? It's a lot more fun—and manageable—when church income is consistent!

So consider "first fruits" giving this New Year. Determine what you can give—remembering what our church gives to us and others—and then commit to giving that amount consistently. And remember, online giving options will make the commitment something binding—and, hopefully, you'll still be giving "first fruits" long after other resolutions have been pushed back until "next year."

In God's Work,

Marc Spiridigliozzi



Coming on February 12th  
Watch for more information!





**The Mount Joy Food Bank is in need of the following items! Please donate if you can!**

- Canned fruit
- Jelly
- Canned pasta with meat (ie. Chef Boyardee)
- Pancake mix & syrup



**Looking For A Way to Serve Trinity That Doesn't Require Much Time?**

Start the New Year by serving at Trinity! Can you offer a small amount of time on a Sunday morning?

We are seeking additional volunteers as Communion Assistants, Greeters and Lectors. Not comfortable with those options? How about donating

communion bread on a Sunday morning?

Check out the bulletin board at the entrance to the sanctuary for possibilities. Simply sign-up where any time slot is open. Coordinators are also needed for 8:30 & 11:00 Communion Assistants and 8:30 Greeters. Ques-

tions can be directed to the church office.

Were you previously contacted about serving on a particular date and you have forgotten when you are scheduled? Then check-out the listing as it is also a helpful reminder.



Sunday volunteers are needed.

**Guatemala Mission Trip 2017—Still Has Openings**

It's not too late to join the mission team heading to Guatemala in Summer 2017! The registration deadline has been extended to January 31st.

Please consider joining our team from July 7 - 15, 2017 as we serve at Hogar Miquel

Magone (Boy's Orphanage) and Hogar Maria Auxiliadora (Girl's Orphanage). At this time the estimated cost for the trip is \$1,500. Trinity will cover a portion of this cost. The amount of Trinity's scholarship has yet to be determined.

Pick up the registration packet at the Mission's Board (by Bagel Café) and contact Elayne Olson with any questions.



Contact Elayne Olson if interested in joining our Guatemala mission team.

**Trinity Offers On-Line Giving!**

For one-time donations or recurring contributions.

Visit our website at [www.trinitymtjoy.org](http://www.trinitymtjoy.org) or scan the QR Code.





Please sort and mark donations by gender and size.

## Free Clothing Giveaway and Community Meal

Donations of “new” and “gently used” clothing, infant through adult, will be accepted beginning Wednesday, January 4th through January 25th. Please mark all donations with gender and size on the outside of each bag or box. Remember to ask family, friends and co-workers if they have any clothing items to donate! Small children's sizes are always in short supply.

The storage POD will be open daily Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm, Wednesday 6-8pm and Sunday mornings. Reminder: DO NOT place items in the Salvation Army collection bin if intended for

Trinity's event. We do not have access to the contents of that container.

Important dates: **Wednesday, January 25th** in the evening when we empty the POD to begin sorting, and then **Thursday, 26th and Friday, 27th** as we sort and organize the clothing. A large group of volunteers will be needed the day of the event, **Saturday, January 28th!** Our doors will open to the public at 9am and close at 12:30pm. A sign-up sheet is located on the Outreach Bulletin Board to volunteer. Even if you can only share a small

amount of time, everyone's help is important and greatly appreciated!

Our Fellowship Committee will be organizing a Community Meal which will begin at 10am until all food items are gone. If you have any questions as to how you can help, please contact Elayne Olson.

Please plan on a day of fellowship with your Trinity family and a day of reaching out to the community and making important connections. This cannot be a success without your help!



Food packs continue to reach Donegal students.

## Power Packs Project Update

Trinity continues to be a strong force in the operation of the Donegal Power Packs Project. Every Thursday afternoon volunteers come together to prepare food packs which are sent home at the end of the school day with enrolled students in the Primary and Intermediate schools. Currently there are 35 families, totaling 80 students, in the Donegal School District receiving food packs.

Our project will continue until May 25, 2017 this school term. Please help “spread the word” to families who may benefit from the project as they may enroll at any time.

Also, any community member or business can support the project as a volunteer or by submitting a monetary donation to The Donegal Foundation. To volunteer, see the

sign-up genius account at <http://tinyurl.com/DPPP201617> for the schedule.

Any questions can be directed to Elayne Olson.



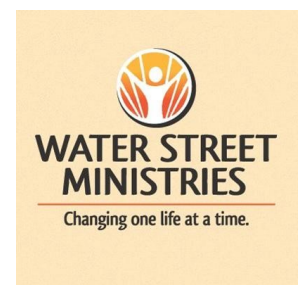
Volunteer to serve at Water Street Mission

## Serving at Water Street Mission—January 7th

Trinity members will start the New Year by serving at Water Street Mission on Saturday, January 7th.

Please keep in mind you do not have to wait until a group is scheduled from Trinity as Water Street is always in need of volunteers. Simply go to [www.wsm.org](http://www.wsm.org)

and click on the “volunteer” button. Create a log-in and then view the calendar for open opportunities. Elayne Olson will assist you if help is needed or if there is a specific date you would like Trinity to serve, just let her know.



# January 2017

*Worship: Traditional 9:45 am Contemporary Worship: 8:30/11:00 am*

*Sunday ROC Education: Children age 2 through Adult: 9:45 a.m.*

<p><b>1</b> New Years Day 10am- Worship</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9am- Yoga</p>	<p><b>3</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 7pm- TrinARTy Small Group</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9am- Yoga 5:45pm- SrHi Supper Club 6:15pm- Children's Choir 6:45pm- BOLD</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9am- Quilting 7:30pm- Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7pm- TLC Game Night</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9am- Fellowship Mtg 10:30am- Water Street Mission</p>
<p><b>8</b> 9:20am- Youth Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9am- Yoga 9:30am- Mom's Group 6pm- Comfort Stitchers</p>	<p><b>10</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 6:30pm- Outreach Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9am- Yoga 5:45pm- SrHi Supper Club 6:15pm- Children's Choir 6:45pm- BOLD 6:45pm- Finance Committee</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9am- Quilting 7:30pm- Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> 9:20am- Youth Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9am- Yoga</p>	<p><b>17</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 7pm- Congregational Council</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9am- Yoga 5:45pm- SrHi Supper Club 6:15pm- Children's Choir 6:45pm- BOLD</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9am- Quilting 7:30pm- Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>20</b> Sr. High Retreat</p>	<p><b>21</b> Sr. High Retreat</p>
<p><b>22</b> Sr. High Retreat 9:20am- Youth Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9am- Yoga 9:30am- Mom's Group</p>	<p><b>24</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9am- Yoga 5:45pm- SrHi Supper Club 6:15pm- Children's Choir 6:45pm- BOLD- Clothing Sorting</p>	<p><b>26</b> Clothing Sorting 9am- Quilting 7:30pm- Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>27</b> Clothing Sorting</p>	<p><b>28</b> Clothing Giveaway &amp; Community Meal</p>
<p><b>29</b> 4pm- Joyful Journeys Meeting</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9am- Yoga</p>	<p><b>31</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group</p>				

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Property	Tracey Olson
Staff Relations	Marc Spiridigliozzi
Worship and Music	Becky Noon
Youth	Scott Everhart

## Volunteer Coordinators

Altar Duty	Cathy Hoffmaster	Greeters, 9:45	Linda Hoffines
Communion Assistants, 8:30	Open	Greeters, 8:30	Open
Communion Assistants, 9:45	Helene Wallauer	Greeters, 11:00	Tom & Tracey Cyr
Communion Assistants, 11:00	Open	Lectors, 8:30	Madolin Heisey
Communion Bread	Cathy Hoffmaster	Lectors, 9:45	Donald Miller
		Lectors, 11:00	Linda Boozer
		Altar Flower Delivery	Open



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