

# Blessings

Trinity Lutheran Church



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

December  
2017

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## Worship Times

### Sunday Morning

10:30 am—Traditional

\*Communion offered on the 1st & 3rd  
Sundays of the month

## Education

### Wednesday Morning

9:45 am—Bible Study

### Sunday

9:00 am—Sunday School

11:30 am—Youth Group

5:00 pm—Confirmation Class

## Advent Greetings To You!

Advent season reminds  
for the preparation of  
Christmas celebration.  
However the meaning of  
Advent is deeper than  
that.

The word “advent” is a  
Latin word which means  
“arrival or coming.” The  
church which includes  
you and I are waiting for

the arrival of our Lord.  
During the advent sea-  
son the church new cal-  
endar begins, we prepare  
for the coming of Jesus  
by remembering his birth  
in Bethlehem.

However waiting is not  
an easy thing. Waiting  
means delay moment or  
action until the arrival or

# Advent Greetings To You!

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occurrence of, or until some event or time, to remain neglected or in readiness. In waiting, Christians anticipating God's coming in glory. This waiting needs preparation with hope. Such hope will fulfill in Christ. The arrival of Christ is not only at the end of the age, or eschaton. We encounter Christ whenever we read the Word, partakes at table and stand for justice and peace.

In waiting, all may not have similar experience like Simeon, but all need to prepare like Simeon. Simeon prepared himself

all his life in waiting to see the salvation. When he saw the infant Jesus, he said, "Lord, now let Thy servant depart in peace...for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation," which we use in our Holy Communion liturgy as Nunc dimittis. Do we have such faith like Simeon to wait for Christ's coming? In advent how we prepare ourselves to receive Christ into our heart and lives. We anticipate his coming in glory and by celebrating his coming to us in Word and Sacrament.

I pray in the words of Pop Benedict XVI for an Advent

Wreath Prayer "Come Jesus; come. Give power to light and to good. Come where falsehood, ignorance of God, violence and injustice predominate. Come Lord Jesus, give power to the good in the world, and help us to be bearers of your light, peacemakers, witness of the truth. Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

May the Holy Spirit help us to prepare ourselves to receive Christ in our hearts and lives!

I wish you all a merry Christmas!

## Celebrations

### Anniversaries

12/11 Jim & Phyllis McCormack  
12/17 Michael & Laura Aughe  
12/22 Julie & Mike Biddle  
12/30 Gary & Phyllis Mezger  
12/30 Shelley & Timothy Peters

### Birthdays

12/9 Jody Fisher  
12/12 Erin Biddle  
12/13 Nick Fruits  
12/17 Timothy Peters  
12/18 Jason Metzger  
12/31 Shelley Peters



# Youth Group Upcoming Events

## TLC Youth Group Christmas Party

Join us on Sunday December 10 at 6:15 pm for dinner and Christmas cheer! Pastor Emmanuel and Brenda will host the dinner at their home. Please bring a \$10 wrapped gift (gender neutral) for the Yankee Gift Exchange.

## TLC Youth Group Lock-In

Friday, January 5, 2018—7 pm to 7 am

Invite your friends! Bring board games, snacks and your favorite drink.



## Bishop's Day for Youth (Grades 8-12)

Saturday, February 10, 2018—9:30 am to 4 pm

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Fishers (See page 9 for details)



## Toboggan Weekend @ Camp Lutherwald

February 24 to 25, 2018

Please sign up on the Mission board if you are interested in going. \$35 per person. Chaperones needed.\*

## Alter Flowers

Thank you to all of you who donate flowers for the altar in celebration of life events and for the glory of God.

- December 3 Campbell's
- December 10 Jody Fisher's Birthday
- December 17 Celebration of Nieces & Nephews
- December 24 Campbell's Merry Christmas
- December 31 Peters' Anniversary

## December

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Week Of	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26
Current Expenses	\$2,2409.00	\$1,632.75	\$1,355.76	\$1,793.05
Restricted Funds	\$15.00	\$128.51	\$15.00	\$10.00
Special Projects	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Deposit	\$2,444.00	\$1,781.26	\$1,390.76	\$1,823.50
Weekly Goal	\$2,474 to meet expenses; \$2,927 to fully fund the budget			

# Giving Report

Ask about electronic giving.

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



Sunday, December 24 at 7 pm

## Church Office Note

If you are unable to do your Sunday Servant position, please make sure to find someone to switch with you! The schedule is posted a month in advance on the bulletin board outside the office. Remember the office work is being handled by our church council members who are full time professionals as well as parents.

## Church Council Members

Tom Coulter - President  
 Steve Thomas - Vice President  
 Tammy Campbell - Secretary  
 Frank Jensen - Treasurer  
 Joyce Wallace - Financial Secretary  
 Jeff Thomas - Member at Large  
 Carol Jensen - Member at Large

<b>Serving</b>	<b>12/3</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>12/17</b>	<b>12/24</b>	<b>12/31</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Valerie C.	Peters	Brehmers	Neumans	Wibergs
<b>Acolyte</b>	Abby T.	Autumn C.	Kobe O	Kylie O.	Ian C.
<b>Lector</b>	Valerie C.	Tim P.	Charlie F.	Amy H.	Barb B.
<b>Children's Church</b>	Amy H. Willow P.	Sandy T. Autumn C.	Anne T. Willow P.	Laura W. Sara H.	Brenda P. Joshua P.
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Amy H.	x	Julie P.	x	Volunteer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	All	Amy H.	Tracy H.	Amy H.	Tracy H.
<b>Music Specialist</b>	John R.	John R.	Charile F.	Valerie C.	Randy G.
<b>Usher Team</b>	Dave W. Logan W.	Gene B. Tom C.	Steve T. Tammy C.	Bob B. Eric W.	Tom C. Gary P.
<b>Counting Team</b>	Valerie C. Eric W.	Steve T. Charlie F.	Logan W. Jody F.	Julie B. Bob B.	Dorothy C. Rick H.

# December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 9 am—S.S. 10 am—Coffee 10:30 am—Worship S. 12 pm—Advent 5 pm—Confirm	<b>4</b> 5:00 pm—Weight Watchers	<b>5</b> 8:30 am—Weight Watchers	<b>6</b> 9:45 am—Adult Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> / <b>8</b>	<b>2</b> / <b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9 am—S.S. 10 am—Coffee 10:30 am—Worship S., Cong. Meeting 5 pm—Confirm	<b>11</b> 5:00 pm—Weight Watchers	<b>12</b> 8:30 am—Weight Watchers	<b>13</b> 9:45 am—Adult Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8 am—Men's Fellowship / Bob Evans
<b>17</b> 10 am—Coffee 10:30 am—Worship S., Voter's Assm. 5 pm—Confirm 6 pm—Youth	<b>18</b> 5:00 pm—Weight Watchers	<b>19</b> 8:30 am—Weight Watchers	<b>20</b> 9:45 am—Adult Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9 am—S.S. 10 am—Coffee 10:30 am—Worship S. 7 pm—Eve S.	<b>25</b> 5:00 pm—Weight Watchers	<b>26</b> 8:30 am—Weight Watchers	<b>27</b> 9:45 am—Adult Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10 am—Coffee 10:30 am—Worship S. 5 pm—Confirm						

**Key**

- S.S.—Youth Sunday School
- Youth—Youth Group
- Confirm—Confirmation Class

# Shop & Swipe Your Kroger Plus Card in 2017

Be sure to re-enroll your Kroger Plus card in 2017. All participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for their chosen organization at [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards). Once you've successfully enrolled and selected Trinity Lutheran as your organization of choice, we

will earn rewards on all eligible purchases you make using your Kroger Plus Card.

You can earn rewards on almost anything, every time you shop. However, there are specific purchases that cannot be included. Alcohol, tobacco, government-assisted prescription purchase, post-

age stamps, Kroger gift cards, reloadable gift cards and debit cards, lottery and promotional tickets, fuel and sales tax are excluded from eligible purchases. Eligible Pharmacy purchases include out-of-pocket co-pays for non-government-assisted Pharmacy programs.

## Homebound Members

We are looking for a team of dedicated volunteers to deliver Holy Communion to our homebound members. Each month our homebound members are divided into geographic groups of no more than 2-3 visits. Our visitors call the folks on their list and arrange a visit time. Doesn't this sound like a great way to serve? Sign up today on the mission board.

### Homewood Healthcare Center

- Keith Burkholder
- Phyllis Mezger

### Essex Healthcare:

- John Battcher, Jr.

### Parkwood Nursing Home:

- Eileen Battcher

### Homebound:

- Jean Myers
- Sandy Neese
- Marilyn Ratcliff



# Education

## Bible Study

Every Wednesday we will discuss the upcoming gospel text for Sunday's service.

**When:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 9:45am to 10:45 am

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

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## Coffee Time

This Fall we would like to introduce coffee time! Why not spend a few minutes with your TLC family and talk about your week.

Enjoy each other company and a cup of coffee!

Beginning September 10, 2017

**When:** Every Sunday

**Time:** 10:00 am to 10:30 am

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

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## Table Fellowship

This is a men's fellowship group that will meet twice a month as we become the men God designed us to be.

Beginning September 16, 2017

**When:** 1st & 3rd Saturday

**Time:** 8:00 am to 9:00 am

**Where:** Bob Evans

## Sunday School

Middle School thru High School

Beginning September 17, 2017

**When:** 1st & 3rd Sunday

**Time:** 9:00am to 10:00 am

**Where:** Youth Group Room

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## Sunday School

Toddler thru Elementary

Beginning September 10, 2017

**When:** During Sermon

**Time:** 10:30 am

**Where:** Preschool Room

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## Confirmation Class

Those going into 7th grade

Beginning September 10, 2017

**When:** Every Sunday Evening

**Time:** 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Where:** Youth Group Room



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# Bishop's Day for Youth

INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD

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**8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders and Adult Mentors**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

Join us on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Carmel, Indiana, for Bishop's Day for Youth. Registration begins at 9:30 am (continental breakfast will be available) and the day begins at 10:00 am. Students in grades 8 through 12, as well as adult chaperones, are invited to join Bishop Bill Gafkjen for conversation, worship, games, workshops, a service project, lunch, and lots of fun. Molly Beck Dean, Director of the ELCA Youth Gathering, will help lead and will share information about this summer's Youth Gathering in Houston.

Register by emailing Pastor Dan Fugate at [dfugate@iksynod.org](mailto:dfugate@iksynod.org). Cost is just \$5 per person.

Overnight housing is available on Friday night. There is also the option of a Friday evening activity. Please let us know if you are interested. We will make it happen!

**Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 3650 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Carmel, IN 46032**



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**THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.**  
2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING