



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

Divine Services: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

THIS WEEK AT

- ▶ **TUESDAY:** God’s Workmanship Class, 6:30 p.m., chapel
- ▶ **TUESDAY:** Work Club Meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Work Room
- ▶ **WEDNESDAY:** Thanksgiving Eve Divine Worship at 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ **THURSDAY:** Thanksgiving Day Divine Worship at 9:00 a.m. Church office closed
- ▶ **FRIDAY:** Church Office Closed

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ANNUAL FUND

Trinity Lutheran has kicked off its Annual Fund campaign. More information about this year’s campaign, which helps support special projects that are over and above the budget, should be arriving in your mailbox very soon.

Donations from this year’s campaign will go toward tuition assistance for school families and to the modular project. The goal for this year is \$36,000.

Trinity Lutheran would like to thank all those who have made donations in the past. The generosity of those donors has accomplished many great things for the kingdom.

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Due to offices closed Thursday and Friday, cutoff for Nov. 24-25 Highlights items are end of day Tuesday the 20th.

Generosity Ministry

The opportunity couldn’t have come at a better time for Jerry Lindstrom. “Ever since my wife’s death this past year, I have had a problem engaging in things,” said Jerry, who is a longtime Trinity member. “I think I just needed a new challenge, an opportunity to do something different.”

The opportunity - via Pastor Golter – was to be the Ministry Team Leader of Trinity Lutheran’s Generosity Ministry Team. “It’s pretty hard to turn down the Pastor,” said Jerry, who has served in many roles at Trinity Lutheran. “I think this will be a great opportunity to educate people about stewardship and being generous with your time and talents. My hope is that the Generosity Ministry Team has a positive effect on our congregation, and to do what I can to help out.”

What a glorious addition to Trinity Lutheran’s ministry and to the Ministry Organizational Chart, which was crafted by the Leadership Council this past year and shared at last month’s congregational forum.

The Ministry Org Chart, which is a high-level “living” document, helps bring clarity to our congregation and provides opportunities for lay people to be involved and the development of the Blueprint for Ministry for our congregation.

“I’m excited about this, to have alignment,” Pastor Golter said of the Ministry Org Chart. “Ministries know to whom to report and how God is working in this place. Active Ministry Teams drive the activity of the church. This is a tremendous opportunity if we can maximize the Ministry Teams.”

A forum is scheduled for Jan. 27 during the Education Hour to further educate the structure and how the Ministry Org Chart is segmented.

‘Tis the Reason

Christmas Decorating will take place on Saturday, December 1, starting at 8:00 am. Please come and help prepare our Sanctuary and Gathering Space for the Advent and Christmas season. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Warner at 563-323-8001, ext. 118

THANKSGIVING HAPPENINGS

Trinity Lutheran will be celebrating Thanksgiving with Divine Services on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday, Nov. 22 at 9 a.m. Make plans to join us in the worship services as we give thanks and celebrate all that God has provided. Also, on Friday, Nov. 23, the church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

LIGHTING PROJECT

In the next couple of weeks, you might notice a difference in the brightness – both inside and outside – on Trinity’s campus.

Trinity is switching out all of its interior fluorescent bulbs to LED lighting in hopes of becoming more energy efficient. The project also will include replacing the orange lights attached to the exterior of the building with bright white lights.

In all, the project will provide cost savings – an estimated monthly of \$600 on our utility bill. Many thanks to John Bremer for leading this project.

ADVENT DINNERS & DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesdays December 5th, 12, & 19th

- * Divine Services at 12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- * Advent Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

GETTING CONNECTED

BIBLE STUDIES THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Bible Study	Day/Time	Location
Pastor Golter study	Sun./ 9:30 am	Fellowship Hall
Pastor Vokt study	Sun./9:30 a.m.	School Library
Women's study	Tues./9:00 a.m.	Church Library
Pastor Golter study	Wed./10:15 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Trinity Men	Sat./7:30 a.m.	Trinity Hall

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Steve & Melissa Pauling in memory of Steve's mother, Barbara.

CARE PACKAGE ASSEMBLY TONIGHT!

This **Sunday the 18th** at 5:30 the Young Adult group is beginning assembly of the Christmas care packages for Navy crew members on the John C Stennis. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and fun along with the packaging! We will also be putting together a care package for member David who is going through 6 weeks of radiation in Rochester. See you there! If you are interested in partnering with us in this effort by contributing items, letters, funding or prayers please contact Linda Gaster (563-340-9778) by **Nov. 22**. Thank you so much!

MEET HIM AT THE MANGER:

All women ages 8 and older are invited to register from now **until Nov. 18** for the annual Prepare for Jesus event, which will be Sunday, Dec. 2 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Materials to register as a table hostess or as an attendee are available in the narthex. This year's theme is, Meet Him at the Manger. Registered attendees will enjoy Christ-centering devotions, music, fellowship, dessert, and beautiful table decorations. Early registration is appreciated - there's only a couple of weeks left to register.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES

The strongest muscle in the human body in proportion to its size is the tongue. As you gather with your family this Thanksgiving, remember the power of the tongue described in James 3:5: *The tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!*; and Proverbs 18:23: *Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Words kill and words give life. They're either poison or fruit. You choose.* Lutheran Family Service can be reached at (563) 359-0696 or 2550 Middle Road, Suite 300 in Bettendorf, IA

DECLARING TO YOU THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Today: New Testament Studies: Luke 1:5-25 The Birth of John Foretold

Next Week: No Sunday School- Thanksgiving Break

7th-8th Grade Study: Cradle to Cross- a Journey through the Book of Luke. Taking a deeper look at the familiar stories to explore how they fit into our lives today.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS

If you would like an easy-to-follow large print Order of Worship Bulletin, they are available from an Usher.

YOU'RE INVITED!

All women of Trinity are invited to join the ladies of LWML for breakfast at The Machine Shed on Saturday, **December 8th** at 9:00 AM. Come for fellowship and to hear about the mission work of LWML. The cost of breakfast is your own. Please call Donna at 322-2510 by November 25th to register.

SUPPORT TRINITY BY SHOPPING AMAZON

Will you be doing your holiday shopping online? Will you be using Amazon to make your purchases? Did you know that your Amazon purchases can make a difference for Trinity Lutheran ChurchSchool? Each time you make a purchase through Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate a percentage of the purchase price to Trinity Lutheran. There are no catches, and no cost to you. All you have to do is go to smile.amazon.com and search and support Trinity Lutheran Church. Make sure you share this great opportunity with your families, friends and neighbors.

IRA CHARITABLE PERMANENT ROLLOVER

Don't miss the chance to make a charitable IRA gift this year! If you are 70 ½ or older and own an IRA, please consider making a charitable rollover gift before Dec. 31. You can make a gift up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to any ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church, such as General Fund, Building Projects Fund, Benevolent Fund, or Trinity Lutheran School Annual Fund. Your gift will:

- Not be included in your taxable income
- satisfy your required minimum distribution for the year
- reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- not be subject to the 50% limitation on charitable gifts
- help the work of Trinity Lutheran ChurchSchool

An IRA charitable rollover is a very simple gift to make. For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact your financial advisor, tax preparer or Michelle Warner, Director-Ministry Support, at 563-323-8001, ext. 118 or e-mail at michelle.warner@trinitydavenport.org.