



# Tidings...

Trinity Lutheran Church  
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35110 Division Road, Richmond, Michigan  
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## Sunday Worship

9:30am

## Un-decorating Day

January 7 following worship

## Have a Little Faith Book Club

Monday, January 8 @ 6pm @ Public Library

## Milestone Ministry Class

Saturday, January 20 @ 10am

## Confirmation Class

Sunday, January 21, 11am-1pm

## Annual Congregational Budget Meeting

Sunday, January 28 following worship

*Financial Reports due Jan. 14*



## Are You Ready to Tune In?

Have you ever sat in church and wondered why are we here? Why Trinity Lutheran when there are other choices in town and some of us may even drive by multiple churches before arriving at Trinity. Each of us have our own stories of why we worship at Trinity and what has drawn us to this specific community of believers. However, we can get comfortable in our own answers to these questions. Our focus shifts to our own well-being and we can at times forget about the world beyond our walls.

The ministries of Trinity are doing a wonderful job of breaking down these walls as we reach out in various ways to our neighbors that we serve locally and even globally. Is there more that we could be doing? Are we preaching the gospel not only in words, but in our actions at all times? The Southeast Michigan Synod invites us to explore these questions in the coming year.

In early December, four of us from Trinity went to Farmington Hills to find out more about the LEAD: Tune-In process that is going to be made available to congregations. This is a part of the Synod wide Rise-Up campaign that we will be hearing more about this new year.

As a congregation, we will be invited to Tune-In to our own community, but also the greater community of Richmond and the surrounding area. We will be exploring what God is calling us to do next. We will be exploring how we can make greater connections with those we interact with. I ask you to keep Trinity in your prayers at this time as we discern what it means to be a church of Christ in Richmond, Michigan. We will also be forming a team to walk through this process. If you are interested and want to hear more, please talk to me as we will be gathering the team together sometime in the first quarter of this year.

I thank all of you for your continued service and being a representation of Trinity Lutheran in the world.



## 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering

Some of our youth are starting to gear up for Gathering this coming June in Houston. They are excited about the opportunities that await them and friends that they will meet. Thank you if you have already invested in our youth going to Houston. If you have not yet, please pray about it and take an envelope from the display board in the fellowship hall. You can choose to give anything from \$1 up to \$500. If all of the envelopes were taken from this board, we would be well on our way to paying for our expenses to Houston. Right now, we are looking at total costs per participant to be around \$1500. We would like to support them as much as possible.

Another opportunity to support the youth will be a Sub Sale that will take place this month and sandwiches will be ready for pick up on Super Bowl Sunday. Look for more information coming soon.

Please  
Pray  
for...



**OUR BLUE WATER CONFERENCE**  
Especially for...  
The ministry of St. Paul Lutheran, Imlay City

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### Sign up for 2018...

The sign-up sheet for 2018 is in the parish hall. Sign up for your favorite month. If you've never served before, but are interested in serving, contact Marilyn Frank @ 810-523-8747.



## Notes from the Congregational meeting on Sunday, December 10, 2017

The purpose of this meeting is to elect 3 council members and to allow the music and worship committee to present the proposed changes to the flooring.

- Three council member terms are expiring. Two members are going off, Mel Hawke and Sharon Macumber. Theresa Kulman has agreed to run for council again.
- Bob Gorr and Kyle Bartels have agreed to run for council.
- There were no nominations from the floor...the vote for these three nominees was unanimous.
- The worship and music committee discussed the new flooring and changes to the front of the church.
- The plan to replace all carpeted areas with carpet and laminate will cost \$11, 500. Currently \$9735 has been donated, so we are still seeking donations for \$1765. Anyone interested in donating can see Howard Stuart or mail a check or place in offering with "carpeting" in memo area.



## Christmas from the heart...

Once again, members of Trinity generously donated items to fill 50 bags for children as part of the Detroit Rescue Mission in Macomb County. The staff at the mission said they could tell that the bags were packed with love and thoughtfulness, and they really appreciated them. They had 500 children on their list this year. 50 more children will experience God's love because of our donations. Thank you!



Outreach team

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## Annual Meeting ~ January 28

Don't forget the Annual Financial/Budget Meeting is Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> following worship to approve the budget for 2018. **Please have your budget reports into the church office by January 14<sup>th</sup>!**

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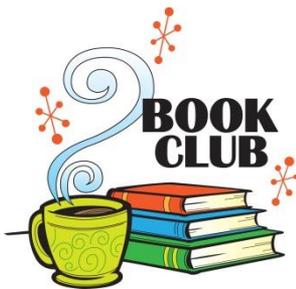
## 2018 Altar Flowers...

The 2018 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Sign up for your favorite date. Cost is \$25 for two vases.



## Church Council highlights – Dec. 4, 2017

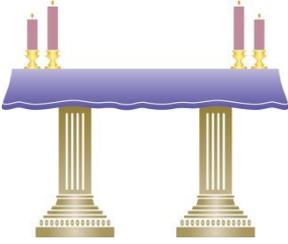
1. Pastor Alex talked about Trinity holding a Blue Christmas service on 12/20 at 7pm. He also stated there will be three services on Christmas Eve this year: 9:30am, 5pm and 10pm.
  2. Pastor informed council he will be on vacation the week between Christmas & New Year's. Vern Kulman will lead the 12/31 service.
  3. Council discussed the progress of the stewardship drive.
  4. Council discussed the new carpet/laminate for the church.
  5. Council talked about setting up this year's audit committee.
  6. Council discussed building the budget for 2018.
  7. We discussed the election of 2 new members for council. We have 2 members, Mel Hawke & Sharon Macumber, coming off council.
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### *"Have a Little Faith"* Book Club @ Public Library...

On Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> we will discuss the book entitled, *"Still Alice"* by Lisa Genova. Alice Howland is proud of the life she worked so hard to build. At fifty years old, she's a cognitive psychology professor at Harvard and a world-renowned expert in linguistics with a successful husband and three grown children. When she becomes increasingly disoriented and forgetful, a tragic diagnosis changes her life—and her relationship with her family and the world—forever.

Join us...all are welcome! For questions, see Pastor Alex.



## Milestone Ministry Class...

On Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am we will have our next Milestone Ministry Class for children. January's Class will focus on Worship and Liturgy. The children will get a basic understanding of why we do the things that we do in worship and what all the part of the sanctuary are. Children in 4th grade and above are invited to attend with their parents. You can let the office or Pastor Alex know of your intentions.

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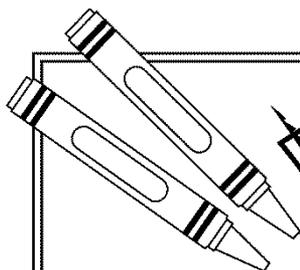
## New council members...

On Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Kyle Bartels, Bob Gorr and Theresa Kulman were elected to Church Council for 2018-2020. We thank Mel Hawke and Sharon Macumber for their service on Council, and for Theresa Kulman who was willing to serve a second term.



Installation of our 2018 Church Council will be held on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> during our 9:30am worship service. We also will welcome into Trinity's membership that day the Bartels Family...Keith, Kyle, Kosette, Kolten and Kinsley.

Let us pray for these members as they fulfill their leadership role here at Trinity, and may God bless them for their willingness to serve.



# PUZZLE

## A NEW CREATION



The apostle Paul says everyone who believes  
in Jesus becomes brand new.



*Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the  
blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.*

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| 12 Judy Wieber        | 26 Judy Pitcel        |
| 14 Sue Fields         | 28 Jennifer Hill      |
| 15 Kelsey Hollenbeck  | 29 Matthew Wernet     |
| 16 Karin Sasser       | 30 Ella Hill          |
| 17 Ava Hill           |                       |

*\*If anyone is missing from our list, please call Carrie  
in the church office, 727.7270.*

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## January Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour Schedule:

*(Check out the new sign-up sheets for 2018 in the parish hall.)*

### **Flowers:**

**Jan. 7-OPEN**

**Jan. 14- Field's in memory of Scott.**

**Jan. 21- Lester Dobberowsky's birthday.**

**Jan. 28-OPEN**

### **Coffee Hour:**

**Jan. 7-OPEN**

**Jan. 14-OPEN**

**Jan. 21-OPEN**

**Jan. 28-OPEN**

**\*\*Please place flower envelopes in Rhonda Hutchins' mail slot at church  
or put in offering plate marked with your name.  
Cost is \$25 for two vases. Thank you!**

# January Scripture Readings...

The following are scripture readings assigned for January. Please use these for your devotional time throughout the week, and you'll be well-prepared for worship on Sunday!



## **January 7, 2018** ..... **Baptism of Our Lord**

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

## **January 14, 2018** ..... **2 Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3:1-20  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

## **January 21, 2018** ..... **3 Epiphany**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

## **January 28, 2018** ..... **4 Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28



# Trinity's Organization & Committee Members

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YOUTH .....	OPEN

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