



TRINITY TIDINGS



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*“The Word of God...lives and abides forever...All flesh is as grass,
and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers,
and its flower falls away, but the Word of the Lord endures forever”*
(1 Peter 1:23-25).

As I look back upon the year 2016, I'm reminded of the countless blessings that God has bestowed upon His redeemed children – new life, improved health, prosperity for some who'd been struggling, new job opportunities, graduations, etc. But there were also significant challenging as well – especially for Christians throughout the world, including the family of faith whom the Lord gathers around His Word and Sacraments at Trinity Lutheran Church. Eight of our members died, others experienced great hardship as a result of poor health, financial difficulties, employment struggles, relational issues, etc. Such events prove we live in a sin-filled and fallen world, so thanks be to God our Lord continues to be gracious and merciful and reminds us that *His Word endures forever* in spite of the evils that are spawned by the devil as he struggles in the throes of his defeat.

What will 2017 bring? Certainly no one knows what will unfold, but as God's people who have been incorporated into Christ by God-given faith, we do know that 2017 will be another year of His grace and mercy, just as 2016 was despite the hardships. He will continue to shower us with His love and mercy and sustain us by His Word and Sacraments. Christ may even come to deliver the fullness of the salvation that He won for us by His grace alone before 2017 runs its full course. Either way, we can greet the New Year humbly, penitently, prayerfully, and always looking up in true faith in Christ with great expectation.

“Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”*

*Now greet the swiftly changing year
With joy and penitence sincere.
(Refrain)*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.
Remember now the Son of God
And how He shed His infant blood [at his circumcision].
(Refrain)*

*This Jesus came to end sin's war;
This Name of name for us He bore.
(Refrain)*

*His love abundant far exceeds
The volume of a whole year's needs.
(Refrain)*

*With Him as Lord to lead our way
In want and in prosperity.
(Refrain)*

*“All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth!” the angels cry.
(Refrain)*

*God Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
To all our please incline your ear;
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.*

God's blessings!

+ The Lord be with you +

With Christ's Everlasting Peace,
Pastor

P.S. - My family and I want to thank all of you for the wonderful, cards, goodies, and gifts that you provided us throughout this Christmastide season! God's blessings to you and your family.

*Cithara Sanctorum, Levoca, 1636; Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year; LSB #896;
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**Fellowship
Committee**

PARISH FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Parish Fellowship Committee will be having a meeting on Saturday, January 21st at 10:00 a.m. to discuss ideas and events for 2017.

A light brunch will be served.
Anyone interested in being a part of the fellowship committee is welcome to attend the meeting.



LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE

The Lutheran Witness Magazine is the flagship magazine of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

It is a monthly publication that offers synodical news, reports from Lutherans around the world, features, columns, Q&A's, a Bible study, and much more.

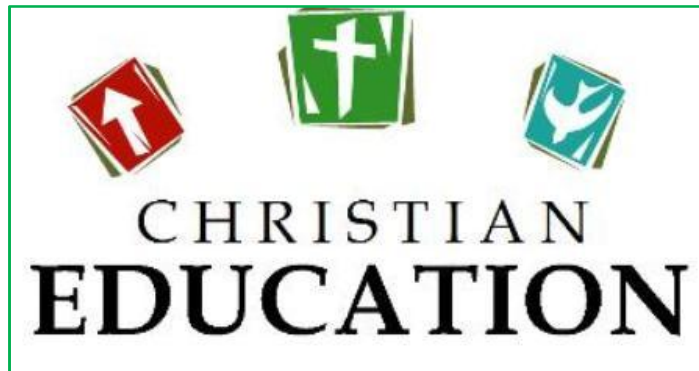
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The cost for a one-year subscription is \$15.00.

The deadline for subscriptions is January 27.

A new subscription begins with the March issue.

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Happy New Year from Christian Education!

Most of us make resolutions at the start of the year to lose weight, eat healthier or to start exercising. Some of us may have decided to try to spend more time with family and friends. Some of us may try getting out of debt or saving more money.

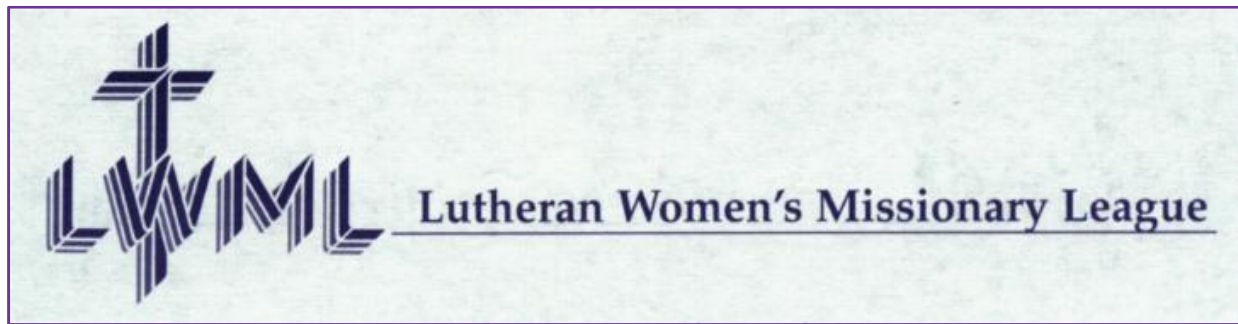
All of these ideas are great, but what about a resolution to learn about the Triune God. Some of the ways could be is to send your children to Sunday School and for you to attend Bible Study. Another great suggestion is to read your Bible at home or to try a family devotion.

The children are learning about the life of Jesus and the many miracles he performed. Please ask your children what they learned in class and what Bible verse they learned for the day.

Lastly, we currently have no substitutes for our teachers if they are sick, have family or work obligations. Please prayerfully consider if you could be a back-up when needed. The kids are great and fun to be around.

Jennifer Loftis





Well, the Christmas luncheon at The Grand Inheritance Mansion has come and gone. I have heard a lot of positive comments so I am assuming it was a success, in fact, one lady said if we do it again next year, she would like to invite a friend. Carol Hall and Judi Kemp joined us; and I was delighted to have my two granddaughters by marriage and my daughter-in-law with me. Jennifer Knapp was, also, there along with our church secretary, Lucye Durham. I won't go into all the attendees; just thank you all for coming. The food was wonderful, the room was lovely, and we got a history of the mansion from one of the owners. I wish I had set up a tour of the house when I set up the reservations; that has to be done ahead of time. Maybe another time if there is enough interest.

A new cookie list is up.....it is waiting for your name. We have had some delicious new items, I hope, you have all enjoyed them. The fellowship and laughter around the goodies and the coffeepot is awesome. Thanks to Loren for always seeing that the coffeepot is full.

LWML served at one of the Advent suppers with the help of Debbie Scott and Patty Welch. Some other ladies volunteered, but we just made it simple. Thank you for caring all of you. We will be serving again at one of the Lenten services this year.

The LWML Spring Prayer Service will be on April 29th. 2017, at Concordia Lutheran in Nashville. Concordia is one of our oldest churches and the ladies are extremely dedicated. Think about whether that is something you would be interested in. We carpool from the church.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Rosalie



Celebrating New Years is a celebration of the past and the future. We take stock of the past with thanksgiving and sometimes even relief (that it's over), and we look to the future in the hope and anticipation and perhaps even worry of what it holds.

The point is that New Year's celebrations remind **us** of who we are as opposed to who we would like to be; what we have done in comparison to what we want to do. It reminds us of our accomplishments, but mostly it reminds us of our failures. What we've lost. Who we've lost.

New Years is our own version of Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*. And we all play Scrooge. We are visited by the ghosts of our pasts, presents, and futures.

St. Paul writes: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may **abound** in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:6–15).

St. Paul tells us that the Lord of all will both supply and increase what you need to give to the church for its work in and for the world. He tells us that this work that God is doing in us will enrich and bless us in every way and through this it will produce thanksgiving to God. With this in mind, here is some practical advice to help you take stock of your giving of years past, which will help you to change what needs to be changed, improved, or done away with altogether.

First, attend the Divine Service to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. If you've not been faithful in attending worship to hear the preaching of God's Word, to receive forgiveness, and feast of the rich food of our Lord's body and blood for the eternal benefit of your body and soul, then repent and come to receive the gifts God freely gives. God doesn't want your money. He wants you—all of you (Matt 22:20–22).

Second, pray for the Lord's help. Your right as a Christian is to speak with your Father, the King of all creation, freely through His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength and wisdom to follow His bidding faithfully (John 15:1–16).

Third, consider what the Church is and what the Church does. The Church is a mercy place. It inhales the mercy of the Father by the death, resurrection, and ascension of His Son through the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments. It exhales this mercy in love toward the neighbor. You are a member of the Church, of God's family. Thus, you are not only a recipient of God's mercy, but a bearer of that mercy for the life of the world. You spread that mercy in showing mercy through the generous giving of your income to support the work of the Church in and for the world, as the Israelites did in the Old Testament (Lev 27:1–34).

Fourth, take stock of your current giving in light of the New Testament's teaching on supporting the work of the Church. Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what's left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? The Old Testament required a tithe, ten percent. The New Testament gives freedom to be generous, to give more for the Church's work. Are you relying on God's promise to provide and increase what you need to do His work? If your answer is no to any of these, repent. If God gave you His only Son, will He not provide for you all things, even physical things? Trust Him, His Word, and heed it.

So, don't let your past define your future. Rather, commit for the year a generous proportion of your income, which is God's gift to you for this body an

TRINITY BUDGET

God's richest blessings to each of you as the New Year unfolds. "Thank you!" to everyone who after prayerful consideration increased their giving so that Trinity could meet its 2016 budgetary obligations. We rejoice and give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow!

Thank you once again your continued support so that all we do gives Glory to God.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you need a box of offering envelopes, please contact Lucye in the church office at secretary@trinitygallatin.org. or call 615-452-3352.

A new box of offering envelopes will be placed in your mailbox at Trinity.





News from Trinity/HOPE

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep congregations informed about our activities.

Trinity/HOPE, a not-for profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is daily shared. It is blessed to have numerous supporters in this church.

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Facebook: trinityhopehaiti

Precious Little One

By Kim Beihl

There I was kneeling down and those little brown eyes of devastation were starring right into mine. See we were on our way to visit a school on the island of Île-à-Vache and as we were walking up the muddy path I looked to my right and saw three young girls coming from their home to see why these Americans were walking by. I first noticed the two older girls but right behind them was this precious little one who was nearly two years old. There she stood. Her nose running, her eyes red, her little feet muddy, her clothes filthy, and her hair showing tints of orange. She was sick and hungry. I knelt down and reached for her hand and she slowly reached for mine. It took everything in me not to burst into tears in front of her, but instead



she started to cry. I realized I probably scared her or made her nervous. All I wanted to do was just pick her up and hold her and calm her and wipe her tears, but I knew that would only scare her more. So I handed her a little cross that read "Jesus Loves You" and I stood up and waved good-bye. As I turned to walk up the hill I could no longer hold back the tears. The flood gates had opened. So many questions were running through my mind, but then I realized would those little girls ever get to go to school? Would they be able to receive a meal of rice and beans every day? Would they hear of the love of Christ?

While seeing that little girl was completely devastating to me, I recognized how blessed we are as the ministry of Trinity/HOPE to be the vessels in which the Lord provides not only life in food, but eternal life through the death and resurrection of His son. I not only will continue to pray for all the children in the schools supported by Trinity/HOPE, but I now pray with urgency for those children, like the previous one I knelt beside, that they will be able to go to school someday, receive a meal, and hear of the great love of our Heavenly Father!



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RECYCLING NEWS

Thanks to everyone who continues to remember to bring in their aluminum cans for recycling.



And remember

- Please rinse your cans before bringing them in to the church recycling bin.
- If possible, pull the tabs off and put them in a separate bag. *(we give the 'pull-tabs' to the Ronald McDonald House which they greatly appreciate)*
- We can only accept aluminum drink cans
- All money collected from recycling goes to the Trinity General Fund.

Thank You

On behalf of our 'angels' here at Trinity,
I would like to thank you for
sharing God's love through your loving generosity.
You have helped make the Christmas season even brighter.

Many Thanks and Blessings,
Jessica and Jeremy Owen,
Trinity Angel Tree



HENRIETTA CHURCH MOUSE'S PAGE

Henrietta Church Mouse Here!

What a wonderful and delightful surprise it was to find Christmas cards and gifts awaiting me in my mailbox home. I loved each and every one of them.

Thank you for making this wee little mouse such a big part of our church family.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Until next month...

Henrietta Church Mouse in Residence





LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church*. Lutheran Hour Ministries produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast, as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 30 countries. LHM's flagship program, **The Lutheran Hour**, is the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program. It airs weekly on more than 1,600 stations. For more information, visit www.lhm.org or call 1-800-876-9880.

Here are the area radio stations that broadcast The Lutheran Hour:

<u>The Lutheran Hour</u>					
<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WNKJ	Dickson, TN	98.9	FM	Sun	9:00 PM
WNRZ	Dickson, TN	91.5	FM	Sun	9:00 AM
WECV	Gallatin, TN	93.9	FM	Sun	9:00 AM
KAWZ	Nashville, TN	105.5	FM	Sun	10:00 AM
WCRT	Nashville, TN	1160	AM	Sun	9:00 AM
WECV	Nashville, TN	89.1	FM	Sun	8:00 AM
WNAH	Nashville, TN	1360	AM	Sun	4:00 PM
WSM	Nashville, TN	650	AM	Sun	8:00 AM

WE THANK GOD
FOR THESE CELEBRATIONS IN JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Onok Akuai
- 1 Adela Klein
- 1 Gene Lehmann
- 1 Didumo Olok
- 1 Akoth Omot
- 4 Cristina Shaw
- 11 Nancy Deputy
- 11 Jimmy Gragg
- 12 Donna Meyer
- 14 Karsten Gardner
- 15 Emily Riley
- 22 Elora Beth Howard
- 26 Elena Alvarado
- 27 Susan Gramse
- 28 James Richardson
- 30 David Coleman



ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Jeremy & Jessica Owen (2007)

SERVANT SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2017

PASTOR

Kenneth B. Shaw

ELDER

Clyde Schroeder

OFFERING COUNTERS

Loren Replogle & Tim Hartley

ALTAR STEWARD

Stacy Shaw

GREETERS

Linda McCormick & Rosalie Replogle

USHERS

Tim Hartley & Chris Loftis - Center Aisle

Rick & Zachary Halliburton - Side Aisles

ACOLYTES

January 1 - Gabriel Alvarado

January 8 - Kristina Levan

January 15 - Elena Alvarado

January 22 - Isadora Hygrell

January 29 - Brandon Levan

VOLUNTEER CLEANING SCHEDULE

December 25 – 31 – Vacant

January 1 – 7

January 8 – 14

January 15 -21

January 23- 27

January 29 – February 4 – Dennis & Louise French