

Trinity Lutheran December Tidings 2015



Advent I – Sunday November 29
 Advent II – Sunday, Dec 6
 Advent III – Sunday, Dec 13
 Advent IV – Sunday, Dec 20 and
 its TLC's Children's Christmas
 Program – no communion
 Christmas Eve Service – Dec 24 @
 7pm w/Holy Communion
 Lessons & Carols – Sun, Dec 27
 No Gathering Classes for kids

Sunday, Dec. 6th its FOOD
 Donation Sunday.

Please remember to
 bring in non-
 perishable items for
 the Community Food
 Bank for the holidays.



Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne

and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

**Caecilian Club Community
 Christmas Music Hymn Sing** is



Sunday,
 December 6th
 at Wesley @
 7:00 pm

**Happy Birthday TLC's Pastor Gill
 Krouse – December 9th**

Church office will be closed on
 Thursday, Dec. 24th and Friday, Dec.
 25th as well as Thursday, Dec. 31 and
 Friday, Jan. 1st for the holidays.

**Council Meeting @ 6:30 -
 Monday, December 14th**

**Christmas Caroling
 December 8,
 2015**



We will meet at the
 church at 6:00 p.m.

Songbooks will be

handed out at this time.

We will leave the church no
 later than 6:30 p.m.

Remember -Practice for our
 Children's Christmas Program which is
Every Sunday until December 20th
 Parents – please mark your calendars
 and have your children present for the
 3 Sunday's before the event. Thanks,
 Gathering Team

Children's Christmas Program

Join Us Sunday

**December 20, 2015
at 10:15 am**

*"The Coming of the
Messiah"*



Note of Thanks!

I would like to thank everyone for making my 100th birthday very special. It will always be a memorable day for me and my family. Thanks to my family, guests, friends and my church family for sharing in the special service. The music was beautiful. Our special thanks to Amy Richards & Amy Hanes for a beautiful reception for my party and who are always willing and ready to be our host. *Thanks to all, Inez Clevenger*



**A "Blue Christmas" Service
7:00 pm**

**December 16th
At Trinity Lutheran**



A time of remembrance as the long nights of winter approach, including the upcoming longest night of the year. Life's journey may find the holidays a difficult time to celebrate, *but join us for a service of candle-lighting, scripture, prayer & inspirational music.*



**Community Lights
in the Park
December 4th from
6:00-10 pm**
**Sign up on the
bulletin board for
a shift at either
gate.**

Don't forget to pick up your copy of the Lutheran Indian Ministries Advent Devotions 2015! These devotionals are a wonderful way to spend time everyday preparing our hearts and celebrating the birth of our Savior.

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**Giving Tree – please
put gloves & hats on the
tree again this year!**

The hats & gloves are needed again this year for the Community Help Center to fill their Christmas baskets. We will collect the items on Monday, December 14th.



Also, there will be Christmas tags from the ELCA Good Gifts for World Missions. IF you are interested in giving in this way, **just take a Christmas tag off the tree and donate.**

****We will adopt a local family who needs help with their Christmas lists**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

also again this year. Check the Christmas tree for gifts to buy.

Our Christmas tree is up in the Narthex and you may continue to share **Christmas Cards** with Trinity (and save postage) on it as well.



Join us for Trinity's Christmas Eve Service – Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Music starts at 7pm and Service is at 7:30pm with Holy Communion

"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2



Come worship and rejoice in the birth of our Savior on Sunday, December 27th. Bev Thornburg will be leading us in "Lessons & Carols."

Reminder - the Community Help Center will be using the church during the day Dec. 16th & 17th

Merry Christmas and JOY, PEACE, & HOPE to the World!

Trinity Staff & Council

Don't forget Christmas Eve Fellowship!

Please stay for appetizer/finger foods & cookies along with some great fellowship for all -right after TLC's Christmas Eve Service. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to bring snacks to share.



Thanks to all those who donated shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child.

Trinity fixed up 47 boxes that will travel the world to children for the holidays.

Blessings from Gloria & Susan

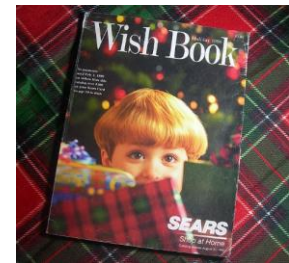
Order Christmas Poinsettias



Orders poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary on Christmas Eve! Please indicate the loved one your poinsettia is to be in honor/memory of. Return the form to the Church Office with your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church or with cash payment. Deadline for all orders and payments are due no later than Friday, Dec. 18th. Please take your poinsettia home after the service on Christmas Eve.

A couple of weeks ago when I was beginning to think about Advent and Christmas,

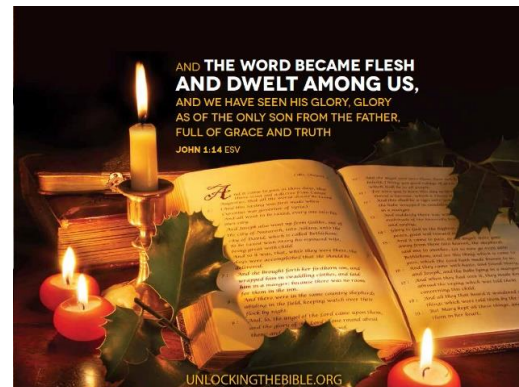
I came across an article entitled: *THE WISH BOOK* by Bob Kaylor. The article is about his memories as a child growing up in the 60's during the Christmas season. One of his best memories was the arrival of the 600-some page SEARS WISH BOOK in the mail. The Wish Book had everything a kid could possibly desire, and every year he couldn't wait to take a flair pen and circle all the stuff he wanted for Christmas.



He writes, *"I cross-referenced the ads in the Wish Book with the commercials I watched every Saturday morning during Scooby Doo and the Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Hour, and in a few months, I had a pretty good idea of what I wanted, and what to expect when I got it. Except that it rarely worked out that way in reality. In fact, The Wish Book often failed to deliver. My Wish Book never really turned out how I hoped it would, and yet, every Christmas, I went back there hoping that I would find the perfect toy that would satisfy all my dreams. It never happened, of course."*

I suspect all of us have similar stories of Christmas wishes that never quite panned out. But that hasn't stopped any of us regardless of how old we are to keep hoping and wishing for things we really want in life. Some of us wish for days gone, for loved ones we miss who are no longer sitting next to us on Christmas Eve. I know there are many people who are hoping that their wishes will finally come true this year. I am not really speaking of material gifts, but of important things like where they can find forgiveness for past mistakes or peace of mind in a world that doesn't seem to be interested in peace at all. I also know people who are wishing for nothing more than a little bit of happiness before they die. I think it is important to know that someday you are going to die. Rick Warren in one of his sermons says that *"You're not ready to live until you're ready to die."* **Fortunately, the good news is, that's what Christmas is all about. That's why God sent Jesus Christ.**

Romans 1: 17 says *"God makes us ready for heaven when we put our faith in Christ to save us."* The only way all our wishes will be granted is if we find our life through trusting Christ. All our wishes can come true if we give them to God. God says he will take care of our past regrets, our present problems and our future fears.



Now back to Bob Kaylor's story about The Wish Book. He writes, *"All those wishing folks will be gathered in our churches on Christmas Eve and we have the opportunity to open the ultimate Wish Book, **The Word of God** and to point out to people that the things they wished for most have already been delivered in the **gift of Jesus Christ**. The things we wish for most deeply come true when we belong to him!"*

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas.

Love in Christ Jesus, *Pastor Gill*