



# Trinity Lutheran Church and School

To reach up in worship, reach out through evangelism, and reach in by discipleship

## Church Announcements For The Week of December 20, 2015



### Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:30 am service will follow p. 184 Setting 3 HC  
Opening #357; Sermon #509; H/C 934, 935;  
Closing #361

10:45 am Contemporary Worship Service  
You Are Invited to Our Adult Bible Study  
at 9:45 a.m. in our church library.



Today, the flowers are placed on God's altar by Nancy Alex, with loving thankfulness and joyful memories as the Holiday Season approaches.

The altar flowers for Christmas Day are given by Karla O'Shea, remembering that all of our blessings should be treasured each and every day.



Sanctuary Choir: "Will We Know Him?"

Don Besig and Nancy Price

Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem to be born in a lowly stall?

Are we ready to greet the tiny little King who will come to save us all?

Are we ready for the star of Bethlehem to appear, in the sky?

Are we ready to follow anywhere it leads, and let its light fill all our lives?

Prepare ye the way for the King of Glory, once again proclaim the wondrous story.

God will send His own true Son, but will we know Him when He comes?

Are we ready for the song of Bethlehem to declare our Savior's birth?

Are we ready to join the angels as they sing and spread the news to all on earth?

Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem, God's true and promised Son?

Are we ready to greet the tiny little King and will we know Him when He comes?

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT TRINITY:



The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this congregation in the belief and confidence that in this Sacrament, Christ is truly present, giving us His body and blood, in, with and under the forms of bread and wine (**1 Corinthians 10:16, Mark 14:22-24**). As Christians (and specifically as Missouri Synod Lutherans), we believe that it is through Jesus Christ alone that we have the hope of eternal life. We believe that we are sinners in need of forgiveness and that in the Lord's Supper, God gives that forgiveness, strengthens our faith, and strengthens our union with Him and each other (**Romans 3:23, Matthew 26:26-28**). As Christians, we also believe that as we come to the Lord's Supper, we are making a commitment to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit (**2 Timothy 2:19, Romans 8:6**).

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or confirmed, or who hold to a doctrinal position differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor (**1 Corinthians 11:27-29**). At Trinity we practice Close Communion as adopted by our Synod in Convention.

**ALCOHOL CONTENT IN WINE:** The "red" wine in the chalice and in the outer rings of the communion cup tray contains alcohol. The "white" wine in the center of the tray is de-alcoholized wine (alcohol nearly 100% removed). You may use the red or white wine in the tray but please remember that the chalice has only "red" wine with normal alcohol content.

**Q: Typical question asked by visitors: Can only LCMS members take communion at Trinity Burr Ridge?**


**A:** The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has never understood or applied the historic practice of close[d] Communion in such a way as to mean that only LCMS members are permitted to commune at LCMS altars.


The official position of the Synod is that not only are members of other Lutheran churches with whom we are in altar and pulpit fellowship invited to commune with us, but also that in certain extraordinary cases of pastoral care and in emergencies members of churches not in fellowship with us may be given Communion. The Synod stated, for example, in 1986 "that pastors and congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod continue to abide by the practice of close Communion, which includes the necessity of exercising responsible pastoral care in extraordinary situations and circumstances" (**1986 Res. 3-08 "To Maintain Practice of Close Communion"**). Please see [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) for more information.



**Gluten Free Communion Wafers Available Upon Request** ~ Please request from Pastor Bob at least 10 minutes before the service.


# Church News

	<p><b><i>Our Holiday Worship Schedule (invite a friend or neighbor):</i></b></p> <p><b>Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 at 4:30pm HC Contemporary, 6:30 PM HC Traditional and 10:00 PM (Candlelight)</b></p> <p><b>Traditional Christmas Day, Friday, December 25 at 10:00 AM HC</b></p> <p><b>*NO CHURCH*, Saturday, December 26 at 6:30pm</b></p>	
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	<p>The Church office is closed for the holidays:</p> <p>Thursday, December 24 and Friday December 25</p> <p>Wednesday, December 30; Thursday, December 31; and Friday, January 1</p>
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<p>No empty spots left for this year. The new flower calendar for 2016 is now up and ready for people to sign up. Sign up early to get your favorite date. The cost is \$40. Thank you for helping us beautify the altar. ~ The Altar Guild.</p>	
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	<p>Thank you to everyone who donated new hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens. 328 items were collected at church. This includes 117 items that were donated at the Ladies Aid Advent Tea. School families also donated 215 items for a grand total of 543 items. Lutheran Child and Family Services will certainly put all these winter items to good use.</p>	
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	<p>CPH has made something new for the people in the pews. It is called the Good News Gazette - it is sort of a newspaper, sort of a catalog, sort of a flyer. And it features only our favorite books that speak to real-life, regular church people about the gifts God has for them. We're talking about books for babies, kids, teens, men and women, devotionals, coloring books, biographies, and of course, Bibles. Check out the Good News Gazette on the Narthex table. It offers extra savings on sales prices that are exclusive to the Gazette.</p>
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## Youth News

	<p>Week of Hope 2016 ~ The deadline to sign up for the middle school trip to Kenosha is January 31. There is still time to register and the number of participants can increase. The trip is Sunday, July 24, until Friday, July 29. The cost of the week is \$400. During the week they have the opportunity to serve throughout the Kenosha area with about 100 other youth and adults, worship God, fellowship with one another and enjoy some fun free time events. Sign up with Mr. Grady or in the Youth Room.</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SAVE THE DATE!</b></p> <p>The Winter Jam Concert is <b>January 29, 2016</b> at the Allstate Arena. This year's Winter Jam line-up includes: For King and Country, David Crowder, Matthew West, Red, Side-walk Prophets, Trip Lee and more..</p>
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<p>The youth group's Little Caesars pizza sale fund raiser will begin the first week of January with pickup on February 3 after 3pm. This is a fantastic fund raiser for our youth.</p>	
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	<p><b>Feed My Starving Children:</b> The youth are scheduled to work on Monday, December 21 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. They leave the school at 1:45pm and will return at 6:30pm. The plan is to go out to eat after the packing. There is a \$5 donation fee for Feed My Starving Children.</p>
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<p>The Christmas Gathering will take place on Sunday, December 20. We will begin at 6:00pm and will conclude at 8:00pm. You must sign up for this event since the Youth Board will be preparing dinner for you. Friends are invited to attend. Each person attending should bring a \$10 gift card for our gift exchange.</p>	
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# Church News



Everyone who purchased Panera gift cards from the school, please check the balance on the card to make sure it is correct. If you have questions, please call the school at 708-839-1444.



**San Pablo Mission in Aurora Collection:** 36 large bins of food were collected by the school. Toys were collected from Church members and a \$1200 offering was collected at Trinity's School Musical. The plastic bins and some of the food was provided by Thrivent Financial. **What a blessing to give at this time of year!**

Epiphany Worship Service is scheduled for  
Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 7:00pm



## COME AND JOIN THE BELL AND/OR SANCTUARY CHOIRS!!!

**The Bell Choir** plays in church, at the 8:30am services only, about once a month, and we have weekly rehearsals. The Bell Choir rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings in the church narthex from 6:30 to 7:15pm. The ability to read music is not required, but helpful, and anyone high school age and beyond is most welcome to join us!

**The Sanctuary Choir** sings in church, at the 8:30am services only, and also has Wednesday evening rehearsals, in the church balcony, from 7:30 to 8:15pm. We sing in unison, 2-part and 4-part harmony formats, and all voice parts are needed and welcome! We sing anthems from the 16th Century right up to the present, and, WE HAVE LOTS OF FUN! I am also considering a new choir!

**The Bella Voce Choir**, consisting of soprano and alto voices only. If this new choir comes to fruition, they would sing in church about once a month. The ability to read music, is helpful, but not required, and anyone high school age and beyond is most welcome to join us! If you are at all interested or have any questions, please contact me! We would love to have you join us as we serve our God together! Howard Eggert



Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study ~ We are studying **John I, II, III**. I have several extra study guides. You are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings as your schedule allows. We meet behind the fireplace.



You are invited to join the Thursday night TLC Bible Study. We will be studying "**The Lutheran Difference: Angels and Demons**", a CPH Bible study. We meet at 6:45 p.m. in the school conference room the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month. We welcome new members. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Wendte at 630-455-1775.



Wednesday TLC Group Bible Study will begin our year with an eight session study of "**Angels**". Do angels have wings and fly? Do they protect us from accidents? Will we become angels? Misconceptions about angels abound. Come and discover the wonderful ministry angels have in our lives. Join us in the church library at 10:30am. We normally meet the second, fourth and fifth (if there is one) Wednesday each month from 10:30am - 12:00pm. For more information contact Rob Grady 708-839-1200 ext #243



The Friday evening TLC Bible Study is hosted by Cliff and Judy Gustafson at her home. They are enjoying the book: **Heaven and Hell - The Edge of Eternity**. This book uncovers misunderstandings people have about life after death and tells the biblical truth about heaven and hell. They meet the 2nd and 4th Friday at 7:00pm.

The Friday morning women's Bible study meets on Fridays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the **conference room**. Deaconess Phaedra Serbus (wife of Pastor Serbus from St. John, Darien) will be leading our study again this year. We will start with a study of **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy**. We will be exploring themes of vocation and service throughout these two books. Please join us for this weekly study. If you have any questions feel free to contact Phaedra at pserbus@hotmail.com or 314-223-1873.



# Church News



## Are you tired of being a couch potato?

Looking for a way to work out at NO COST to you? Come out to volleyball in the Trinity Lutheran school gym! We meet every Monday, at 7:15 pm and play for approximately an hour and a half. You don't have to be good, just willing to have some fun and perhaps brush up on a few skills. Everyone 18 or older is invited. It's also a great way to help a friend become familiar with our school and church. If you can't come every Monday, just come when you can. We do not play on nights when there is a voter's meeting scheduled so check the church calendar on our website at: <http://www.tlbr.org/> to confirm scheduled dates. If you have questions, call Keith Wendte at 630-455-1775. See you there!



**To Prepare For Next Week's Worship Service Read:  
Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40**



## School News



2015-16 theme: **Grace Alone – Life Together** “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

The faculty and staff of Trinity Lutheran Church and School wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

CHRIST-CENTERED  
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The entire school facility will be closed during the two week Holiday; this includes KEEP/Extended Care. This will give the cleaning crew an opportunity to do a thorough cleaning and to wax the floors.

Congratulations to 2012 Alums Beatrice Balsevicius and Joseph O'Shea for being recognized as Class of 2016 Illinois State Scholars from Hinsdale South High School.

February 19<sup>th</sup> will be the **Taste of Trinity**. The PTL will be once again sponsoring this wonderful delicious event highlighting the many ethnic foods made by the families of Trinity.

Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity will offer Career Day for our students. If you would like to speak to a small group of students about **your career choice** please let us know. If you have a friend or colleague that would love to share their experience with the children please have them call the school office at 708-839-1444. Thanks.

### Special Upcoming Dates:

- Father Son Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am (Church basement)
- Jan 25-29 - - School Choice Week and Open House everyday 9-2
- AIM Wellness Family/Parenting Seminar Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm
- Career Day – February 26<sup>th</sup>
- AIM Wellness Family/Parenting Seminar Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm
- March 6-11 - -Lutheran Schools Week
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> - - Special School Celebration during Church with Alumni Open House following the 10:45 service
- Annual Speaking contest Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm
- Prayer Walk - March
- Early Childhood End-of-Year Celebration May 12<sup>th</sup>
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Class trip to Washington DC May 25-29
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm

Mr. Landgrave

Thought of the Week: At Christmas, shivers in the spine have nothing to do with climate. Songs are sung not with the lips but with the heart. And light comes not from utilities but from the heavens. Author Unknown

You can follow Mr. Landgrave on Twitter at @AaronLandgrave



## Community News



St. John Lutheran Church, 7214 South Cass Ave, Darien, is hosting a Planes, Trains, & Automobiles Plastic Kit & Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet on January 16, 2016 from 9am - 3pm. It will offer model enthusiast exhibits and merchandise galore whatever mode of transportation they prefer. There will be at least two operating model railroad layouts and over 60 vendor tables selling kits and model railroad-related items on two levels which are handicapped accessible with an elevator. The family-friendly event will also offer food and raffle prizes. Admission is \$5 for adults, and \$2 for youth (12 - 17 Years old). Children under 12 and Scouts in uniforms are FREE! Proceeds will help support the St. John Youth Group's trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



Epiphany and Christmas Concert ~ Sunday, January 3, 2016 at 3:00pm. The concert will be held at Salem Lutheran Church in Homewood (18324 Ashland Avenue), located just south of W. 183rd St. at Ashland Ave. In its 30th year, they are pleased to present both a traditional and contemporary Christmas carol performance. The attendees are requested to join in signing on selected Christmas carols. Salem Lutheran Church is handicapped accessible and has a large parking lot adjacent to the church.



Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry) is having a retreat/workshop on January 16 and 17, 2016 and on March 5 and 6, 2016 at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer in Lemont on Alvernia Manor's campus. The holidays are especially hard for those who are widowed. Missing your spouse is a special loss. This program is designed to help the widowed find hope & joy again. For more information please contact 708-354-7211. You can also see a short video on our website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org).

### Historic St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Soup Kitchen, 2108 W. 21st Street, Chicago, IL 60608. St.

Matthews continues to feed thousands of men and women who live in the streets. This Christmas a special Christmas dinner will be served on Tuesday, Dec 22, where the homeless will be the guests of honor. Special gifts will be given to the homeless. Christmas carols will be sung and the story of Christ's birth will be read and prayers shared. They are always in need of financial help to pay for utilities, insurance and maintenance of the church building. **If you would like to help serve food, the next opportunity is January 12th. Meet at the church office at 11am.**



A senior lunch site is at Salerno's Pizzeria, 9301 W. 63rd Street, Hodgkins. Seniors aged 60+ may enjoy lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30am until 12:30pm for the suggested donation of \$2. Reservations must be made before noon the preceding business day by calling 708-354-1323. Cancellations must be made by 1pm the previous day. Please visit [www.agingcareconnections.org](http://www.agingcareconnections.org) to view the monthly menu.



The Hines VA Hospital is in need of volunteers for the **"No Veteran Dies Alone Program"**. The volunteer will provide a vigil presence at the bedside of a dying Veteran which will provide a comforting presence that will enhance dignity, honor and respect for the Veteran at end of life. A list of qualifications and responsibilities are on the table in the narthex. For more information about volunteering at Hines, please contact Voluntary Service 708-202-8387 ext. 22523.



Nanny needed – all day Tuesdays through Fridays in Lisle. Three young girls, ages 8, 5 and 3! If you are interested, please contact Jamie Vamvakas at 312-456-8739.



WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS is a 30-minute, weekly television program, featuring classic Lutheran Worship  
 Sunday 11:30am  
 (TLN) Comcast 138  
 (TCT) DirecTV 377

## *Those Serving This Weekend.....*



**Sunday Preacher.....**Pastor Keith Haney  
**Sunday Liturgist.....**Pastor Keith Haney  
**Organist.....**Howard Eggert  
**Contemporary Worship Leader.....**Russ Breimeier  
**Saturday Reader.....**Linda Zimmerman  
**Guitarist.....**Lisa Haak

### *Altar Guild ~ Volunteers*

*Usher Group 3: 8:30am ~ Steve Voelz, Alan VanDahm, Keith Wendte*

*Usher Group 1: 10:45am ~ Richard Thorburn, Jr., Gerald Fiedt,  
Gene Weisbecker, Frank Mika Jr., Bill Harris*

*Communion Assistants: Saturday ~ 6:30pm: Jake Bulthuis  
Sunday ~ 10:45am: Cliff Gustafson and Neil Hammes*

*Acolytes: Sunday ~ 8:30am: Bradley Reinhart and Keeley Mahoney  
10:45am: Isaih Lashley*

*Greeters: Sunday ~ 8:30am: Sharmila Appavu  
10:45am: Gartman Family*

#### Sunday Dec 20

**8:30am** Worship HC  
**9:45am** Bible Class and Sunday School  
**9:45am** Voters (CL)  
**10:45am** Contemporary Worship  
**6:30pm** Revelation Bible Class (CL)  
**6:30pm** Open Youth Rm Christmas Gathering (YR)

#### Monday Dec 21

**7:00pm** MS Ministry (CL)  
**7:15pm** Adult Volleyball (GYM)

#### Tuesday Dec 22

**6:30pm** Bell Choir (N)  
**7:30pm** Sanctuary Choir (CH)

#### Wednesday Dec 23

**6:30am** Men's Bible Class (CL)

#### Thursday Christmas Eve Dec 24

\*Office Closed\*

**4:30pm** Contemporary Worship HC  
**6:30pm** Worship HC  
**10:00pm** Candlelight Worship

#### Friday Christmas Day Dec 25

\*Office Closed\*

**10:00am** Worship HC

#### Saturday Dec 26

**8:30am** Trustees  
 \*No Church Service Tonight\*



We Invite You To View Our  
 Website WEEKLY : [www.TLBR.org](http://www.TLBR.org)  
 For All Your Trinity Informational Needs! Announcements & Sermons,  
 Weekly Events & Highlights,  
 Announcements, Our Ministries Bible Studies, and More!

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## Prayers

### *Our Members who are homebound....*

*Don Tomes, Jeannette Wielbinicki,  
Pat Thorburn, Lorraine Buczko, Lee Marwitz*

### *Our Members who are in assisted living or nursing homes....*

*Joyce Miegel, Joyce Rabas, Julie Rabas, Tom Harding  
Ken Phillips, Phyllis Johnson, Aileen Mastney,  
Laurie Verba and Marjorie Morgan, Lottie Schwinger*



### *Our Members who are celebrating their baptismal birthdays the week of December 20....*

*David Jung, Keira Wheeler, Sheri Wernsing, Sydney Kibbon,  
Cheryl Baumgartner, Ella Noetzel, Linda Chize, James Grimes,  
Amy Hutcheson, Michael Kluge, Joann Kopping, Michael Sneath*

### *Our Members who are celebrating wedding anniversaries the week of December 20....*

*Dale and Dani Eggert  
Christopher and Anne Nelson*



### *Our Members or Friends of Our Members In The Military....*

*Peter Davidovitch (South Korea) US Army Pilot, godson of Bill & Judy Jung*

*Thomas Logan ~ nephew of Cathy LaFlame*

*Andrea Logan ~ niece of Cathy LaFlame*

*Sarah Mears ~ National Guard*

*Kris Randolph (Active Duty ~ Scott AFB) airforce serviceman ~ son of Joan Randolph*

*Jeremy Marwitz (US) ~ Grandson of Lee Marwitz*

*Chaplain Mike Sneath (Virginia)*

*Angie Marie Albrecht, MD (Edwards AFB, CA) Daughter-in-law of Pastor & Janet Albrecht*

*Michael Grimes (Ft. Carson, CO) member, son of Janet Grimes*

*Chaplain Mike Moreno ~ Home, In reserves and resuming his position in Synod's Barnabas program.  
nephew of our member Bessie Kuske*

*Adam Koskiol ~ ARNG-2006-2012, Air Force National Guard, son of Kim Valentino*



John leaping in the womb (Luke 1:41). Doesn't this say he's alive? John leaping for joy in the womb (1:44). Doesn't this say he's a human person? John doing these things because he is in the presence of God Almighty in the person of Jesus, a tiny speck in Mary's womb. Doesn't this say something about God's love for life even there? Prayer: Thank You Lord God for Your immeasurable love for life displayed in Your incarnation in a womb. Amen.



**USE THIS QR CODE FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING AT TRINITY!!!** When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smart phone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of our church web page. To individuals who are familiar with QR codes, it will provide a quick and easy way to access our electronic giving portal. Take your announcements home, create a profile and giving is easy!



## Weekly Prayers



**CANCER PATIENTS:** Christine Papas ~ Aunt of Kim (Steve) Freese,  
David Bottger, Joyce Chow ~ sister of David Bottger, Steve Krc,  
Judie Daly ~ sister of David Bottger, Larry McIntyre ~ Req. by Ernst Family,  
Ted Bulthuis ~ Brother of Jake Bulthuis, Joseph Ritson ~ Req. by Ava Franco,  
Wilson Gregory ~ 2.5 years old ~ Req. Nancy Richter, grandson of Dennis Kelly,  
Gay Roby and Beth Johnson ~ Req. by Jan Miller,  
Elaine Rice ~ Req. by Susan Villarreal, Bill Farago ~ Req. by Debbi Kubicki & Her-  
man and Betty Pastori, Dan Stastny ~ Req. by Joanne Stastny  
Margie Hammes ~ Req. Neil and Debbie Hammes

Rachel & Hope Salverredy ~ prayers for healing. Katy Orrick ~ prayers for healing and comfort.  
Ken Phillips ~ continued healing and strength ~ Req by Shirley Phillips, Sandy and Don Baumruck

### The Week of December 20

Kate Drost ~ Prayers for healing from cancer ~ Req. by Susan Kleyweg  
Stephanie Giradli ~ Prayers for healing after a car accident ~ Req. Susan Kleyweg  
Maria Elizondo ~ Prayers for healing ~ Req by Aryanna Elizondo  
Mike Grimes ~ Prayers for safety while he and all troops serves in Afghanistan ~ Req. by Janet Grimes  
Jackson Rockrohr ~ Prayers for a speedy recovery after appendix surgery  
Irma Hoffer ~ Prayers for healing after cataract surgery

### December 13

Kate Drost ~ Prayers for healing from cancer ~ Req. by Susan Kleyweg  
Stephanie Giradli ~ Prayers for healing after a car accident ~ Req. Susan Kleyweg  
Declan ~ Prayers for healing and salvation  
Family of Martha Saltzman ~ Prayers of comfort for the Saltman family (Cousin of Bev Gehrt)  
Veronica LaFlame ~ Prayers for healing from pneumonia ~ Req. by Greg and Kathy LaFlame  
Family of Claire Conrad ~ Prayers of comfort for the Conrad family ~ Mary Lou Gaffke's sister-in-law

### December 6

Richard Stonys ~ Prayers for successful rehabilitation  
Victims of Colorado Springs, CO and San Bernardino, CA Shootings  
Stephanie Giralddi ~ Prayers for healing  
Kate Drost ~ Prayers for healing from cancer  
Tom Harding ~ Prayers for healing after surgery

### November 29

Richard Stonys ~ Prayers for successful rehabilitation  
Gladys Vaskovsky ~ Prayers for health and healing ~ Req by Jan Mueller  
Claudette Arnswald family ~ Prayers for comfort for the Arnswald family

If you would like a prayer request continued, please email or call the church office. If you have a Private Prayer Request (NOT announced during the worship service) for our Prayer Circle Group please email or call the church office 708-839-1200 or [csecretary@tlbr.org](mailto:csecretary@tlbr.org) Thank you, Nancy



Week of December 13  
Weekend Worship  
Attendance ~ 304  
Communion ~ 132  
Advent ~ 160

*Planning a Baptism or a Wedding at Trinity?*  
*A Meeting with Pastor Geaschel is required be-*  
*fore every Baptism & Wedding. Please call the*  
*church office to schedule your appointment with*  
*Pastor Bob.*







Chick-fil-A Countryside, opening February 2016, is now hiring all positions!

Apply online at:  
[www.pleaseapplyonline.com/CFACountryside](http://www.pleaseapplyonline.com/CFACountryside)

Email your résumé to:  
[talent@cfacountryside.com](mailto:talent@cfacountryside.com)

We are looking for some highly motivated, personable talent to help serve our wonderful guests and the surrounding community.

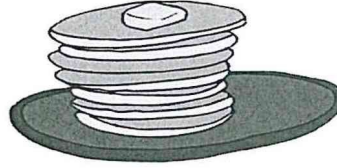
Working for Chick-fil-A is not just a job, it is an avenue to a successful career in business. Along with great experience, Chick-fil-A also offers:

- Flexible Hours
- Competitive Pay
- Closed Sundays
- Scholarship Opportunities

**Come Join the Herd!**



## Father Son Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 10:30 am

Church Basement

### Menu

Pancakes

Sausage

Fruit

Applesauce

### Drinks

Coffee

Tea

Juice

Milk

Cost: Dad's \$5 - Son's \$4

"The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him."

Proverbs 23:24

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In order to have a sufficient amount of food we ask you to please fill out the bottom and send it to school OR e-mail Aaron Landgrave at [trinityprincipal@comcast.net](mailto:trinityprincipal@comcast.net)

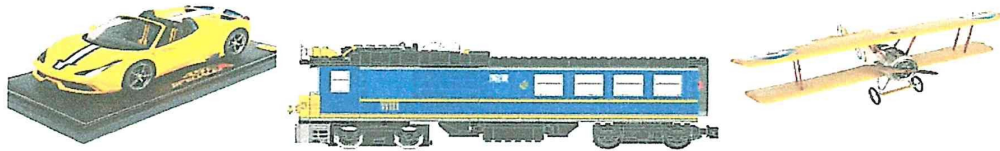
We intend to come to the pancake breakfast:

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\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ We intend to pay Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

Come and get to know other dads from the school and church. There will be a short presentation about being a Biblical father at 10:00 am.



**Planes, Trains, Automobiles Plastic Kit &  
Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet**

**Saturday, January 16, 2016  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**St. John Lutheran Church  
7214 South Cass Avenue  
Darien, IL 60561  
630-969-7987**

**FOOD**

**events@sjlcdarien.org  
www.sjlcdarien.org**

**RAFFLE**

***Family-Friendly Fun for All!***

Conveniently located approximately 6 blocks north of I-55 and the Cass Avenue exit, our extensive show and swap meet will offer model enthusiasts exhibits and merchandise galore no matter what their preferred mode of transportation. This is not a plastic model contest. There will be at least two operating model railroad layouts and over 60 vendor tables selling plastic model kits and model railroad-related items on two levels of a building that is fully handicapped accessible with an elevator and is adjacent to a large parking lot.

**\$5.00 for Adults (18 years and older)**

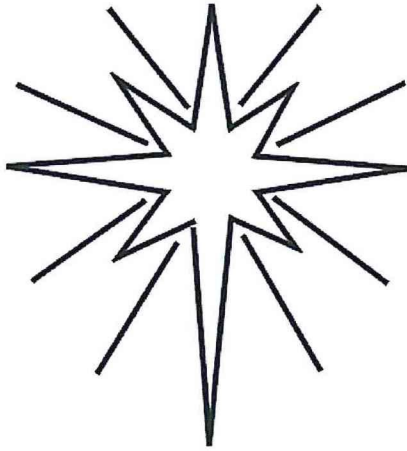
**\$2.00 for Youth (12 to 17 years old)**

**Children under 12 and Scouts in uniform are FREE!**

## Christmas at Trinity

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### God's Grace Through many Generations



The Christmas Star led many to the baby Jesus. It was a light pointing to the One who is the Light of the world. Jesus the Savior has been born – rejoice! Our world is in need of the Light of life, Jesus. For 150 years, Trinity has been a lamp to others, a light pointing to Jesus.

**Just as the Christmas Star pointed the Magi to baby Jesus the purpose of our ministry here at Trinity is basically the same thing – to point others to Christ.** The mission and ministry at Trinity is geared to help us grow in our faith and to reach more people for Jesus. The

mission and ministry takes place in our church building, in our school building and it takes place off site in the mission fields worldwide.

You are just as important as the Christmas Star. You help point others to Jesus. Every time you share your faith with a family member or friend, every time you pray for someone who is hurting, every time you give a gift to the church you are participating in our ministry. We could not do it without you. Thank you. **Thank you for your mission partnership.**

This time of year we are asked to reflect and give to various organizations. If you are considering special giving at this time of year, would you to consider a special gift for our mission and ministry here at Trinity? A special Christmas gift of \$50, \$100 or whatever you desire to give would definitely help us as our goal is to end the year with no mission and ministry debt.

Thank you for considering Trinity as a worthy recipient of your gift. You may use the blank envelope found in the church pew or place your gift in your regular offering envelope. Or you may go online to make an electronic gift via your debit or credit card at our Trinity Kiosk in the narthex or online at [www.tlbr.org](http://www.tlbr.org)

Finally, please remember NEW Christmas Eve worship schedule (4:30 PM, 6:30 PM or 10:00 PM) or Christmas Day worship (10 AM) as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. In Christ,

- *Pastor Bob*