

TRINITY TIDINGS NEWSLETTER

Following Jesus... Reach, Grow, Go... Real Life with Real People



As we GO... we Grow

*"like a tree planted by water, which yields its fruit in its season
and whose leaf does not wither."*



January 2017. Most of the trees around us stand sleeping in the cold. Yet each week the Holy Spirit 100hr Community Challenge Tree continues to sprout new leaves. Even cherry blossoms are appearing.

It's not the will of man but the Spirit of God who challenges us to join Jesus and, by His power and strength, to lift our eyes - - get outside ourselves -- and GO. Doing good things **for** God is not the same as doing good things **with** Jesus. The first is often of the flesh; the second, the Spirit.

Have you noticed the birdcage with the open door and the bluebirds flying free? Here in the NW – and around the world -- Christian-centered teams like Shared Hope Int'l, Family Promise, IJM, World Vision and literally 1000s of others, by Jesus' grace and power, are opening cages and setting captives free. Forgiveness + being filled with His Spirit – spiritual freedom is the greatest freedom of all. Jesus cares about your body -- He cares even more for your soul.

Jesus describes the work of the Spirit to blind Nicodemous, saying: "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear the sound, but you can't tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." The specifics of how you respond to Jesus' call are between you and Him. Trinity is here to encourage, challenge and sometimes nudge you toward an option or two to prime the pump. "Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today' so none are hardened by sin's deceitfulness."

As the 100hr Community Challenge Tree grows each week **inside**, the reality represented by these leaves and cherry blossoms reflect things happening **outside** where people are hurting, struggling and yearning to know the true and living God. Jesus said to those who doubted: "My Father is working to this very day and I too am working." "The Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does." As we draw closer to God, the Spirit lays on our heart things God cares deeply about and calls us to Join Jesus on His mission -- each in our unique way -- yet often in teams. Each small leaf plays a small, yet significant, part in reflecting God's presence and healing touch in our hurting world.

If even, for just a short time, God were to withdraw His sustaining grace and power from our world, everything around us would soon look like Aleppo -- all that is good and beautiful blown to smithereens. Fortunately, we don't live in Aleppo. As we enter 2017, we still have time and opportunity to be a part of the healing work God is doing in our community. "As we GO, we GROW. As we GROW, we LEAF and BEAR FRUIT. As we bear fruit, we discover the sweetness of God's will and our Father in heaven is glorified.

Let's take the CrossRoads Journey together. Happy New Year 2017! Clint

A Message from our Stewardship Ministry Team

A Holiday Message

Each holiday season, Trinity Lutheran Church anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on with the sharing of Jesus now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

“How beautiful upon the Mountains are the feet of Him who brings Good News”.

Isaiah 52:7

Trinity Lutheran Church Financial Summary:

July 1 through November 30 - Budget.....	\$284,305.40
July 1 through November 30 - Offerings to the General Fund.....	\$234,536.04
July 1 through November 30 - Restricted/Designated Gifts.....	\$ 13,504.07

Questions on the financial summary, please contact one of your Stewardship members below:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Steve Finnegan, Chairman | Zach Anderson |
| Astri Bagstad | Dick Speros |
| Jeff Hill | Sandy Noffsinger, Bookkeeper |
| Virginia Holscher | Pastor Bruce Rumsch |



APPLYING BIBLE PRINCIPLES

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

God wants us to use our resources as a means of Christian service.

“ . . . choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve . . . as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord”
Joshua 24:15



The Christian life consists of choices. One way or another, we are going to allow the control of our lives to be determined by a choice. Either we choose to allow the arch-enemy of our souls to be in control, or we allow God to be in control. This is not a once-in-a-lifetime decision. It is a decision that we make daily. Some days, it is a decision that we make continuously throughout the day. We determine whom we will serve. And unlike the decisions regarding paper or plastic bags, this decision has eternal ramifications.

If each of us were totally yielded to the controlling power of Almighty God every moment of every day, the impact we could and would have for God’s sake would be staggering. Choices are inevitable. We cannot escape them. But one choice is of paramount importance, that of deciding who will be in charge of our lives.



Family Ministry

Partnering with parents to guide children towards a HEART for God.

Upcoming Events:

- No Children's Sunday School classes-January 1
- Sunday School Resumes - January 8th 9:10-10:20am
- JAM- January 5th from 6:30-8pm

Sunday School News

(Sunday school hours are 9:10-10:20am)

The month of December was full of good tidings and great joy! The children did a wonderful job supplying food and books for Trinity's Christmas baskets. They set and surpassed their goal of 200 items. Also, six Trinity families provided shoeboxes full of gifts for children in third world countries through *Operation Christmas Child*. On December 11th we shared joy and peace with the congregation while leading the 10:30am church service. We ended the 2016 Sunday school year with a party celebrating Jesus' birthday!



Save the Date

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!

Trinity Lutheran Church

February 3, 2017

Join us on Friday, February 3rd at 6:00pm in Trinity's Celebration Center.

Cost is \$5 per family for a fun evening of food, family activities and a movie! Questions: contact Rene Barringer at 971-235-9568 or

children@trinityhillsboro.com



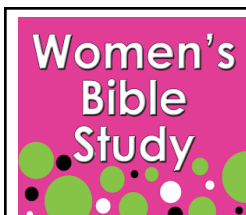
Women's
Bible
Study

Our Thursday Women's Bible study is beginning a new series in January. We meet from 10:00-11:30am in room 206. Please email or call Rene Barringer if you would like to join the group.

Jesus and Me (JAM)
is held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday
from 6:30-8pm in
Trinity's Celebration Center.
This fun evening is open to
youth 3rd thru 6th grade.
Our time together will consist of
Bible based discussions, games
and friendship building.

Questions? contact
René Barringer or Josh Nix

If you are interested in
being a part of the
Children's Ministry team
please contact René Barringer at
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PRESCHOOL NEWS



If the roots are deep and strong, the tree needn't worry about the wind.

*Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord...He will be like a tree
planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.*

It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Enrollment for the 2017-18 school year will open to members of Trinity on Tuesday, January 17th. Registration forms and brochures will be available at the information center and in the church office. If you have questions call the preschool at 503-846-1319. We will be opening registration to the public on Tuesday, January 24th. Spread the word!

News from Mrs. Wilson's Classes

Mrs. Wilson's classes began December by learning the month's Bible verse, "Glory to God in the highest!" from Luke 2:14. They heard the Bible story of Jesus's birth, and many other Christmas stories, some favorites being Mortimer's Christmas Manger and Bear Stays up for Christmas by Karma Wilson, and Pete the Cat Saves Christmas by Eric Litwin. The three-year-old class made special handprint ornaments to give to their families. The fours made pretty pine cone ornaments, and learned that we give gifts at Christmas to remember that God gave us Jesus, the best gift of all.

Both classes completed a unit on Creation, with the fours making a Days of Creation book to take home to keep. Letter-of-the-week studies for the fours included letter "I", in which students were able to study insects, build igloos, and experiment with ice, and letters J and K. The threes had fun with the book Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr. and Eric Carle, creating a puppet for each animal in the story.

Both classes worked hard learning lines and songs for an interactive retelling of the Christmas story to perform for family and friends, but sadly the program had to be rescheduled due to snowy weather conditions.

Classes ended the month with a chapel service, and Christmas parties where they had a chance to make sparkly snow globes, jingle bell necklaces, candy cane or manger scene ornaments, and play some fun games including making a "snowstorm" with a parachute.

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A large, handwritten-style message in green ink that says "Thank You!" with a simple smiley face drawn below the word "You!".

CHRISTMAS BASKET Ministry – THANK YOU!

The Christmas Basket Ministry of 2016 involved many volunteers, both members and non-members including our local Boy Scout troop! The generosity, strength and prayers of all who participated helped make this a welcome outreach into our community. You served 101 families – 96 from five local Hillsboro schools (directed by the school district, referrals from counselors), 2 from Family Promise and 3 referred from Trinity members.

These families of over 517 individuals included 330 children, infants through 18 years. Your outreach that began with a monthly donation of age/gender specific toys in February, “Gifts of Warmth” collection during Lent and a collection of food and toiletries throughout the Fall, provided food, household items, toiletries, quilted potholders and blankets, gloves, hats, scarves & some coats, Payless gift cards, grocery gift cards and a Bible for family Christmas celebrations as well as gifts for the children.

We offer a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who in any way helped these school families!

- For all the dollars raised by all sorts of means and donated dollars and items from organizations (LCEF, Thrivent, Payless Shoes, Fred Meyer, Bi-Mart), wrappers, box builders, table wrestlers, Trinity's LWML– multiple dollar donations and so many helpers!
- For all the handmade items and the hand-picked preschool books!
- Boy Scout Troop 855 – collected ~1000 non-perishable food items, \$31 and made 131 wooden cars/trucks
- Trinity Pre-School and Sunday School – children's books and food collection
- The many volunteers who sorted, packed and delivered the boxes – young and old!
- Jerry for preparing Chili for Friday's supper and **ALL** who prayed for the success of the project
- Anyone who contributed and is not mentioned above, THANK YOU TOO!!!!

THANK YOU – MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE BLESSED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HELPED “ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS OF MINE” MATTHEW 25:40



Flower Calendar

Trinity's flower calendar for 2017 Sunday Worship services is now up on the bulletin board in the hall outside the Celebration Center. Please sign up for a week to bring flowers. You are then responsible to see that your flowers are on the Altar that Sunday. If you need more information, please contact our new flower coordinator Queen West at 503-880-2658.



Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School

503-359-4853

www.fhlcs.org



MOVING?

Take a moment to contact Lori in the church office with your current mailing address, phone numbers and transferring information. Thank you. 503-640-1693 or office@trinityhillsboro.com

Submissions for the Monthly Trinity Tidings Newsletter are due in the church office on the 15th of each month.

If you would like to place an *announcement in the Weekly Events*, submissions are due on Wednesdays by noon. Thank you. office@trinityhillsboro.com



PRAYER RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Have you ever considered spending time with Your Lord in a Prayer Retreat? The *Center for Prayer and Renewal* of the Northwest District is leading a Prayer Retreat at the Cannon Beach Conference Center, January 23-25, 2017. Pastor Bruce and Shirley Bentson will be helping to lead this Retreat.

For more information, and to register, see the Northwest District website: nowlcms.org

BETHESDA AUXILIARY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's that time of year again. Bethesda Lutheran Communities Auxiliary Memberships, NEW or RENEWAL, will be collected each Sunday, January 15th through the 29th. Your \$5.00 annual membership can make a difference in the lives of developmentally disabled adults in our area. Share the love of Jesus Christ by helping Bethesda's Mission to assist these wonderful people. Thank you for your prayers and support of this special ministry.

Lindy Tysor – Bethesda Contact for Trinity

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JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Family Promise Week Blood Pressure Screenings Mite Box Sunday New Year's Day</p> <p>10:30AM one combined Worship Service</p>	<p>2 Family Promise Week Trinity Office Closed No Preschool today Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM/Exercise/CC 6-7:30PM/Cub Scouts/room 210 6:30PM MMT/CC</p>	<p>3 Family Promise Week No Staff meeting today 4-6PM Basketball/CC 6:30PM Crossroads mtg rm 206 7PM BSA/CC</p>	<p>4 Family Promise Week 9AM/Prayer Chapel Open for personal medication & prayer 9AM WM/Quilters/ room 212 10AM library Ministry/lib 6:30PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir rehearsal/CH</p>	<p>5 Family Promise Week 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM/Women's Bible Study/m206 10AM Pastor Bruce's Bible Study/lib 1-3PM Young 3's Open House 4-6PM Basketball/CC 6:30-8PM JAM/CC</p>	<p>6 Family Promise Week Staff Epiphany Party 6:30PM Notifinger home</p>	<p>7 Family Promise Week 3-5PM CCIK — Eagle Court/CC Joseph Surico 503-693-9922</p>
<p>8 Pantry Sunday 9:00AM Traditional Worship 9:10AM Sunday School 9:15AM Adult Education 10:30AM Contemporary Worship 1:30-6:30 Volleyball/CC Portland Swiss party/N 6:00PM Jackson Bible Study/lib</p>	<p>9 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM/Exercise/CC 6-7:30PM/Girl Scouts/room 210 6:30PM MMT/CC</p>	<p>10 9:30AM Staff Meeting/Brown bag/lib 11AM Senior Lunch & games/N 4-6PM Basketball/CC 7PM BSA/CC 7PM Joy Circle/rm 212</p>	<p>11 9AM/Prayer Chapel Open for personal medication & prayer 9AM Wednesday Quilters/m212 10AM library Ministry/lib 6:30PM Youth Group/CC 6:30PM room 212 BSA Mtg 7PM Choir rehearsal/CH</p>	<p>12 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM/Women's Bible Study/m206 10AM Pastor Bruce's Bible Study/lib 4-6PM Basketball/CC 7:00PM Elders Ministry</p>	<p>13 8AM -4PM Community Action 6:30PM to 9:30PM /CC Chorale pot luck social, Diane Gaike</p>	14
<p>15 8:00AM Traditional Worship 9:10AM Sunday School 9:15AM Adult Education 10:30AM Contemporary Worship 12:30PM Confirmation /rm 206 1:30-6:30 Volleyball/CC 2 to 8PM... Quilt club/East Wing 6:00PM Jackson Bible Study/lib</p>	<p>16 MLK Day — Trinity Office OPEN No Preschool 9AM Quilt Club/East Wing/All Day Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM/Exercise/CC 10AM Agape Circle/room 104 6-7:30PM/Cub Scouts/room 210 6:30PM MMT/CC 7PM Monday Eyes Circle/off-site</p>	<p>17 9:30AM Staff mtg/lib 2PM Prayer Shawl Ministry/Lib 4-6PM Basketball/CC 6:30PM Stewardship mtg/lib 7PM BSA/CC</p>	<p>18 9AM/Prayer Chapel Open for personal medication & prayer 9AM WM/Quilters/ room 212 10AM library Ministry/lib 6:30PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir rehearsal/CH</p>	<p>19 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM/Women's Bible Study/m206 10AM Pastor Bruce's Bible Study/lib 4-6PM Basketball/CC 6:30-8PM JAM/CC</p>	20	21
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<p>29 10:30AM One Combined Worship Service 12:30PM Confirmation /rm 206 1:30-6:30 Volleyball/CC 6:00PM Jackson Bible Study/lib</p>	<p>30 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM/Exercise/CC 6:30PM MMT/CC Israel Tour Group Leaves Today</p>	<p>31 9:30AM Staff Meeting/lib 7PM BSA/CC</p>				<p>January 2017</p>

Birthdays and Anniversaries for January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mark Grounds Jane Rosato	2 <u>Maurice & Joelle Frye</u> Brittnee Hubrich	3 Kent Giard David Mock	4 Gray Deatherage	5 Bob Braze Scott Brennan Alexa Hinninger	6 Mel Stinnette	7 Sandy Noffsinger Lee Rice
8 Ben Biamont Hannah McClain	9 <u>Dave & Virginia Holscher</u> <u>Dave & Linda McCoy</u>	10 Louine Baesler Kevin Whited	11 Marcia Langbehn <u>Vern & Barbara Mock</u>	12 Ryley Stephens	13 Bret Rickman	14 Robbie Quivey
15 Kelly Dobbin Jasmine Holscher Amanda Peterson	16 Rochelle Stephens Greg Stoner Travis Ulricy	17 Trisha Bell	18 Caleb Jolley Gibson Landreville Amelia Nichols Mike Schamp <u>Ron & Jan Westby</u> Hannah Wilson	19 Sloan Anderson	20 Gavin Bell Denika Brown Henrietta DeGavrilac	21 John Goldhammer Elizabeth Holscher Joey Scarbrough
22 Emma Henninger Delia McAllister Mike McNeely	23 Ken Bellamy Pat Mack Carly Reese	24 Sharlayne Buuck Bob Streicher Sean VanDomelen	25 Colby Haga Karen Walker (Pat)	26 Alexis Fetherlin Joel Jacobson Aidan Reitzug	27 Jaren Duvall Joseph Landreville Grace Nunnenkamp	28 Kellen Brown <u>Kent & Tarri Christopher</u> Kellen Jolley
29 	30 Lance Anderson Joel Gerig Camille Renfro	31 Dan McCormick				

Looking for your name? Not listed?

Please contact the church office to update your family membership records!
503-640-1693 or office@trinityhillsboro.com



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You may find it more convenient to give online. When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smartphone, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of Trinity's web page. This will provide a quick and easy way to access Trinity's online giving web site. Try it yourself!



"GREAT THINGS NEVER CAME FROM COMFORT ZONES."

HOW WILL YOU STRETCH YOUR COMFORT ZONE IN 2017?



❧ SERVICE ROSTER FOR JANUARY 2017 ❧

	January 1 One Service at 10:30AM	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29 One Service at 10:30AM
Altar Guild	Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple		Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple		Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple
Chair Team	John Duvall Patt Ott Steve Finnegan Paul Andersen Ken Bellamy Darrel & Naomi Brown	Greg Stoner John Bierly Paul VanDomelen Josh Nix	Mike Schamp Mark Newman Scott White Rod Stephens	Jeff Wolkenhauer Larry Henson Martin & Annette Granum David Infausto	Jerry Massdam Matt Placher George Waldron Todd & Gail Humphrey
Children's Church	No Children's Church	Jackie Landreville Kristen Thompson	Patti White Karen Warr	Elizabeth Hofrichter Kim Brennan	Stacey Buck Sarah Schauet
Children's Message	Hannah Wilson	Rene Barringer, Minister of Children	Elizabeth Hofrichter	Josh Nix, Minister of Youth & Young Adults	
Counters	Astri Bragstad Harold Baesler Roger Langbehn George Waldron	Bette Holscher Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple	Carol Flemmer Helen Infausto Doug & Crystal Nunnenkamp	John Duvall Todd Humphrey Annette Michelsen	Members of Stew- ardship Ministry Team
Elders Assisting 8AM	Ben Manny John Goldhammer Don Suhrbier	Ben Manny	Paul Andersen Ben Manny	Paul Andersen	Zach Anderson Joash Farlow Rodney Langbehn
Elders Assisting 1030AM	Dave Holscher Doug Nunnenkamp Joash Farlow Zach Anderson Rodney Langbehn	Joash Farlow	Dave Holscher Doug Nunnenkamp Don Suhrbier Karen Kenyon Harold Baesler Dave Buck	Zach Anderson	Karen Kenyon Harold Baesler Dave Buck
Flowers	Sign Up on the 2017 Flower Calendar Today!				
Lector	N/A	Victor Johnson	Duane Freudenthal	Tom Nygren	N/A
Organist	Carol Freudenthal	Carol Freudenthal	Diane Gatke	Diane Gatke	Diane Gatke
Tape Ministry	N/A	Arlene Schildbach Darlene Bruckert	Diana Jane Kurth	Lila Young	Annette Michaelson
Ushers 8AM	John Everingham John Goldhammer George Waldron Victor Johnson	John Everingham Ken Bellamy Nick VanDyke Tom Nygren	John Everingham John Goldhammer George Waldron Victor Johnson	John Everingham Ken Bellamy Nick VanDyke Tom Nygren	John Everingham John Goldhammer George Waldron Jerry Maasdam
Head Usher 1030AM	Greg Stoner	Greg Stoner	Greg Stoner	Greg Stoner	Greg Stoner

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