

# Trinity Tidings

## NEWSLETTER

## WHAT'S NEW?

By Pastor Bruce Rumsch, *Minister of Worship & Spiritual Care*

About this time of year, and in fact for the past several months, that question – What’s new? – has been asked numerous times. It’s at this time of year that the newest and greatest of various products are revealed to entice us to purchase the latest and most up to date, or at least to upgrade. In many ways it’s a frenzy of new beginnings.

January has always been that for me – a time for new beginnings. The old year has passed and I look forward to what the New Year will bring. It’s almost like starting over again with a fresh slate. I guess I can say that at no other time in my life has a January brought so much that’s new.

2018 marks my 40<sup>th</sup> year as a Pastor, and while I will still remain a Pastor, I will just not be Trinity’s Pastor after April. With my retirement, someone else will become the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. After a time away, Carol and I are hoping to come back to Trinity and be a part of this community of Christ, this family of followers of Jesus, but in a different way than we have been for the past 29 years.

Yet there is more that comes to mind as I think of January: the Center for Prayer and Renewal Retreat, the Stephen Ministries training event (February), and Lent (February).

January 22 – 24 at the Cannon Beach Conference Center is the Northwest District’s annual Prayer Retreat. Information on this retreat, which is open to everyone, is on the District website ([www.nowlcms.org](http://www.nowlcms.org)). Numerous individuals from Trinity have attended this retreat and in fact two of us (myself and Shirley Bentson) help lead the retreat. It is a great way to give your prayer life a boost – a new beginning. I can’t think of a better way to begin a new year than with a time away to focus on prayer and your relationship with Jesus. Some of my favorite Scripture passages talk about Jesus frequent >>

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>> “retreats” to be alone with His Father in prayer (Luke 5:16; Mark 1:35). I highly encourage everyone to consider being a part of a prayer retreat. Any questions, just ask me, or Shirley.

But also I’m thinking about the regional Stephen Ministries training event that is being held here at Trinity on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Trinity’s Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers will be hosts to this event that introduces individuals and Congregations to Stephen Ministry – a one-on-one caring ministry within a Congregation. Currently we have 23 Stephen Ministers who are ready and available to walk with another individual through a trying time in their life. If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministries and what they do, or that you might like to be a Stephen Minister, this event is for you. And, because we are the host Congregation, anyone from Trinity gets in free! For more information just ask Cecile Manny, Nori Anderson, or myself.

As strange as it might sound, since as I write this we are one week away from Christmas, I’m also thinking about Lent. Somehow I think God has something marvelous in store for us this year. After all, Ash Wednesday begins on Valentine’s Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>, and Easter is on April 1<sup>st</sup>. I think at times that God’s love for His creation and how He expresses it fools people.

Always thankful for God’s grace and peace;

Pastor Bruce

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT AND SYNOD MEETINGS

Every three years the LCMS holds a national convention; the next one is scheduled for July 2019. In preparation for the national event, districts hold their conventions the proceeding year. The Northwest District’s Convention is set for 21-23 June 2018 in Portland. At our recent congregational meeting I was designated as our Lay Delegate and I plan to attend the entire event next summer and represent Trinity. We also have a Pastoral Delegate and we have designated Pastor Bruce as a placeholder for our new Pastor. There are also opportunities for a Youth Delegate and an Alternate Lay Delegate; please see me this month if you are interested in joining me and attending as one of these formal delegates. Each District is broken down into smaller areas called Circuits; Trinity is in the Pacific Circuit (Circuit #9) and they had their convention prep meeting on 5 November, 2017. Trinity was superbly represented by Pastor Bruce and Elder Karen Kenyon. Two resolutions were brought forward establishing Term Limits for District Offices and Amending the District By-Laws regarding the Budget. Lastly, at our own Congregational Meeting this December 10th we voted to ask Reverend Dr. Paul Linnemann to serve for another term as our Northwest District President. Much love and peace.

Respectfully,  
Martin E. Granum

## TRINITY FINANCIALS

### By the Numbers – Year to Date

July 1 thru Nov 30 - Year to Date Budget.....	\$274,072
Jul 1 thru Nov 30 - Year to Date Giving to General Fund.....	\$233,557
Jul 1 thru Nov 30 - Year to Date Expenses.....	\$241,580
July 1 thru Nov 30 - Year to Date Restricted/Designated Gifts.....	\$32,881

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Retirement Celebration**  
**in honor of Pastor Bruce**  
**Sunday, April 22, 2018**  
**at 3:00pm**

**Mark your calendar now**

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# CHRISTMAS BASKETS

There is no better way to celebrate the coming of our Savior King, than to give out baskets of food, gifts, and toiletries to over 100 families! This wonderful ministry isn't just a show up and hand out food kind of day. It is months of preparation, food gathering, toy buying, and gift wrapping. Thank you to everyone who gave, wrapped, packed, and delivered boxes!

A special shout out to Jenny McIvor and Troop 855 for all the work, effort, and dedication they put in to this ministry! Make sure to thank them the next time you see them.



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## BETHESDA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Thank you everyone from Trinity and Kiwanis for making Bethesda Lutheran Communities (BLC) 3rd Annual Christmas Celebration on December 3rd a success!

102 intellectually and physically disabled adults were invited from the 20 local Bethesda programs. Thirteen programs (homes) attended with staff and guests (99 people). Additionally, the 7 remaining programs were visited later that week by BLC Auxiliary and Trinity members John and Lindy Tysor and Helen Huffman. They brought the cookies, crafts, games, and gifts with them for an "in home" celebration experience.

Sharing the love of Jesus for these folks is an amazing experience for all involved. Trinity's continued support of the Bethesda outreach through our Auxiliary is greatly appreciated.



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## A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER By Josh Nix

The Christmas season is always a jammed packed time for families and youth especially. With winter sports in full swing, and Christmas choir concerts, it's hard to find time for things like youth group and church. However, December was filled with youth and events that truly highlighted all the work God is doing within the student ministries here.

One of the things we did this month was Zoo Lights. On Friday, December 8th, our group met (all 32 of us!) at the Washington County Fairgrounds MAX station and we headed out to Zoo Lights on the MAX. It's always quite a challenge to wrangle that many youth onto a train and into the Zoo, but thankfully many parents joined in with us and made this night such a wonderful experience. Zoo Lights has been a long standing tradition within the student ministries at Trinity and this year didn't disappoint. The picture above was taken in the underground station at Washington Park while we were waiting for the elevator up to the Zoo. For more pictures, go follow our Instagram account @trinity\_students.

On December 10th was the Children's/Youth Christmas Program at the 10:30a service. First off, make sure you tell Rene Barringer, Annette Burkhart, Crystal Nunnenkamp, and Sandy Wilson thank you for such an amazing job they did with the kids! Their hard work and passion for the young people here at Trinity is such a blessing and we should never take them for granted. Secondly, give a huge round of applause for all of our children and youth and the amazing talents they all possess! The Merten family started us off with a beautiful rendition of Silent Night on the Clarinet and Piano which set the whole tone for that Sunday morning. The youth band led us in amazing worship (pictured below) and songs from the preschool-6th grade got us smiling and clapping all morning long! The play was once again top-notch and Emma Buck gave us the solo of a lifetime! This program was an all-round wonderful, amazing showcase of the talents God has gifted the children, youth, and families here at Trinity. Thank you to all who helped and support us!



Wonderfully amazing things are happening in our student ministries here at Trinity. God is working through our leaders and young people!

Talk to Josh to get plugged in and start helping! >> 253.882.9541

### Upcoming Events:

**Jan. 3: Youth Group Resumes**

**Jan. 7: Sunday School Resumes**

**Jan. 8: High School Bible Study Resumes**

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## Trinity Lutheran Preschool

Mrs. Wilson's Tremendous Threes and Fantastic Fours have been very busy playing and learning the last few months. Fall themes in the threes included fairy tales, farms, and bears. Some favorite activities involved our "three" stories: The Three Little Pigs, The Three Bears, and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We had so much fun retelling these stories, using different materials to build houses and bridges and to learn the concept of small, medium, and large. Our bears unit introduced the students to some classic preschool favorites such as Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr. and We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen. We really did go on a bear hunt, and it was so much fun the students kept asking to do it again! During our farm unit students really enjoyed the book Mrs. Wishy Washy by Joy Cowley, and the many activities that went with it.

In the fours classes we began our Creation unit, devoting a week or two to each day of Creation to learn about the awesome things God made. We went outside to examine clouds for day two, students brought in fall nature items for day three, and one of our day four activities was exploring gravity with "splat" painting. For day six, the children took home tracings of themselves and decorated them with their families, then brought them back to hang in the hallway. We also began learning about the alphabet, focusing on one letter each week, learning the letter's sound and formation through books and hand-on activities. For letter "I", we used recyclable materials to create musical instruments and had a parade when we were done. *(Continued on next page) >>*



**"Building a strong foundation by sharing the faith, hope, and love of Jesus that touches the lives of children and families forever."**



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>> All classes had fun Thanksgiving celebrations and then moved on to Christmas. We ended our short but busy December with a fantastic Preschool Christmas program and fun Christmas parties.

Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year will open to members of Trinity on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Spread the word!

Trinity Preschool is hiring a 3's teacher for the 2018-19 school year. If you want to learn more about this position, please contact Rene Barringer at preschool@trinityhillsboro.com.



## FAMILY MINISTRY By René Barringer

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

### Sunday School News

The month of December was full of good tidings and great joy! The children did a wonderful job supplying food, toys and books for Trinity's Christmas baskets. They set and surpassed their goal of 250 items. On December 10th we sang and shared about our Wonderful Counselor Jesus with the congregation while leading the 10:30am church service. We ended the 2017 Sunday school year with a party celebrating Jesus' birthday!

### Family Fun Night

Join us on Friday, February 9th at 6:00pm in Trinity's Celebration Center. Cost is \$5 per family for a fun evening of food, family activities and BINGO. Questions: contact Rene Barringer at 971-235-9568 or children@trinityhillsboro.com

### Upcoming Events/ Announcements:

**Jan. 4 & 18: JAM 6:30-8pm**

**Jan. 7: Sunday School  
Resumes**

**Feb. 9: Family Game Night**

**If you are interested in being a part of  
the Children's Ministry team  
please contact René Barringer at  
971-235-9568 or  
[children@trinityhillsboro.org](mailto:children@trinityhillsboro.org)**

**Jesus and Me (JAM) is held on the 1st and 3rd  
Thursday from 6:30-8pm in Trinity's Celebra-  
tion Center. This fun evening is open to youth  
3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Our time together will  
consist of Bible based discussions, games and  
friendship building. Question, contact Rene  
Barringer or Josh Nix**

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- |     |                                                                                         |     |                                                        |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1-  | Mark Grounds<br>Matt Grounds<br>Jane Rosato                                             | 20- | Gavin Bell<br>Denika Brown<br>Henrietta De Garillac    |
| 2-  | Brittnee Hubrich<br>Andy Lorenz                                                         | 21- | John Goldhammer<br>Elizabeth Holscher                  |
| 3-  | Kent Giard<br>David Mock                                                                | 22- | Emma Henninger<br>Delia McAllister<br>Michael McNeely  |
| 4-  | Gary Deatherage                                                                         | 23- | Ken Bellamy<br>Pat Mack<br>Carly Reese                 |
| 5-  | Bob Braze<br>Scott Brennan                                                              | 24- | Sean Van Domelen                                       |
| 6-  | Mel Stinnette                                                                           | 25- | Colby Haga<br>Karen Walker                             |
| 7-  | Sandy Noffsinger<br>Lee Rice                                                            | 26- | Alexis Fetherlin<br>Joel Jacobsen<br>Aidan Reitzug     |
| 8-  | Ben Biamont<br>Hannah McClain                                                           | 27- | Jared Duvall<br>Joseph Landreville<br>Grace Nunnenkamp |
| 10- | Louine Baesler<br>Kevin Whited                                                          | 28- | Kellen Brown<br>Kellen Jolley                          |
| 11- | Marcia Langbehn                                                                         | 30- | Joel Gerig                                             |
| 12- | Ryley Stephens<br>Crystal Williamson                                                    | 31- | Dan McCormick                                          |
| 14- | Robbie Quivey                                                                           |     |                                                        |
| 15- | Kelly Dobbin<br>Jasmine Holscher<br>Amanda Peterson                                     |     |                                                        |
| 16- | Rochelle Stephens<br>Greg Stoner<br>Travis Ulrich                                       |     |                                                        |
| 17- | Trisha Bell                                                                             |     |                                                        |
| 18- | Caleb Jolley<br>Gibson Landreville<br>Amelia Nichols<br>Michael Schamp<br>Hannah Wilson |     |                                                        |

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- |     |                                                     |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 9-  | Dave and Virginia Holscher<br>David and Linda McCoy |
| 11- | Vernon and Barbara Mock                             |
| 18- | Ron and Jan Westby                                  |
| 27- | Ed and Joanne Ulrich                                |
| 28- | Kent and Tarri Christopher                          |





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## SERVICE ROSTER FOR JANUARY 2018

	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple	Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple	Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple	Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple
<b>Chair Team</b>	John Duvall Patt Ott Steve Finnegan Paul Anderson Ken Bellamy Darrel & Naomi Brown	Greg Stoner John Bierly Paul VanDomelen	Mike Schamp Mark Newman Scott white Rod Stephens	Larry Henson Martin Granum Annette Granum David Infausto Bruce Rumsch
<b>Children's Message</b>	Stacey Buck	Rene Barringer	Cyndi Biamont	Bethany Ramse
<b>Counters</b>	Astri Bragstad Harold Baesler Roger Langbehn George Waldron	Bette Holscher Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple	Carol Flemmer Crystal Nunnenkamp Doug Nunnenkamp Helen Infausto	John Duvall Todd Humphrey Annette Michelsen
<b>Elders Assisting 8AM</b>	John Goldhammer Ben Manny	John Goldhammer	Paul Anderson Ben Manny	Paul Anderson
<b>Elders Assisting 1030AM</b>	Dave Buck Don Suhrbier Dave Holscher Joash Farlow Zach Anderson Rodney Langbehn	Karen Kenyon	Dave Holscher Dave Buck Don Suhrbier Karen Kenyon Harold Baesler Elizabeth Hofrichter	Joe Noffsinger
<b>Flowers</b>				
<b>Lector</b>	Jerry Maasdam	Victor Johnson	Martin Johnson	Tom Nygren
<b>Organist</b>	Carol Freudenthal	Carol Freudenthal	Diane Gatke	Diane Gatke
<b>Ushers 8AM</b>	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 John Goldhammer Nick VanDyke Tom Nygren
<b>Head Usher 1030AM</b>	Greg Stoner	Greg Stoner	Greg Stoner	Greg Stoner

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Staff Ministers Family Day 6:30PM MMT/CC	2 9:30AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Elders Meeting 7PM Scouts/CC	3 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters/212 10AM Library Ministry 6:30PM Youth Group/CC 7PM BSA committee/206 7PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir Rehearsal	4 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM Pastor Bruce Bible Study/206 12:30PM CrossRoads/lib 6:30PM JAM/CC	5	6 8AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast
7 8AM Traditional Worship 9:15AM Adult Education 10:30AM Contemporary Worship 12:30PM Confirma- tion/206	8 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM Exercise/CC 6PM Girl Scouts/210 6PM High School Bible Study 6:30PM MMT/CC	9 7AM Optimist Meeting 9:30AM Staff Meeting 11AM Sr. Lunch Games 7PM Joy Circle/212 7PM BSA/CC	10 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters/212 7PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir Rehearsal	11 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM Pastor Bruce Bible Study/206 6:30PM Council/lib 6:30PM Bee Keeper's Mtg/210	12	13
14 8AM Traditional Worship 9:15AM Adult Education 10:30 Contemporary Worship 1PM Quilters	15 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM Quilters 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM Agape circle/ 104 6PM Cub Scouts/210 6PM HS Bible Study 6:30PM MMT/CC 7PM Monday Eves	16 9:30AM Staff Meeting 2PM Prayer Shawl Ministry/lib 7PM BSA/CC	17 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters/212 7pm Youth Group/CC 7pm Choir Rehearsal	18 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM Pastor Bruce Bible Study/206 6:30PM JAM/CC	19 7PM Dancing with Ivan	20
21 8AM Traditional Worship 9:15AM Adult Education 10:30AM Contemporary Worship 12:30PM Confirma- tion/206	22 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM Exercise/CC 6PM Girl Scouts/210 6PM High School Bible Study 6:30PM MMT/CC	23 9AM Tidings Assembly 9:30AM Staff Meeting 11AM Sr. Lunch Games 7PM BSA/CC	24 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters/212 7PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir Rehearsal	25 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM Pastor Bruce Bible Study/206 3-8PM HomePlate/kit 6PM Stephen Leaders/lib 7PM Stephen Ministers/ lib	26	27 8AM Bee Keeper's Symposium/206
28 8AM Traditional Worship 9:15AM Adult Education 10:30AM Contemporary Worship 11:45AM Special Congre- gational Meeting	29 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM Exercise/CC 6PM Girl Scouts/210 6PM High School Bible Study 6:30PM MMT/CC	30 9:30AM Staff Meeting 7PM BSA/CC	31 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters/212 7PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir Rehearsal			

### STAFF TO SERVE YOU

**Pastor Bruce Rumsch**, Minister of Worship & Spiritual Care

**Clint Souigny**, Minister of Outreach & Congregational Life

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