

Our Calendar for December 17 - 24, 2017

Sunday, December 17

8:00 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Education Hour
 10:45 am Divine Service
 4:00 pm Choral Candlelight Service

Monday, December 18

8:30 am Senior Breakfast
 6:30 pm Divine Service

Wednesday, December 20

8:15 am Adult Bible Class (MC)
 10:00 am Advent Service/soup luncheon
 11:00 am Sunday Service TV broadcast
 (Charter 990 & U-verse 99)
 2:30 pm Midweek Confirmation Class
 6:30 pm Children's Christmas Service @ Weill Center

Thursday, December 21

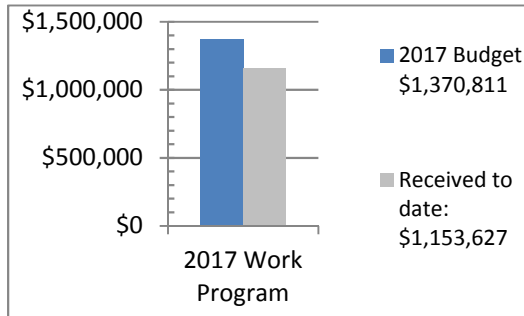
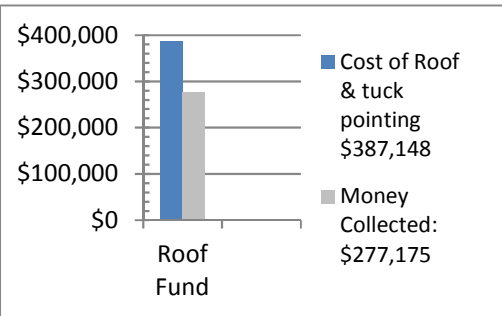
8:45 am Women's Bible Study
 10:30 am Morningside Health Center
 12:00 pm School Early Dismissal
 6:30 pm Handbells
 7:35 pm Mixed Choir

Friday, December 22 - No School

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (MC)

Sunday, December 24

10:00 am Divine Service
 4:00 pm Christmas Festival Service
 6:00 pm Christmas Festival Service
 10:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Service



THE SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

THE PRESIDING MINISTER: Rev. John M. Berg

THE ASSISTANT Minister: Rev. Timothy J. Mech

THE ORGANIST: Brian Heinlein

THE CHOIR: (8:00) Cherub Choir, (10:45) Handbells

THE SERVERS: (8:00) Cassidy Jerdee, (10:45) Korey Wolf, (6:30) Fern Pernat

THE COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (8:00) Dennis Barrow, Alan Konetzki, Adam Glatczak, Jason Harder, (10:45) Jerry Toerpe, Terry Stenklyft, Tim Muth, Chad Hamilton, (6:30) Eric Nimmer, Tim Herrmann

THE GREETERS THIS MONTH: Trinity Board of Christian Day School & Families

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Chris Short, Ann Rahn & Joann Stenklyft

VIDEO TAPING: Ronald Mueller

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 479

The Lutheran Hour
 Broadcast Sundays at:
 6:30 am WTMJ 620AM
 5:00 pm WJUB 1420AM

Morning Meditations
 WHBL 1330am 7:27 am
 Trinity Lutheran - Sheboygan



“Big, Bad John“

† The Third Sunday in Advent †

December 17/18, 2017

Trinity Lutheran Church
824 Wisconsin Ave.
Sheboygan, WI 53081
www.trinitysheboygan.org, 920-458-8246

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PRAYER UPON ENTERING: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME: We cordially welcome you to the Lord's Service. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, the following suggestions may be helpful to you:

† Put your bulletin in the back of the hymnal. A panel will stick out on the right side with the Order of Service. By doing this, both hands are free to find the liturgy and hymns.

† Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

† **The Music Room, the room to your right before entering the sanctuary, is available for parents with small children who need to step out during the service. The service is televised in the Music Room.**

† The time before the service is a time of prayer and preparation to receive the Lord's gifts of salvation. In addition to prayer, look over the readings and the words to the hymns during this preparation time.

† Please turn off all cell phones and refrain from taking pictures during the service. Thank you.

GUESTS AND THE LORD'S SUPPER: If you desire to commune, please speak to one of the pastors before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

Stewardship Thought for the week...

1 Thessalonians 5:18 *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* Christians express thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.

BAPTISMS:

† Walther Richard, son of Jon & Kristen Feld (8:00)

† Jacob Andrew, son of Andrew & Jenna (Van Der Puy) Bagley (10:45)

FLOWERS & GIFTS GIVEN THIS SUNDAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

† The white poinsettia has been given in loving memory of Marilyn LeClair by Wayne; Ryan, Angie & Seth; and Laura, Adam, Jude, Vincent & Hazel

† Flowers given today in honor of the baptism of Jacob Andrew Bagley by his grandmother, Marilyn Van Der Puy

† A gift has been given to the roof fund in honor of the dedicated Pastors and staff of Trinity Lutheran Church & School by Dennis & Marlene Fors

ADVENT: Trinity will have 10 am Advent Service on December 20. There will be Advent soup luncheon after the Service.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: The Children's Christmas Service is December 20, 6:30 pm at the Weill Center. No supper on December 20.

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE: Sunday December 17th at 9:30am: "God's Secret Santa". This study will reveal how we as Christians are instruments of God's grace and mercy to others as His Word has its way in our lives.



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ONLINE? If you shop on Amazon, please consider supporting Trinity by making your purchases through smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0841824. AmazonSmile donates a portion of all purchases to Trinity just by using this link. What an easy way to support our church and school!

SENIOR BREAKFAST is Monday, December 18, 8:30 am at Fountain Park Family Restaurant. The guest speaker is the Rev. Rueben Schmitz, Jr., Mission Support Counselor from Bethesda.

THANK YOU to all who assisted the High School Youth with your contributions to the Anchor of Hope Christmas Program. Thirty gift bags were assembled and presented to the center. As well, thank you for supporting the Higher Things Conference Faye's Pizza fundraiser. (Voucher pick up is today in the lounge) Your generosity and support reflect the love of Jesus.

DIVORCE CARE is a weekly support group that will help you heal from the hurt of Separation and Divorce. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Gain hope for your future! First session starts on Tuesday January 23rd in the Ministry Center at 6:30 pm. Call the Church Office for more info ([920\) 458-8246](tel:9204588246).

DIVINE SERVICE - Setting Four
December 17, 2017 - 8:00 & 10:45 am
December 18, 2017 - 6:30 pm

INVOCATION, CONFESSION,
ABSOLUTION: #203

BAPTISM: #268 (8:00 & 10:45)

HYMN: #515

KYRIE: #204

SALUTATION AND COLLECT: #205

OLD TESTAMENT READING: (insert)
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING: (insert)
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE: #205

HOLY GOSPEL: (insert)
☑ **Glory to You, O Lord.**
☑ **Praise to You, O Christ**

NICENE CREED: #206

HYMN: #345

SERMON
Text: John1:6-8, 19-28
Theme: "Big, Bad John"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
☑ **let us pray to the Lord,**
☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

OFFERING/FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: #208

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:
#347, #346, #354, #338

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: #211

POST COMMUNION COLLECT: #212

BENEDICTION: #212

CLOSING HYMN: #834

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER & DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK
INVOCATION

INTROIT (front page)

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse and Catechism (front page)

MEDITATION: Portals of Prayer / Devotion

DAILY READINGS: LSB #303

Sun: Is. 33:1-24; Rev. 5:1-14

Mon: Is. 34:1-2, 8-35:10; Rev. 6:1-17

Tues: Is. 40:1-17; Rev. 7:1-17

Wed: Is. 40:18-41:10; Rev.8:1-13

Thur: Is. 42:1-25-26; Rev. 9:1-12

Fri: Is. 43:1-24; Rev. 9:13-10:11

Sat: Is. 43:25-44:20; Rev. 11:1-19

In Our Prayers This Week:

- † Steve Heronemus, ALS
- † Joel Pape, leukemia
- † Bonnie Wolf, afflicted with Alzheimer's
- † Bruce DeWit, relative of Christi Vincevinius, brain tumor
- † Bernadette Strate, sister of Tom Hoem, cancer
- † Sue Mack, cousin of Beth Riemer, cancer
- † Dianne Hennell, in treatment for cancer
- † Janine Greger, cancer treatment
- † Richard Berg, cancer treatment
- † Jon Hahn, friend of Don Klumb, cancer
- † Jean Scheblein, pulmonary fibrosis
- † Sam Pierce & his family, one-year-old friend of Christi Vincevinius, going through difficult treatments for a rare childhood cancer
- † Serving in the military: Timothy Schwanke, Rev. Brian Banke, Robert Badtke, Andrew Kelm, Elyse Slimmer, Robert Holt, Austin Griesbach, Max Konetzki, Adam Robinson, Elizabeth Risler
- † Vicar David Blas and the Hispanic Outreach
- † Brendan Cullen, in rehabilitation after a motorcycle accident
- † Hilde Petzold, mother of Pat Petzold, recovering after surgery
- † Candy Thieme, daughter-in-law of Emma Thieme, cancer treatment
- † Dan Lubus, treatment for cancer
- † Owen Levandowski, treatment for cancer
- † Family of Delores Katte
- † Family of Ruth Seefeldt
- † Family of Ruth Schultz, father of Casey Schultz

HYMN OF THE WEEK: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB #357

APOSTLES' CREED

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT (front page)

BENEDICTION

The Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2017

Introit

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.



Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them
not turn back to | folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*

and our land will yield its | increase.

Righteousness will go be- | fore him*

and make his foot- | steps a way.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*

and grant us your sal- | vation.

Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten
the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16; Rom. 16:25-27;
Luke 1:26-38

In Sunday School This Week: Today in Sunday School, the children
learned the account "Mary Visits Elizabeth." In the presence of the Son of
God growing within Mary's womb, John the Baptist leapt inside Elizabeth's
womb. God fills us with Himself in Word and Sacrament and we, like Mary,
offer our praise and worship. Consider asking, "How or when does God fill
us with His presence today?"

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. . . . ⁸For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil. ²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

John 1:6-8, 19-28

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . . ¹⁹And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²²So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." ²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Treasures from the Church: "Take a walk, in your local bookstore, through the "Self-Help" section. So many books, all promising one great gift that, judging from the number of titles, everybody seems to want - change. You can lose extra pounds, you can be a great artist, you can be a skillful business negotiator, a well-adjusted person. Trouble is, all so-called self-help books are lies. If we could actually help ourselves, by ourselves, then why would we need to pay someone else \$25.00 for a book on how to help ourselves! Advent is about help, but not self-help. Advent is, at least on this Sunday, an affirmation that our 'help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.' Our change does not come by ourselves, but rather through a God Who enjoys 'making all things new.' Including us." Pastor William Wilimon, Pulpit Resource, Years B&C, Vol. 31, No. 4

Today's Reading: When he preaches repentance, John the Baptist points us to Christ Jesus. John was sent by God *"as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, that all might believe through him"* (John 1:7). He baptizes with water in order to *"make straight the way of the Lord,"* who shall redeem His people from their sins (John 1:23). That Lord Jesus *"who comes after"* John now stands among us and makes Himself known to us (John 1:26-27). He has been anointed by the Holy Spirit *"to bring good news to the poor"* and *"to bind up the brokenhearted"* (Is. 61:1). By the washing of the water with His Word and Spirit, He clothes His Church with *"the garments of salvation"* and adorns her with His own righteousness *"as a bride adorns herself with her jewels"* (Is. 61:10). Therefore, we *"rejoice always"* in the Lord, *"pray without ceasing,"* and *"give thanks in all circumstances"* (1 Thess. 5:16-18). For *"the God of peace,"* who has called you by the Gospel, will surely *"sanctify you completely,"* so that *"your whole spirit and soul and body"* will *"be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Thess. 5:23-24).

Liturgy and Hymnody: "The Lutheran Church will best serve her exalted purpose and objective if she will adhere to the Word of God and likewise make diligent use of the rich and unique liturgical, musical, and hymnological heritage God has given her." Walter E. Buszin, "The Genius of Lutheran Corporate Worship".

Sermon: This morning big bad John calls you out into the wilderness, into the barren desert, where the only life is where there is water. St. John the Baptist we call Him. He's the water-boy, the water mad. Big bad John beckons you out of the civilization of sin, into the wilderness of repentance, to lead you to the river of life. And once he has you in the water, he's done his job. For there, standing in the oasis of the font, is your Savior Jesus Christ. Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world - your sins and mine!



COOKIE WALK: Have a sweet tooth, no time for baking this Christmas? Then join us today for our annual cookie walk. Grab a box and a glove and handpick your Christmas cookie plate. The Cookie Walk is in the Fellowship Hall after services today. The Cookie Walk is sponsored by our Trinity PTL and our many wonderful, talented bakers!

UPCOMING SCRIP SALE DATE: The last Scrip order before Christmas will be placed on Monday, December 18.

CHILDCARE LEAD TEACHER: Trinity is currently seeking lead teachers for our childcare program for children ages 2+. Candidates are required to have a teaching degree or a lead teacher certification. Please submit any names to Principal Jenna Roeske (roeske@trinitysheboygan.org).

NEAT REPEATS UPCOMING SALES:

- 12/18-12/23 Christmas Decorations 75% off & Jewelry 50% off
- 12/26-12/30 Christmas Decorations 90% off & Bedding & Linens 50% off
- 1/2-1/6 Baskets, Candles & Candle Holders 50% off
- 1/8-1/13 Pictures, Frames & Vases 50% off
- 1/15-1/20 Books & Magazines 50% off
- 1/22-1/27 Boots, Shoes & Socks 50% off
- 1/29-2/3 Kitchen Items 50% off



LOST & FOUND: A lavender/purple scarf and a large white table cloth were left at Advent by Candlelight. They can be claimed in the church office.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE is Tuesday, January 30, 4:30-7:00 pm for grades 5-8. Students will have the opportunity to meet teachers, explore class offerings and extra-curriculars, and free admission to the evening girls' basketball game. Tours of the school will be available and incoming freshmen may make an appointment to register and select classes.

You may also schedule a 'shadow day'. A shadow day is a great way to experience the daytime activity of high school. Spend a half or whole school day with an LHS freshman and attend classes, band/choir, enjoy lunch, and meet other students.

Parents and students interested in the advanced and online classes at LHS are encouraged to attend the Open House for in-depth information on classes offered, as well as the full curriculum list. Feel free to contact the school office for more information at 920-452-3323.

HSHS ST. NICHOLAS HOSPICE is looking for volunteers to join their team! In as little as 4 hours per month, you can be a part of a team that brings quality to the lives of patients at the end of their life. Volunteers fill a variety of roles, such as being a companion, assisting with tasks around the house, praying the rosary, and relieving caregivers for a short time. The hours and assignments vary and can be flexible to your schedule. Please contact Stephanie at HSHS St. Nicholas Hospice at 920-457-5770 for more details on how you could be part of making a difference in the lives of others

SALSA CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT: Your Sheboygan Area Lutheran Schools and St. John the Baptist School will be performing their annual Christmas Band Concert on Tuesday, December 19th at 7 p.m. in the St. John Lutheran School-Plymouth Gym. Please join us in a celebration of praise to our newborn savior, and stay for fellowship and treats afterward. No admission, freewill offering at the door. All proceeds are used to fund transportation for the bands nursing home tour in May.

CHRISTIAN PROGRAM ASSISTANT: St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls is hiring a Christian Program Assistant to lead therapeutic activity programs for The Gathering Place, an adult day program for individuals with memory loss. The position works about 10 hours on Mondays. Call 920-627-6847 or visit www.stpaulfalls.com for a complete job description and application.

LADIES FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: There will be **no** Bible Study meeting on Friday, December 22nd and Friday, the 29th of December. See you all healthy, ready to get out of the house, and full of thirst to keep up our studies in 2018.



TRIVIA NIGHT: As we prepare for Christmas and the best news of all - the celebration of Jesus' birth - I am excited to share that we have plans in place for our next Trinity Trivia Night!

Hoping that you will Save the Date, and make plans for your team and encourage others to join us during your holiday gatherings. Please forward this email to others, I do not have emails for all who attended last year.

You are more than welcome to register with a team of 8, or without and we will plan a table/team for you OR attend dinner and stay to watch the trivia fun without playing. The Trinity PTL is planning for some additional fundraising fun for you (a few Silent Auction Baskets and Oral Auction items). If you have any auction item ideas or items to donate, please let me know.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 2018 - Town & Country, Sheboygan
tentative outline for the evening

- Reception Time (cash bar) & Silent Auction Baskets
- Buffet Dinner
- Trivia Game
- Oral Auction items in-between trivia rounds

Registration information will be available after Christmas.

Please contact me with any questions - looking forward to seeing you there!

Merry Christmas!
Heather Leibham, PTL Chairperson

Please Join Us for the 69th Annual
Choral Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 17, 2017 • 4pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

824 Wisconsin Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081

This year's service features the music of
Dr. Kenneth T. Kosche
who will be in attendance at the service.

Also featured will be guest organist, Dr. John Behnke.

Participating groups include Trinity's Mixed Choir, Handbell Choir, Trinity Singers, and Joy Choir under the direction of Brian Heinlein. Based on a service of Lessons and Carols, the choirs continue their tradition of excellent sacred music.

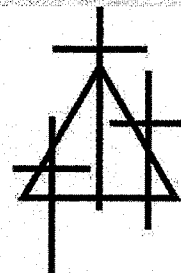
The community is invited to celebrate the birthday of Jesus through music!

*A free-will offering will be received.
Refreshments will be served following the service.*

FUNDRAISING NIGHT!



TRINITY



Lutheran
Church and School

Monday, December 18th
4:00PM-9:00PM

AND

Tuesday, December 19th
4:00PM-10:00PM

10% Donation Night

Support this cause by presenting this invitation to the listed Texas Roadhouse® location and Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser!



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