

# The Trinity Truth

T r i n i t y L u t h e r a n C h u r c h

## A New Year's Resolution



In one of the lessons from this new calendar year, St. Paul writes to the Colossian Christians in Chapter 3 verse 17: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

We have inherited a tradition of making New Year's Resolutions. We pick out something that we want to change or adopt in our lives, and resolve to make that alteration in the coming year. For some people, this has proved to be a very frustrating undertaking. Often before the month of January is much begun or

over, their resolution has already failed. An old habit proved too hard to break. A new discipline was too difficult to enact. Rather than facing eleven months of remembered failure, they end up giving up on the resolution and just waiting patiently till next January. Others have found this a very positive experience. They somehow found the will power and strength to make a positive change in their life. Without the added incentive of the new year, this might not have been possible for them. They would credit the tenacity of their character with the impetus of timing for the positive change they experience.

What have been your experiences? Have New Year's Resolutions been a more positive or negative

experience in your life? I would be willing to guess that most of us have experienced more frustration and failure than elation and success when it comes to resolutions. There is a reason for this. Usually we make our resolutions unrealistically difficult to accomplish. We pick a goal that requires not some significant alteration to our behavior; but complete and total change. Rather than resolving to lose weight, we resolve to lose 50 pounds. When we put that much pressure on ourselves it is no wonder that we fail.

After all, losing 49 pounds is still a failure when your goal was an even 50.

Resolving to "never do something again", or, "always to do something" puts us in that same no win situation.

I have a suggestion that I think will be beneficial for all of us this coming year. We should follow St. Paul's advice about being "more intentionally faithful" in our daily living. Thinking more about how our words and deeds reflect our love and service to Christ Jesus. The key here is in the word "more". Any amount of focus that increases our spiritual attentiveness is success. Any amount of focus that makes us more intentionally Christian is a win!

This is something we can all do, and should all do. It is the perfect resolution for those who desire to live a new year conscious of God's love, grace, and favor. So here's to one very good resolution, a more Christ focused life for 2016!

Pastor Tom

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### Sunday School

*Jessica, Chloe, Gavin, Ani, Jackson, Peyton, Turner, Hannah, Seth, Morgen, Karson, and Sydney--*  
 You all did a wonderful job at the Christmas Service on December 20! Thank you for your joy and

enthusiasm to share Jesus with your Trinity family and friends!

**Sunday School Classes meet each Sunday in January from 9:20-10:15 AM.**

The Preschool class

meets in the nursery and the elementary class meets in the classroom next to the fellowship room.

Join us as we learn more about Jesus and His great love for us!



### Middle School

Confirmation classes for youth in grades 5-8 resume on Monday, January 4, at 3:45 PM. Please note there will be no class on Monday, January 18.

### Extended Hands Food Bank

**During the first quarter of 2016 we will be collecting soups and crackers** for the Extended Hands Food Bank. Please bring your

donations of any nonperishable food to Trinity and place them in the green receptacles by either of the main doors.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity!*



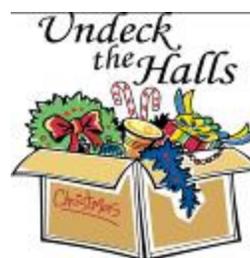
## U n d e c k t h e H a l l s

Trinity's grounds and sanctuary have been beautifully decked out for the Christmas season. With the arrival of the Epiphany season on January 6, it is time to "undeck" the halls of Trinity. The

**outdoor nativity will be taken down on Friday, January 8, at 8:00 AM.**

**The indoor decorations will be taken down on Saturday, January 9, beginning at 9:00 AM.**

We appreciate any and all help as many hands, make light work!

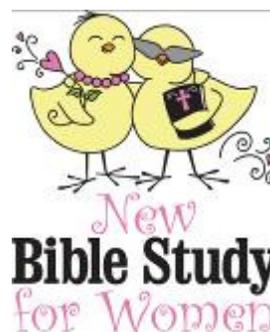


## N e w W o m e n ' s B i b l e S t u d y T o p i c

All women of Trinity are invited to join the Women's Bible Study group as they begin a new topic: *12 Women of the Bible, Life-Changing Stories for Women Today*. The study begins on Tuesday, January 12, at

7:00 PM and will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Friends are also welcome, so feel free to invite one! Study guides cost \$5. Please contact Amy Heuer if you would

like to attend, so a study guide can be ordered for you!



## M o v i e N i g h t

**We will be having a congregation wide movie night on Saturday, January 9, at 6:00 PM.** There will be a very brief discussion after the movie. Popcorn and soda will

be provided. Please sign up on the poster on the bulletin board outside of Amy Heuer's office if you plan to attend. Contact Natalie Wallace with any questions.



Trinity Lutheran  
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Pastor Tom Daly

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## New Director for Choirs

**Michael Sample will be joining the Trinity family as director of the Voices of Praise and Hand Bell choirs this January!**

Michael is the founder of the 501c3 nonprofit Arts InterFACE, which developed Project Creo - an international network of arts programs that empower children to change the world through creativity and love. Prior to living in Ecuador and India to develop the nonprofit, Michael resided in NYC where he served as a choral director and teaching artist with the Metropolitan Opera Guild. As a choral director and composer, he has

served as a clinician with choirs at high schools, universities, and community ensembles around the world. He has conducted with Grammy-nominated artists at the World Culture Festival in Berlin, and was recognized in the NY Times for his work as western consultant director for the first established Hindu choir in NYC.

Michael graduated summa cum laude from Herberger College of Fine Arts with a B.M. in Vocal Performance, B.M. in Music Education and a Theater Minor. A member of American Choral Directors Association and a

certified music educator, Michael has received awards for his educational pursuits from the Presser Foundation, Arizona Community Foundation, George D. Umberson Choral Foundation, and the Herberger College of Fine Arts including the Outstanding Graduate Award. A member of Actors Equity Association, Michael has performed in Off-Broadway and regional theater productions throughout the country, concerts, and in TV/Film.

**Michael is excited to be a part of the TLC family and to make music in a spirit of worship and love.**

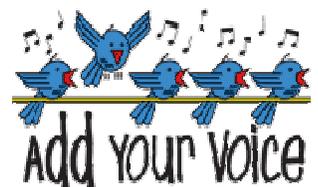


## Choir Rehearsals Resume

Michael will begin rehearsing with the **Voices of Praise choir on Wednesday, January 6, at**

**7:00 PM. Bell Choir rehearsal will resume on Wednesday, January 27, at 6:00 PM.**

*New singers and ringers are always welcome!*



## Recent Happenings

Decorations were put up inside and outside of Trinity for the Christmas season. We celebrated Pastor Tom's 10th anniversary at Trinity. Women enjoyed the Christmas Tea. Operation Christmas Child Shoe-box gifts were delivered.



### C h r i s t m a s T e a T h a n k Y o u

Debbie Olson would like to say a big thank you to all who helped with the set-up and clean-up of the Christmas Tea. You helped make a big job manageable. Thanks to all the style show models

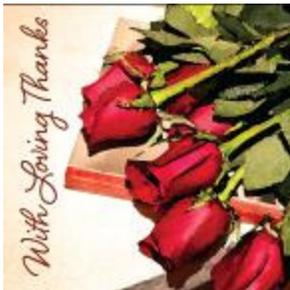
and to Cheryl's for providing fashion for the show. Thanks also to Barbara Marotta for setting up the silent auction. Thank you to all who attended the tea and made this event a success.

The rest of us would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Debbie Olson for all of the many hours of planning, preparing, and executing such a grand event! Thanks for sharing your talents with us!



*Thank You*

### T h a n k Y o u



*I would personally like to thank everyone who participated in making Bob's Memorial service so very special. From Pastor with his wonderful sermon, Amy, Al, and Hal with the audio and visual presentations, Joani*

*for her amazing music and accompaniment for our children who sang, the ushers and others who helped coordinate it all so perfectly, to Grace and the wonderfully, kind and generous people who donated food for our*

*reception. It was all wonderful and on behalf of myself and my family we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. What an amazing church community we have here at Trinity.*

*JoAnn Cegon*

### F e b r u a r y N e w s l e t t e r D e a d l i n e

The deadline to submit news items for the February edition of *The Trinity Truth* is Tuesday,

January 19. Please bring written items to the church office or email them to:

newsed@tlc.  
phxcoxmail.com.





**Link to online Calendar:**

<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=G1J4L6M7K5K5O9L6I3>

**L W M L**

The ladies of Trinity's **LWML will have a meeting on Saturday, January 16, at 10:00 AM.** All women of Trinity are invited to join the group for a time of devotion and a short business meeting. *Come hear a recap of the Christmas Tea and help plan the year ahead!*

**Christmas Tea Pictures**

If you wish to see pictures from the Women's Christmas Tea, please look at the photo album located on the window counter in the Kitchen at Trinity.

If you see one (or more) that you would like to have a copy of,

please write down the number of the picture and contact Christine Colley. She would be happy to get a print made for you (at cost).



**Nativity Thank You**

Thank you to those who came out on a chilly morning to help set up the outdoor nativity!

Al Axelson, Randy Bronner, Jerry Campbell, Dave Johnson, Chuck Knutsen, Don Meier,

Terry Olson, Ray Rahn, Herb Rhodes, Roger Riggert, Kurt Schultz, Pete Visser, Pastor Tom, and Amy-- We couldn't have done it without your help!

Thank you to Grace Kahl, Dianne

Immenga, and Debbie Olson for preparing and serving a delicious breakfast to the crew!

We appreciate you all!



**Decorating Thank You**

Thank you to all who helped prepare Trinity's Sanctuary in Festive décor for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Al & Joy Axelson, Pete Visser, Kurt & Gail Schultz, Ray & Rosie

Rahn, Mark Rey, Doug & Nita Boyer, Rod & Pam Miskawitz, Roger & Sherry Riggert, Al & Dianne Immenga, Pastor Tom, Linda Swanson, Linda Winters, Lynn Drossel, Amy Heuer, Cherie Ringer, Shari

Weisbach, Hannah Schroeder, Derek Schroeder, and Dan Peterson.

Thank you to Pam Miskawitz and Dianne Immenga for providing direction and leadership to the crew!

**Thank You!**

The Inreach team wishes to thank everyone who so enthusiastically provides delicious dishes to share for the many occasions

throughout the year. Also many thanks for the kitchen helpers who work hard behind the scenes to make this all possible. I wish you

and your families a Happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Christine Colley, Board of Inreach



## Ushers & Greeters Wanted



We are always looking for Greeters and Ushers to welcome members and friends to Trinity on Sunday mornings and help the services run smoothly.

If you would like to serve as a greeter, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex at Trinity or talk to Andrea Lawson.

If you are of high school age or older and would like to serve as an usher, please contact Vonnie Bowman.

Training is provided.

### Leadership Workshop

On Friday and Saturday, January 22 & 23, members of the Church Council and Board of Elders will be participating in a *Connect To Disciple workshop*.



Leadership Workshop

This workshop is offered to Trinity by the LCMS Office of National mission. Connect to Disciple will provide instruction and resources for developing outreach strategies and ministries for our congregation.





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J a n u a r y   S u n d a y   M o r n i n g   S c h e d u l e

8:00 AM Worship

Followed by fellowship

9:30 AM Christian Education for all ages

10:30 AM Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated at all Sunday morning worship services.

B i b l e   S t u d i e s

Sunday Morning at 10:15 AM with Pastor Tom

Tuesday Morning at 10:00 AM with Pastor Tom

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Please call (480) 837-0130 to confirm times and places.