

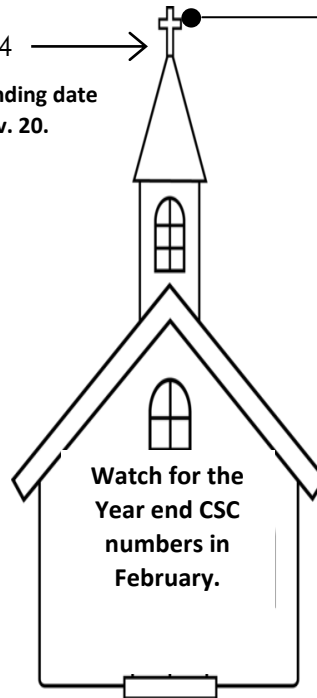
# GOOD NEWS

Good News

January 2017

OTHER  
OPPORTUNITIES TO BE  
IN GOD'S WORD

\$177,214 →  
our 3 yr ending date  
is Nov. 20.



## STEWARDSHIP

Celebrating New Years is a celebration of the past and the future. We take stock of the past with thanksgiving and sometimes even relief (that it's over), and we look to the future in the hope and anticipation and perhaps even worry of what it holds.

The point is that New Year's celebrations remind us of who we are as opposed to who we would like to be; what we have done in comparison to what we want to do. It reminds us of our accomplishments, but mostly it reminds us of our failures. What we've lost. Who we've lost.

New Years is our own version of Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*. And we all play Scrooge. We are visited by the ghosts of our pasts, presents, and futures.

St. Paul writes: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor 9:6-15).

St. Paul tells us that the Lord of all will both supply and increase what you need

to give to the church for its work in and for the world. He tells us that this work that God is doing in us will enrich and bless us in every way and through this it will produce thanksgiving to God. With this in mind, here is some practical advice to help you take stock of your giving of years past, which will help you to change what needs to be changed, improved, or done away with altogether.

First, attend the Divine Service to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. If you've not been faithful in attending worship to hear the preaching of God's Word, to receive forgiveness, and feast of the rich food of our Lord's body and blood for the eternal benefit of your body and soul, then repent and come to receive the gifts God freely gives. God doesn't want your money. He wants you—all of you (Matt 22:20-22).

Second, pray for the Lord's help. Your right as a Christian is to speak with your Father, the King of all creation, freely through His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength and wisdom to follow His bidding faithfully (John 15:1-16).

Third, consider what the Church is and what the Church does. The Church is a

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

This group has been using the magazine "Good News", which is published by Concordia Mission Society. The editor is the former LHM speaker Wallace Schultz. There are several editions available in the pastor's study/office for anyone who would like to review a topic or use one for personal Bible study.

### Ladies Bible study WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. This is a group of ladies mostly around young family age although all ages are welcome. They have just finished their latest study and will be choosing the next shortly so now is a great time to join. Discover how God wants to help you learn to live a life that is full and meaningful.

If evenings are better, join us at the **Cottage Meetings** the last Friday of the month at 7 p.m. hosted at a member's home. **January's hosts are the Myhers.**

### Pastor Snider's Sunday Adult Bible Study *Joining Jesus on His Mission*

Lively discussion and an in-depth study of God's word using simple, powerful and applicable insights show you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your neighborhoods, workplaces and schools. You will feel both relief and hope. You may even hear yourself say, "I can do this!" as you start responding to the everyday opportunities Jesus is placing in your path.

We hope to see all of you at one or more of these Bible Studies.

# WHY DO OUR YOUTH DO SERVANT EVENTS

## LCMS Servant Events

- Provide opportunities for Christian service to the Church and world.
- Include personal Bible study, group building, and connection with other Lutheran youth.
- Give youth a chance to live what they believe by connecting acts of service to daily life and sharing their love of Christ with the people of the world
- Take youth out of their comfort zones to experience the reality of others.

**Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians: "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." (2 Corinthians 9:12)**

## READ THE IMPACT ON PAST SERVANT EVENT PARTICIPANTS...

In 1981, Rick made a difference at the first LCMS Servant Event, which was held at Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) in the mountains above Colorado Springs. Quoted in a report from the event, Rick said, "I'll go home knowing that I made a bunch of new friends and that I have a harness from God." (taken from Matthew 11:28-30, the 1981 Servant Event Bible study text.)

Today Rick says his week serving in Colorado-

"...made a lasting impression on my life. It was there I began to put my faith into action using the tools I had learned in Lutheran grade school and confirmation."

The time he spent as a teenager putting faith into action continues for Rick even now, as he serves God through his vocation as a marketing director for a Christian publisher. Rick knows the impact serving can have on youth, and recently served as one of the adult leaders of a Servant Event, taking a group of inner city youth back to LVR.

Greg is a Director of Christian Education and has been the Servant Event Project Coordinator for Fixin' Up the Thumb held in Michigan for the past fifteen years. Greg notes,

"Taking youth to a Servant Event can be powerful. Hosting a project brings God to your front door. The number one reason our congregation sponsors the Fixin' Up the Thumb Servant Event is because of the spiritual growth that occurs in high school students. In my ministry, I'm not here to be a YMCA. I can't compete with MTV. Yet,

the youth continue to come because they are getting something they can't get out there. We're providing a place for the faith to be engaged. I haven't found anything that encourages spiritual growth like a Servant Event."

"Serving comes in all sizes and shapes. It makes me stretch who I am and where I am going."

Paulette, a youth servant

Her comment connects with all the youth and adult servants who come from every state to serve across the United States and in Mexico and Europe with LCMS churches, schools, camps, colleges, and social service agencies.

"We don't know at first how, when, or where the Lord may have us do His work, but often in doing it, we get a better understanding of our discipleship and the joy that comes with it."

- Andrew, another youth servant

## POSSE NEWS

Hostess for January is Lynda Minger and Altar Care for January are Lynda and Barb.

**CRAFT DAY** is scheduled for **January 21 from 8 to 8**. This is a great time to sit and relax with your favorite craft after the holiday rush.

Also coming up:


**FAMILY FUN DAY** at White Lodge. We can't be sure there will be sledding or ice skating this year but you can plan on fun games, great people and awesome food. **January 29 from 12 -5** will be the date and time to remember!!





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# January 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	10:00 Worship w/ Comm.	2 6:15 Prayer Warriors	3 10:00 Bible Study @ Trinity	4 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	5 7:00 Posse Tree Undecorating	6	7 7am Men's Club Snider
8	8:45 Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation	9 6:15 Prayer Warriors 7:00 Trustees	10 10:00 Bible Study @ Trinity	11 10:30 Bible Study Choir 7:00	12 7:00 Elders	13	14
15	8:45 Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/ Comm. 6:30 Confirmation	16 6:15 Prayer Warriors	17 10:00 Bible Study @ Trinity	18 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 BCE Meeting 7:00 Choir	19 7:00 Council	20	21 8-8 CRAFT DAY
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29	8:45 Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 Worship <b>FAMILY FUNDAY</b> 6:30 Confirmation TBD	30 6:15 Prayer Warriors	31 10:00 Bible Study @ Trinity			Acolyte: Jan 1 Kathryn Jan 8 Jonah Jan 15 Elisabeth Jan 24 Ruthie	Jan 22 Brianna Jan 29 Kathryn <b>Altar Guild:</b> Barb Yek Lynda Minger

# PRAYERS OF TRINITY

## Praise and thanksgiving:

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might be to You, our God, now and forever! Hear us who pray in peace in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Father, we try so hard to make Christmas work well in our jaded society. As we try to light our way out of the darkness with the candles of the Christmas season, may the light of your enduring love overtake us with its radiance and promises of eternal life.

- \* Dan Pelto, Steve's Dad, recovery from surgery
- \* Jude Pittenger, medical issues including eyes
- \* Cathie Snider healing and prayers that back surgery was successful
- \* Betty Jane Van Gorden--healing from back surgery
- \* Ken Cubin--healing
- \* Shut ins--Betty Jean Sigro, Caroline Cadeau, Barb Shultz, Pam and Barb Wenzel.

- \* Gabby--heart condition
- \* Tom Corcoran, Jon's father, diagnosed with MSA.
- \* Faith Kukuk, Dianne and Rudy Vik, Bill Opp, Dennis Miller -- strength and health
- \* Continued healing Tina Albrechtsen, Cynthia Snider, Joanne and Bob Hickman, Don Keiser, Jiselle.
- \* Ava Allen, Emil Hirselj, Tracy Brohmen, Kenny Cadle, Terry Kaczmarek, Charlie and Carol Thompson, Sarah Burns, Tonya Roberts in their battles with cancer.
- \* for the soldiers here and overseas who are still protecting freedoms, our own and others in the world: Matt Hall and Brandon Snider, Jill (Engel) Graves, Casey Sampson, Brenden Finazzo, stationed in the States. Scott Mikkelson stationed in the Arabian Sea and Corbin Sherman.
- \* for parents, that they would see their role in raising children as a holy

calling from God. US leaders as they select their staff appointments.

- \* for hearts that imitate the generosity and graciousness of Jesus. Pray that God's people would be eager to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and clothe the naked.

## Also Prayed for this Month

Dan Pelto - Successful surgery and speedy recovery

Family of Barb Schultz - -member - who passed away 12/11/2016

Family of Loretta Beal who passed away 12/16/2016

Tom Wick Safe travels home from Florida

Thanksgiving for progress on the Church Libby, cancer, care and comfort

Marilyn and Jake - pneumonia

Chris Davidson -health issues

James Kraft - Health Issues



**Newsletter articles are due by the end of day, Jan. 20**

## STEWARDSHIP

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mercy place. It inhales the mercy of the Father by the death, resurrection, and ascension of His Son through the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments. It exhales this mercy in love toward the neighbor. You are a member of the Church, of God's family. Thus, you are not only a recipient of God's mercy, but a bearer of that mercy for the life of the world. You spread that mercy in showing mercy through the generous giving of your income to support the work of the Church in and for the world, as the Isra-

elites did in the Old Testament (Lev 27:1-34).

Fourth, take stock of your current giving in light of the New Testament's teaching on supporting the work of the Church. Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what's left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? The Old Testament required a tithe, ten percent. The New Testament gives freedom to be gener-

ous, to give more for the Church's work. Are you relying on God's promise to provide and increase what you need to do His work? If your answer is no to any of these, repent. If God gave you His only Son, will He not provide for you all things, even physical things? Trust Him, His Word, and heed it.

So, don't let your past define your future. Rather, commit for the year a generous proportion of your income, which is God's gift to you for this body and life.

## BLESSING BAGS

I recently applied for a Thrivent Action Grant and was approved.

The Grant is to put together Blessing Bags for the homeless which has really been on my heart as we are in the cold winter season.

The bags include things like a hat, a pair of gloves, scarf, maybe some hand warmers, a water and some snacks, small bottles of hand sanitizer and lotion, chap stick, deodorant, a

toothbrush and paste, Kleenex, etc. Also a small bible or devotional.

Once we have these bags assembled, we will keep them in our cars and when we see a homeless person, we can give one to them to make their life a little more comfortable.

I will put a list up on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you can bring in some of these items. My goal is to make at least 24 bags.

Please have your items here by Sunday, January 15 so I can see what additional items I need to purchase with the Thrivent money. We will then assemble the bags the next Sunday, January 22 and appreciate anyone who can help.

Thank You  
Barb Yek

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Lois Brumm	1/3	Matthew Groeller	1/27
Gregory Buurma	1/6	Jonathon Krueger	1/30
Kathryn Brumm	1/19	Lori Engel	1/31
Abbie Churches	1/21		
Jenna Frazzini	1/25	Michael and Peggy Engel	1/11
(Gail) Fansler	1/27		



## COMPASSIONATE CARE by Lynda Minger

This year the Ladies Posse from Trinity Lutheran Pinckney voted to assist St. Paul with their Christmas basket program. As a smaller church, we here at Trinity participate in smaller charity events, but it was a wonderful experience to be a part of St. Paul's program this year. It was especially helpful for me to see what all was involved with the program, especially how smoothly it went. It was really nice having my trinity family with me.

The food that we gathered here was taken to St. Paul where Kristin, Mike, Barb, Gretchen, Deb and myself helped to sort, count, and check expiration dates. After that it was the local girl

scout troop's turn to help, sorting all the items into "baskets".

There was an impressive amount of various food, turkeys with all the trimmings, AND tin roasting pans complete with cooking instructions. 29 families received baskets which included gifts for the children.

The Myhers and I were part of the deliverers this year. I was nervous about going and yet excited at the same time. The first house I went to was a shut-in who managed to make it partway down the stairs just so she could give me a hug.

Walking away from the next house's front door to the sounds inside of "We got gifts!" was such fun! I know what Christmas is about, and I have donated somewhere every year, but I was glad that I was able to lighten my schedule and take part in this. If you have never delivered or helped with the sorting, I encourage you to do so. Nothing says "Merry Christmas" more than making someone else's special. And with a project like this, more hands using a little of their time, keeps the volunteers that lead the project energized, creates closeness in the church family, and can be downright fun!



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## A NOTE FROM BARB

### Angel Tree

Thank you for your love and generosity to all who brought gifts for the Angel Tree.

I know it brought smiles and comfort to all who received them and that they felt the love of Jesus through you. I give thanks for our loving, giving, and serving Trinity Family



### Trinity Lutheran Church



Please feel free to call and speak with Pastor Snider if there is any way we can assist you in your spiritual needs.



8:45 am  
Adult and Children's Bible study

10:00 am

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