



# Trinity TIMES



JANUARY 2019

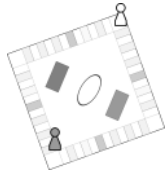
MINISTRY NEWS AND NOTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEW YEAR, NEW POSSIBILITIES! JOIN THE FUN AT TRINITY!

As we think about 2019, many of us may set goals or make resolutions for the new year. Consider putting one (or many) of Trinity's great activities for January on your list!

### **FEFIFOFUN!**

Wednesday, January 2, from 3:15-4:30 p.m., for students in grades 1-5. They won't be



"board" with all the games this month! Bus rides available from WLC, contact the church office.

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Are you an early riser? Come be fed spiritually and physically on Saturday, January 5, at 7:14 a.m.

### **Women's Bible Study**

Thursday, January 10, at 1:30 p.m. This group meets the second Thursday every month and uses the Women of the ELCA's publication, *Gather*, for their Bible study.



### **Middle School Lock-in**

Calling all students in Grade 6-8! Our annual overnigher is Friday, January 11, at 8 p.m. Doors lock at 9 p.m. and re-open at 7 a.m. Games, movies, pizza, and lot of fun will be had! Adult volunteers needed, please contact Kim Miller at [kmiller@tlcwaupaca.org](mailto:kmiller@tlcwaupaca.org).

### **OWLS**

Friday, January 11, 6-8 p.m. at Trinity. Older and wiser Lutherans are invited to gather for snacks and a movie!

### **Knitting 101**

Saturday, January 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Whether you are a seasoned knitter or always wanted to learn, join this group for a great time of fellowship! You will "knot" regret it.

### **Pizza Potluck and -Board Game Party**

Need a midwinter cabin fever break? Love playing games but want some new folks to play with? Join us on Sunday, January 20, from 4-7 p.m. for an afternoon of fun! Play one of the games provided or bring your favorite one from home. Pick up a pizza from your favorite pizza place or have it delivered to build a pizza buffet. Come by yourself, invite a friend, or bring the whole family. Fun for people ages 0-105+!



### **Annual Meeting Notice**

All members should attend Sunday, February 3, at 9:30 a.m. to hear updates about the church and approve the budget.

# Longing for Light

By Pastor Andy Behrendt

At some point, I should probably apologize in print for costing our church extra money on our electric bills. But, for me at least, light is worth every penny.

If you've ever been in my confirmation class or met with me in the conference room, you've probably seen me flip on an extra light switch as soon as I walk in. I'm sensitive to light levels, and I'm immediately uneasy if a room is darker than usual. I especially need the light right now when the days are so short.



It was with good reason that light was God's first contribution to creation. It fuels

all life on our planet. We need light—biologically, psychologically, and spiritually. It was also with good reason

that our Christian ancestors strategically placed the celebration of Jesus' birth near the winter solstice when the lack of light can be so demoralizing. And, for as often as our modern holiday trimmings get in the way of the season's true meaning, they *can* be a blessing. When I was putting up my outdoor Christmas lights recently, I found myself thanking God for all the little, colorful lights that were brightening the night.

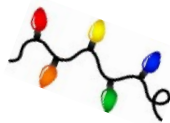
Light is also a theme of the after-Christmas season of Epiphany, when we remember how Jesus is revealed to us as the light of the world. I'm excited because Jan. 6, the day of Epiphany, falls on a Sunday this new year, and I finally get to preach on the story of the wise men for the first time. But it's the day's reading from the start of Isaiah 60 that really grabs my

attention: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you."

Darkness does cover us at times, literally and otherwise. Our lives are darkened by death, disease, depression, divorce, drinking, drugs, and dozens of other difficulties at work in our world. Thankfully, our lord of love brings us that light of life and with it the hope that a new day will dawn. In these seasons of Christmas and Epiphany and all through 2019, please join me in looking for that light daily and asking yourself each morning, "How can I reflect the light today?" It could be truly priceless for people around you.

*Pastor Andy*

## Recycle Your Holiday Lights



Trinity is once again receiving and recycling strings of holiday lights. Bring any old lights and extension cords to the blue barrel just down the steps from the main doors by Feb. 1, and the recycling proceeds will benefit Trinity's youth.



## Treasurer's Corner

► Your year-end giving statements will be mailed out Wednesday, Jan. 9. Statements will take a week or longer to arrive at your home.

November Financial Report Snapshot	
Ministry Expenses and Gifts	Building Debt Reduction
<b>Nov Begin Ministry Balance: -\$23,849.70</b>	Mortgage Principal: \$1,629,801.37
Nov Gifts: \$48,256.07	Debt Reduction Gifts: \$11,190.50
Nov Expenses: \$68,370.78	Debt Monthly Payment: \$11,344.00
Nov Clearing Income: \$1,960.50	Principal Reduction: \$5,980.17
Nov Clearing Expenses: \$2,317.76	
<b>Nov End Ministry Balance: -\$44,321.67</b>	Mortgage Principal: \$1,623,821.20



## FROM THE WORSHIP & MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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## Music Notes for January 2019

### Trinity Spectacular Concert!

Happy New Year! It's *that* time again: On Sunday, February 10, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., we'll present the Sixth annual Trinity Spectacular Concert. (This is the Sunday after Super Bowl Sunday). Mark your calendars, and please join us for another afternoon of music, fellowship, laughter, and cookies with friends!

The Spectacular Concert is a project of Trinity's Worship & Music Committee. We've produced the Spectacular annually since 2014. We aim to showcase a variety of talent in the concert. If you sing, play an instrument, belong to a musical group of some kind, or maybe you do standup comedy, this is your chance to share your talents.

And back by popular demand, Pastor Andy Behrendt will reprise his role as master of ceremonies!

Refreshments will be served in the Koinonia room following the concert. As we've done in years past, we're teaming up with participants of the Faith Ventures youth group who are traveling to Erie, Penn. in the summer. These youth will be helping with the reception.

We hope you'll be the next Trinity "star" to emerge on the scene! For information, contact me, Wanda, at 715-281-1716 or weikenbary@tlcwaupaca.org or Shana Rogne at 715-412-0967 or rogdog01@att.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

May you have a Blessed and Happy New Year!  
Wanda

## New Drop Off Place For Baby Kits

For those wanting to drop off items year-round for the baby care kits (flannel, yarn, finished items) or pick up materials to make into items for the kits, please check out the new bag marked for Baby Care Kits located in the area adjacent to the north entrance (where we also have containers for used stamps, etc.). It will be checked periodically for donations. Any questions, call Bev Hall at 715-281-8546. Thank you!



## Weather Cancellations

If you ever wonder whether wintry weather will cause a Trinity event to be canceled, listen to WDUX 92.7 FM

or go to Trinity's website, [tlcwaupaca.org](http://tlcwaupaca.org), or Facebook page, [facebook.com/trinitywaupaca](https://www.facebook.com/trinitywaupaca).

We'll make every effort to communicate cancellations ASAP. School closures won't always mean that church events will also be canceled, so please check the radio or the web!

## Foundations for Living Warming Center Seeking Volunteers



Have you ever thought what it would be like to be homeless in the winter?

The Warming Center at FFL provides a safe, warm place for adults in crisis in the Waupaca area. It is available to individuals now through April 30. Doors open at 8 p.m., and all overnight guests are asked to leave by 7:30 the following morning. We are in need of volunteers to help with hospitality from 7:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., as well as with the overnight shift from 9 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Two volunteers stay during the overnight shift. For more information, call 715-942-2725.



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## Worship Schedule

Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.  
Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

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### Contact us

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#### Office Hours

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

If you have an immediate need outside of church office hours, you can still contact a pastor by calling the church office and leaving a voice message in the pastor's individual voice mailbox. The pastor will be notified by mobile phone and will return urgent-need calls as soon as possible.



**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a  
new creation: everything old has  
passed away; see, everything has  
become new!**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! THE OFFICE WILL  
BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 1.**