

 <p>The Original King Size Bed</p>	<p><i>Holy Trinity Lutheran Church</i></p> <p>Tidings</p>	<p>November- December 2016</p>
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Service schedule

9:30 AM with
Communion every
Sunday

Bible Study starts at
10:45 am
Sunday School starts
at 9:45 am

Coffee hour after the
service

Advent starts November 27th.

Remember the Christ Child is
Coming!

Hanging of the Greens is
Saturday December 4th at 4pm

Christmas Eve Service
Saturday, December 24th
7 pm

Message from your Pastor:

As we get closer and closer to a presidential election that may go down as the most divisive in our history, I find myself thinking about another president who served during troubled times: Abraham Lincoln. Our 16th President was a consummate orator. Along with Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death," JFK's "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country," and Ronald Reagan's "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall," Lincoln's "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated

to the proposition that all men are created equal” is undoubtedly one of the most memorable and often quoted public statements of all time. Perhaps Lincoln’s greatest strength as an orator, though, was his ability to put huge, important thoughts into speeches of a few words. His most famous – the Gettysburg Address, from which I quoted above – was not actually written on the back of an envelope, as some legends suggest; but it could almost fit on one. Whether our new president turns out to be Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump, I hope that he or she thinks of Lincoln as an example to be emulated. His willingness to listen to the opinions of others who disagreed with him, made famous in Doris Kearns Goodwin’s bestselling book *Team of Rivals*, and his steadfast commitment to doing what was right, not necessarily what was most popular, makes Lincoln a wonderful role model for any president. That he was able to hold fast to his principles and accomplish what he did in a time when the country was literally torn apart makes him a wonderful role model for anyone. Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address is my favorite of his speeches. It is arguably his most spiritual. And it also is a perfect example of his willingness to treat those who opposed him with respect. “With malice toward none; with charity for all,” he said to the gathered thousands. “With firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in...to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.” Whether you believe that the upcoming election of the 45th president of the United States marks the beginning of a new era in American politics, positive or negative, or if you are someone who feels that it is just another of the many swings in the pendulum that can be observed over the history of our country, please join me, on this eve of a new Administration, in prayer that those wonderful words of Lincoln will define the way our nation is governed in the years ahead and that “peace, among ourselves and with all nations,” will come to fruition. And join me, as well, in a commitment to do everything within our power to work to make that ideal a reality. Blessings for a wonderful Advent and Christmas,

Jeff Van Orden

Updates with Call Process: We will be progressing into the next phase in the call process. Soon there will surveys that needed to be completed as we go through the process. They will be given to each member of the congregation in the next few months.

WELCA –On Monday November 14th WELCA will hold a planning session at 11 am and we will also write out Christmas Cards for the local nursing homes. Bring Lunch. Dessert and drinks provided. Call Lynn Hutcheson 494-0826.

Roseanne Joyce is heading up Operation Christmas Child for our congregation. Shoeboxes and information available in church. They are due no later than November 20th. Call Roseanne for more information. 492-7089

Food Bank Ingathering – Third Sunday of each month

There are a number of things this season to keep a watchful eye out....If you blink, you might miss out....We again are going to be doing the Angel Tree, the Coat drive, and the Annual Hanging of the Greens (after the Ship Bottom Christmas Parade)....Keep an eye on your bulletin, Facebook, or church announcements on website for updates as they become available.

Broken Crayons were gathered for the Crayon Initiative. The crayons will be melted down into new crayons which are dispersed to children in hospitals, like CHOP. Even the Preschool Sunday School class went through their crayon box in the classroom to select crayons for the project.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER WORSHIP:

Sunday, November 6 – All Saints' Sunday

We give thanks, on this Sunday, for all the saints "who from their labors rest," and remember our baptism into the Body of Christ.

Sunday, November 20th – Christ the King Sunday

We sing "This is the feast of victory for our God," as we remember that Christ defeated the power of sin and death for all time.

Sunday, November 27th – First Sunday in Advent

The beginning of the new Church Year is marked with the lighting of the first Advent candle – the candle of hope – and the start of our preparation for the Nativity of our Lord.

Sunday, December 4 – Second Sunday in Advent

We light the candle of peace and recall the message of John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Sunday, December 11 – Third Sunday in Advent

We light the candle of joy and continue our joyful expectation. Pastor Linda Wood will be preaching and presiding.

Sunday, December 18 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

We light the candle of love and pray "O come, O come, Emmanuel," as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve should provide a fitting climax to the Advent season for everyone as we celebrate in our traditional manner with our Service of Candlelight and Communion, at 7:00 PM. Candles will be distributed and you will be invited to join in the traditional songs that make Christmas Eve a special experience.

Sunday, December 25

On this Sunday, Christmas Day, we will share in an informal service of lessons and carols.



Prayer Ministry

Our prayer ministry is growing in leaps and bounds. We have a loyal group who pray daily for those on the prayer list. If you are interested in this ministry, you can help in one or two different ways.

1. Join the prayer chain by contacting me by phone 732 642-9408 or email: kataocn@gmail.com and provide me with your email address or phone number (if you don't have email) if you would like to be a prayer partner.
2. Let me know if you would like someone to be added to our prayer list.

Prayer cards can also be found in the pews if you would like to fill one out during the service and place it in the offering plate.

The list is updated weekly and published in the bulletin. Names will be removed after one month unless you let me know otherwise.

Prayerfully consider being a part of this important ministry.

Kathy Leifeste

MUSIC AND WORSHIP-

"Sing" praises to the Lord..



We need hand bell ringers so that we can continue to increase the number of times we are able to add this gift of bells to our Sunday worship. We are proud of all we accomplished last year and want to share our joy in greater abundance in the year ahead. Please let Lisa (organist) or Kathy (732)642-9408 know if you can be a part of this beautiful ministry. Please make an Advent commitment!

Also, the (vocal) choir is always happy to have new members! Please join us if you can. There are no auditions or tests to pass. Just

bring a willingness to share your talents! The Adult choir meets at 8:15 am prior to the Service.

Many hands make light work.....If you can help fill a slot in the everyday workings of the Church Life; ushers, readers, coffee hour, office help, etc...., see the sign-up sheets in the back of the church on the BELLS table.Together we can grow in Faith and Hope...



Coat and Blanket Drive: During the month of November, bring your gently used coats and blankets to the tables at the rear of All Saints Hall.



MATTHEW 19:14

The Pre-K to 1st grade Sunday school classes meet upstairs in the old nursery room class, with Dawne Thumhart teaching that class. The class meets every other week.

The older children's class meets at 9:45 am each Sunday and is taught by kris Gralja. Let family friends and neighbors know...Yes we do have Sunday School.

STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 2016

We celebrated a wonderful Stewardship Sunday on October 23. We welcomed The Rev. Schantzenbach, Assistant to the Bishop as the guest preacher. We then had a delicious brunch catered by The Greenhouse Café. At the brunch Pastor Schantzenbach gave a short talk about "first fruit" giving and how the synod uses the Mission Support we send them from our offerings. I want to thank all the folks who worked on the Stewardship campaign this year. It was a wonderful group effort by members of the church council. Thanks to Lynn Hutcheson, Joan Gilman, and Jack Dessel for their personal reflections in the weeks leading up to the 23rd. Thank you Kathy Leifeste for planning the brunch. Thank you Kathy and Bob Leifeste and Lynn Hutcheson for setting up and cleaning up. Thank you Pastor Jeff and all the other council members who supported the stewardship campaign this year.

And a special thanks to Kathy Minto who diligently keeps the records of our giving. She reported that there were 14 Commitment Cards returned on Sunday the 23rd for a total of \$29,524. We expect there will be more cards coming in and ask those who have not filled out and handed in their commitment cards yet to prayerfully consider your commitment to God's work with our hands here at Holy Trinity.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wood, Stewardship Chairperson

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If you have an event, something wondrous to share milestone, etc. and wish to share it with the congregation at large please let Dawne or Randy know. Leave a note in the office or email one of us so we can SHARE YOUR WONDERFUL NEWS.....We would love to hear your news. If there is someone you would like kept in prayer, let us know...Just a reminder, of all the various sign-up sheets located in the narthex and on the Bells table. Pitch in and share your time and talents wherever and whenever you can. We are continuing to grow stronger and continue to see more and more faces. We wish to welcome all to worship with us, old and new faces alike.....Our Emails are dmthumhart@gmail.com and rpthumhart@yahoo.com.

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November Birthdays: Tom Lewis, Joan Gilman, John Bowers, Joan Bowers, Gloria Veitch, Nora Schuler, Joan Gigstad, Dawne Thumhart.

November Anniversaries: The Tum Sudens, Bennets, Nisulas and Christensens.

December Birthdays: Rich Grala, Ron Chaffee, Kris Grala, Carole Meyer, Karen Blum, Kristin Holdzkom, Dick Mumma, Meg Christensen, Rosemarie Doerr.

December Anniversaries: The Despreauxs and Lunds.



The repairs to the church steeple and the roof were completed this past September. A very special thank you to Tom Hogan for overseeing/facilitating the project and to Jon Nelke and his crew for the repairs with this job. In addition to removing the bell and steeple, repairing the damage to the roof and inside ceiling, as contracted, Jon also repaired the flashing and wall in the nursery where the leak was occurring in corner of room-AT MINIMAL COST-there truly are angels among us. Thank you both for a job well done.

The bell and the steeple were removed. The bell and cross have been stored as we are exploring options in having the bell cleaned, tuned, and mounted outside on the front lawn. We are hoping to have some more information by the time of our annual meeting.

From Marianne Smith---

I am almost 3/4's of the way through my chemotherapy and things are going along fine. I just finished my 35 sessions of radiation and I am starting to feel better. I want to thank my church family and friends for all the love and prayers and cards I received.. Not to forget the lovely prayer shawl,....thank you. Special thanks to my drivers for the chemo sessions and my cooks who supplied me with delicious food. Thank you.thank you.!! It is so good to have friends and I love you all.

Justin Thumhart, nephew of Dawne and Randy Thumhart, recently accepted a Call to be the Youth Pastor at Reformed Church of Shawangunk. His call starts November 1st. Congrats and prayers go with him as he starts his new call.

John Chaffee has accepted a Call to be the Director of Youth Ministries at Narberth Presbyterian Church. John as many of you know, ha been a member here since childhood. He is the son of Ron and Marty Chaffee. Gods Blessings John. Congratulations.....

Dennis Brink has sent our congrogation a Newsletter from Hungary, which can be found on the tables in the back of the church.

There is a new hard-copy directory located on the tables in the back of the church for those wishing to pick one up. One will be available at the annual meeting with finalized updates.

Bible Study: We have started a new Bible Study series, *Opening the Book of Faith*, a 7 week introduction to the *Book of Faith* Series. This program focuses on key Lutheran understandings of Scripture and presents a different approach to opening God's Word. Come join us in the Library each Sunday at 10:45 am armed with your Bible and a cup of coffee (it wouldn't be Lutheran without it!).



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