

## *Announcements:*

**TODAY** will be the Children's Christmas Eve Service, which was rescheduled. Because of this there will be no Sunday School or Adult and Teen Bible Classes.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** in the church will be taken down **today**, January 8th at 2:00 p.m. Please lend a hand if you are able.

**LUTHER SOCIETY** *meeting today*. We'll head to Bluffton for lunch and bowling. We will leave right after church and carpool to Southgate Lanes. Meet in the Bible classroom in the basement after second service. Please bring money for lunch and bowling.

**PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME:** Do your kids need a place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children (infants, toddlers, and preschoolers) in the school gym on Monday, January 9 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, a mini-trampoline, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play. Grab a snack for your ride home.

**THE FAMILY OF WILDA VON STEIN** wishes to express their thanks to Pastor Nowak and to everyone for all their cards, prayers and support at this time. Also, a thank you to the ladies of the church for the delicious lunch. Alice Norway and family; Tom and Nancy von Stein and family

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT** is scheduled for Sunday, January 15 at the school from 3:00-7:00 PM. You can come at anytime to play games. Bring along your favorite board/card games. Supper will be served at 5:00. Chicken sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. The gym will also be available for kids to play. Please sign up on the sheet in back of church if you plan to come.

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** is happening again this year at Trinity on January 21st, 6:30pm. We'll have the home court advantage as we win the championship . All card players are encouraged to sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Go Team!

**THE TLS COOKBOOK** committee is beginning to collect recipes, historical facts & stories, photos, and memories from anyone who has them to share. In addition to being a cookbook, this will also be a 75th anniversary "history book" that honors the rich tradition of our wonderful school and the many people who have contributed to its continued success. You can submit recipes and other items to the box in the narthex, or email them to Megan Nowak at [mrsnowak1@gmail.com](mailto:mrsnowak1@gmail.com). If you have multiple items to submit, please collect them in an envelope with your name on it before submitting. Thank you!

**THE ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING** will be held on January 25th at 7:30pm. Voters – now is your opportunity to have your voices heard! All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters consist of male communicant members who have reached the age of 18. The Lord has called men to be the leaders for the congregational team. More than likely your grandfather and father have served on the Lord's team over the past years. Now is the time for the next generation to show their love for Him by becoming part of the team. God wants you to serve Him. Your service as a voter is wanted and needed by your Lord and your church. Everyone is welcome including the women of the church regardless of voter status. If you have anything that needs to be added to the agenda, please get it to the office by Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**BASKETBALL CONCESSION HELPERS** Our Tigers have two basketball events coming up and we would love to have some help in the concessions area. Games are Saturday, January 14 and Saturday, February 11 with help needed from 9:30-1:30. Please contact Principal Falck if you can help out for either date for some or all of the time. Go Tigers!

**MOON, STARS, AND NIGHT-TIME:** Bring your infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to Mornings with Mommy on Monday, January 16 or Tuesday, January 17 to learn about the moon, stars, and night-time. Meet in the church basement to explore moon sand, paint a night-time sky, cut play-dough stars, and build a rocket. Register online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or call 262-391-7994. You can see pictures from our previous sessions at [facebook.com/trinitymwm](https://facebook.com/trinitymwm).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on Thursday, January 26 from 1:00-3:00 PM. We will be packing/preparing boxes, sorting through foods and checking expiration dates, and much more! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the south entrance area. If you have any questions, please contact Clark Inniger at 419.306.0127 or email [cdinniger@roadrunner.com](mailto:cdinniger@roadrunner.com).

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Sisters in Christ 2023 annual retreat will take place April 14-16, 2023 at Michigan State University in Lansing. More information to come soon!

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY TRAVELING BIBLE STUDY** We will be reading the book '*What's Big Starts Small*' by Mike Novotny. Books can be found on Amazon or sign up on the sheet in the back of church and we'll get you a copy(\$15). First Bible Study will be January 23, 6:30pm at Nancy Schmehl's house (17123 County Road 60, Rawson 45881). Chapters 1-3. We will meet each month to discuss approximately 3 chapters. If you haven't read or have fell behind, join us anyway! You're sure to get something out of the discussion and fellowship! No judgment! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you plan to come and indicate if you need a book or email [brausch508@gmail.com](mailto:brausch508@gmail.com) with the same info or any questions you may have. Those who already signed up for a book, your books are at the deacons table. Thanks!

**STILL AVAILABLE FOR SALE:** We still have Trinity t-shirts available for sale for \$10 each. The proceeds from these sales go toward the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip in the spring. Get yours today! Contact the school office if you are interested.

**WARM WINTER WALKING** We are again opening the school gym up for anyone who wants to get some exercise, or just get out of the house for a while. Everyone is invited to walk in the school's gym on weeknights beginning Monday, January 16. The doors will be unlocked from 7:00-8:00 PM. but you may walk longer if you wish. Please use the doors by the **gym** and bring non-marking shoes to wear on the gym floor.

## **CALL RESPONSE**

*Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School:*

From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you for your prayers for myself and my family. I am returning the call to serve at Trinity in Jenera and will continue to serve God's people at St. Paul's. It has been a true joy to get to know your congregation and to learn about the ministry work being done at Trinity and in your area. To those who have reached out individually, thank you! I had wonderful conversations with you. As I have for the last few weeks, I will continue to pray for your congregation and school.

I know God will continue to bless the work you are doing at Trinity. Do not give up the fight to keep the hope that we have alive! Please keep St. Paul's ministry in your prayers as we continue to fight together to bring the light of God's word to Jesus' little lambs.

In Christ, Garrett M. Buch

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (December 25th—January 1st)

December 25: 189; December 31: 70; January 1: 142; Mornings with Mommy: 63. On-line worship service views for December 24 (pre-recorded) were 95; December 25: 83.

**MONEY COUNTERS** for this morning through January 14th are the members of Jonathan Beach's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, January 15th, will be the members of Mark Boehm's Undershepherd group.

## GREETERS

today are:

Jim & Jane Smith

Next Sunday:

Mark & Kathi Curth – early  
John & Esther Spaeth – late

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (January 8 through January 15)

**TODAY Worship 9:30 only;** Children's Christmas Eve Service; No Bible class or Sunday School; Outreach (after the service); Christmas Undecorating 2:00.

**Mon** Preschool Playtime 10:00; Cookbook Comm 6:00; Board of Ed 6:00

**Tue** Good Samaritan Bible Class 10:00

**Wed** Elders 7:00

**SUN** **Worship 8:00 & 10:30:** Communion; Bible class and Sunday School 9:20; Family Game Night 3-7.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Mon** Faculty Meeting 3:30

**Tue** Cheer Practice 3:30-4:45; Basketball Practice 5:00-7:00

**Wed** Chapel 8:20

**Thu** Cheer Practice 3:30-4:45; Basketball Practice 5:00-7:00

**Sat** Basketball vs. St. Stephens & Divine Grace 10:00 (HOME)