

ECC LOOKING FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR—Trinity Early Childhood Center is seeking a full-time assistant director. Applicants must meet licensing standards for a program director, have a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education, is or will become an active member of Trinity Church. Must be available from 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. This is a salaried position with retirement/disability plan, paid time off and health benefits. To apply, go to the Trinity web-site at [www.trinityct.org](http://www.trinityct.org) and submit an application that can be found in the Early Childhood Section on the employment page.

## >ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH POSITION OPEN—Trinity Lutheran Church is seeking to fill the part-time position of Assistant to the Minister of Worship and Music. This person would work in the church under the direct supervision of Paul Finazzo. Duties include preparing weekly worship bulletins, slide presentations and assisting in the organization of music and services. Anyone interested in this position should submit their resume and letter of interest as soon as possible to [pfinazzo@trinityct.org](mailto:pfinazzo@trinityct.org).

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION—It’s Lutheran Witness subscription time! *LW* provides Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life and foster personal growth in faith. Subscriptions are \$11.60 for 11 issues (March 2019-February 2020) if placed through the church office. Contact Tina Prosch in the church office ([tprosch@trinityct.org](mailto:tprosch@trinityct.org)) by Dec. 2. Renewing? Make check payable to Michigan District LCMS and deliver to Tina.

WELLSPRING CHILD AND FAMILY will be holding their last 2018 pizza fundraiser on Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thanks for supporting us this year. Dave’s is located at Waterside Marketplace, 50670 Waterside Dr., New Baltimore. Pizza Bar, salad bar, Pasta, dessert pizza all with free drinks.

LEARN TO PAINT AT LHN—And adult painting class will be held on Wednesdays, Jan. 9-Feb. 13 from 7-9 p.m. at Lutheran North. Learn about acrylic painting on canvas boards. For beginner to independent painters. Taught by Gary Faszhoz. Limit 20 students. Cost is \$75. For more info, visit [www.lutherannorth.com/events/2018/12/4/learn-to-paint](http://www.lutherannorth.com/events/2018/12/4/learn-to-paint).

DIRECTORY AD SPACE AVAILABLE—The new 2019 membership directory for Trinity Lutheran will be published soon. Anyone interested in placing an advertisement for their business, or a personal message in support of the directory should call Tracy Harris at (800) 544-6903 ext. 123 or [tharris@cathedraldirectories.com](mailto:tharris@cathedraldirectories.com). Ad space must be secured by Wednesday, Dec. 12. A business card can be used in creating a new ad. Many times our members have small businesses and other members aren’t aware, but would love to support them. Advertisers do not need to be members of our church, so feel free to pass this information along to others.

LOOKING FOR A TAX BREAK? Tax rules have changed this year making Charitable deductions harder to deduct. Are you taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from you IRA? There is a way to support Trinity while still getting a tax benefit. A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QDC) will count toward you RMD, reducing your gross taxable income. You do not have to itemize your deductions to take advantage of this tax saving program. It sounds complex, but it is really very simple. Of course there are some rules to follow, but your plan’s account administrator will be very familiar with this tax break. Our Director of Operations Rick Wyatt would be more than happy to discuss this further with you. Contact him at [rwyatt@trinityct.org](mailto:rwyatt@trinityct.org), or 586-463-2921 ext. 106

## This week at Trinity—Dec. 10-15, 2018

For a complete list of events at Trinity, visit [trinityct.org](http://trinityct.org) and click Today at Trinity

<b>Monday (10)</b>	1 p.m. Alanon—Church Lounge 5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leader Meeting—Sunday School Office 7 p.m. Ladies Bible Study—Meeting Rooms 4/5 7 p.m. Confirmation Module—10 Commandments—Youth Lounge 7 p.m. Stephens Training—Meeting Room 1/2
<b>Tuesday (11)</b>	9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study—Meeting Room 4/5 Noon Fellowship with Seniors—Community Center 7 p.m. Elders Meeting—Meeting Room 4/5
<b>Wednesday (12)</b>	6 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—Church Lounge 9 a.m. MOPS—Church Lounge Noon Advent Worship—Chapel Noon Kiwanis—Community Center 6:30 p.m. Women’s League Christmas Party—Church Lounge 7 p.m. AA—Community Center
<b>Thursday (13)</b>	7 p.m. Purls Knitting—Church Lounge 7 p.m. Voices in Praise—Choir Room 7 p.m. NA Meeting—Community Center
<b>Friday (14)</b>	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—Church Lounge
<b>Saturday (15)</b>	5 p.m. Worship—Sanctuary

## PRAYER LIST

### Members Who Are Ill/Recovering

Helen Luft, Carol Jobse, Tim Crosby, Onalee Young, Josephine Young, Patti Kennedy, Frank and Kathy Carpenter, Kris Pauli, Donna Lockhart, Emelia Evola, Pat Stolzenfeld, Pastor Thees Hoff, Robert Sellers, Kris Rice, Beverly Mueller, Allan Hurley, Dawn MacDonald, Aimee Kilcher, Bruce Rieck, Steve Parker, Jerry Smigielski, Vanessa DeGeorge, Rusty Muszall, Michelle Puffpaff, Betty Howison, Karen Cuneo, Gloria Kandt, Elaine Carr, Rita Bacon, Erica Batkins, Anna Mae Jarrad, Trudy Terry, Donna Sogge, Dennis Stroup, Norm Duhaime, Dianne Smith, Edie Dolinar, Corey Hart, Ellie Hurley

### Others Who Are Ill/Recovering

Ken Cress, Robert Impullitti, Bob Willets, Paul VanderMarliere, Chris Marino, Irene Detroyer, Kayser family, Rusty, Harold Yost, Myron Thompson, Lawrence Malcheff, Greta Gronefeld, Rachel Konkrite, Arthur Murphy, Corey Shales, Addie and her parents Nate and Joy, Gregg Glenn, Elaine Allen, Diana Sgrazzuti, Roberta Foster, Joseph Gawinski, Elaine Harmoning, Thomas Schippert, Colleen Caster, Griffin Stein, Vickie Watson, Pelsar family, Michael Skladd, Kathleen Kaufman, Ronald Rosenberg, Sandra Schoehn, Rovira Family, Norene Redmond, Victor Hecker, Renee Hecker, Marion Smith, Stephanie Jones, Joyce Owen, David Fischer, Kelly Ickes, Ed and Mary Peltier, Logon Kruse, Otto Donakowski, Rick Theisen, Jillian, Julia Burnham, Sandy Haymes, Dennis Berkesch, Pat Williams

*\*If you have submitted a prayer request for a non-member, please update the church office on the status so that this list remains current.\**

### Special Prayers:

† For the sick and suffering  
† For the Caring Ministries of the Church  
† For the poor, oppressed, jobless, and homeless  
† For those persecuted for their faith

### Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Art Baker, Michael Berger, Daniel Bergstresser, Jeremy Bridgeman, Louis Cage, Shelby Clippard, Joe Cognitore, Chad Czischke, Richard Dembowski, Jorge Dimmer, Don Ehrke, John Fill, Melissa Flood, Anthony Gaiera, Sam Genna, Isaac Gibson, Matthew Hudson, Joseph Jedenasty, Michael Kayser, Daniel Klein, Kory Kramer, Brenden Kronner, Tyler Konwinski, Thomas LeClair, Ethan LeClair, Jason Lipka, Logan McFarland, David A. MacArthur, Sally Maize, Anthony Marsack, Mario Marval, M. Scott McCormick, John McGee, Matthew Moeser, Michael Niemczyk, Renae Niemczyk, Christine Olivares, Derek Olivares, Brandon Pirrone, Graham Puranen, John Renard, Zachary Rice, Michael Rich, Tyler Rakowski, Sean Schess, Troy Sears, Joshua Schumaker, Christopher Stanifer, Adam Taber, Samantha Uppleger, Jeremy Webber, Thomas Woloszyk, Zachary Woomeer, Paul Zalar

## Today at a Glance: Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018

- 8 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Gospel of St. John—Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. The Story—Church Lounge
- 9:30 a.m. Giant Slayers—Meeting Rooms 4/5
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Sunday School—Kindergarten Room
- 9:30 a.m. 252—Early Childhood Center
- 9:30 a.m. Middle School Ministry—Youth Lounge
- 11 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary

## What’s Happening at Trinity

MEIJER MATCH MONTH—From now until Dec. 28, Meijer will match any SIMPLY GIVE card purchases for our food pantry. At the end of the month, Meijer will match everything that has been donated up to \$10,000. To help, visit the Meijer on Groesbeck in Clinton Township. Pick up a Simply Give card to make your donation (Each time you swipe your card you are making a \$10 donation. You may swipe your card multiple times to give a larger gift.) Let’s stock the pantry!

MCREST needs your help: They are currently seeking an OVERNIGHT COORDINATOR Leadership Team Member. This position does NOT spend seven nights at our church. It does entail overnight coordination with the volunteers and the MCREST Co-Chairs. Consider donating a few hours of your time each day to help the MCREST team fill this important role! Also, the Big Board is filling up fast! Consider donating some of your time to volunteer and helping the MCREST team fill all those volunteer time slots! Traveling for the Christmas holiday? No worries - The Giving Tree also has many ornaments left for you to donate some much needed materials such as gift cards, non-perishable food/water items, or cash.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE—We will have three Christmas Eve services and one Christmas Day service for you to celebrate the newborn king with us.

- Christmas Eve, 4 p.m.—Family Christmas—An interactive worship service designed for families celebrating the cosmic and beautiful message of Christmas.
- Christmas Eve, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.—Candlelight Worship—A candlelight service celebrating the miracle and mystery of Christ’s birth—complete with choir and orchestra.
- Christmas Day, 10 a.m.—Christmas festival worship with choir, brass and Holy Communion.

## > ENGAGE GOD

ADVENT SERMON SERIES—Throughout our Sunday Advent worship, our sermons will focus on Advent Reflections, with the following sermon topics:

- Dec. 9 — John the Baptist
- Dec. 16 — Mary
- Dec. 23 — Joseph

MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP—We will hold a Traditional Advent Worship on Wednesday, Dec. 12 and 19 at noon in the chapel. The service is about 30 minutes in length and focuses our attention on our coming King. This is a great opportunity, if you work close enough to Trinity or have flexibility in your schedule, to take a few moments to spend time with God.

CROSSTALK AUDIO DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT—We are once again providing a daily audio devotion directly to your email inbox. Just click and listen. If you have not received these in the past and would like to, make sure you contact Rebecca Thomas at rthomas@trinityct.org, so that we have your email address. These 4–5 minute devotions that are a super easy way to spend some time each day in God’s Word. You can also check them out online at Trinityct.org/crosstalk, iTunes or Google Play.

FIRST GRADE PARENTS—Our First Bible Stepping Stone begins Sunday, Jan. 13 at 9:30 a.m. In this 3-week stepping stone, Parents and their children learn the how-to’s of getting around a bible. AND, more importantly, how the bible is used to help grow faith. This stepping stone is designed for 1st graders and their parents (or 2nd or 3rd graders who’ve not done it). To help us with materials, please RSVP to Robin Shuell at rshuell@trinityct.org. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Brian at pastorbrian@trinityct.org

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES – Classes meet at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.**

GOSPEL OF JOHN—The pastor-led Bible study on the Gospel of John meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. All are welcome. Meets in the chapel.

ONE SESSION BIBLE STUDY— "Six Lessons Hidden in the Christmas Story." Christmas is the time to stop and consider how our loving Father sent his only son, Jesus, to die for our sins that we may have eternal life. Jesus is truly the reason for the season. However, there are many other lessons for us to learn within the story of the birth of Christ. Join us for discovery in this one session study on Dec. 16, at 9:30 a.m. Rooms 4-5, Leader: Kathy Bell

FAMILIES WITH PRESCHOOL-MIDDLE SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN—Preschool Sunday School, 252 and XP3 (our Sunday morning environments for school-aged kids) continues today! Preschool Sunday School will meet in the kindergarten classroom, 252 will meet in the Early Childhood Center and the XP3 students will meet in the Youth Lounge. For more information, contact Jeremy Ashley at jashley@trinityct.org or Pastor Brian at pastorbrian@trinityct.org.

THE STORY is a simplified, condensed, chronological reading through the Bible that provides a “big picture” view of God’s story of salvation and our place in it. “The Story” is the perfect “Engage God” opportunity, and a great “next step” for those new to Trinity, new to the Bible, or those looking to have a basic understanding of the overall story of the Bible. “The Story”, Part 1 begins Sunday, Jan. 13, 9:30-10:30 am, in the Church Lounge. Sign up in the foyer Dec. 30 or Jan. 6, and pick up your copy of “The Story.” Questions? Contact Pastor Ken (pastorken@trinityct.org) or Kent and Vicki Marshall (kent0242@aol.com).

THE STORY, PART 2, provides an opportunity to become familiar with God’s salvation plan throughout the Old Testament. As you explore the stories of men and women interacting with God in the course of daily life and God’s story, the account of his

great overarching purpose that fits all the individual stories together, you will see His great love affair with humanity and His master plan unfolding in their lives as well as in your own. Begins Sunday, Jan. 13, 9:30-10:30 am. Place TBD. Questions? Contact Pastor Ken (pastorken@trinityct.org) or Sharon Meseke, teacher74@gmail.com.

## MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – Advent of the Savior. The bible offers many perspectives from which to view the birth of Christ: The words of the prophets, the experiences of His earthly family members, the responses of those who traveled to meet Him. Come enjoy these Scriptures with us. Tuesdays through Jan. 8, 9:30–10:45 a.m. Rooms 4 & 5. Led by Mary Hartman and Lila Tirsell.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY—We will be studying “Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed.” It is a study on the life of King David. Presentations are by Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore, and Kay Arthur. We meet at 7 p.m. in Meeting Rooms 4 and 5. Questions or to reserve a book, please contact Bonnie Young by cell or text at 586-350-3222.

NEW MEN’S BIBLE STUDY – The group is currently working through a study of Philippians. Continues Wednesdays at 6– 7 a.m. Location: Church Lounge. Study guide, coffee and pastries provided.

MEN’S WEEKEND STUDY—The men’s Saturday morning Bible study is focusing on the book of Romans. Study meets Saturday mornings at 7:30-9 a.m. in the Church Lounge. Led by Jim Hill.

## > ENGAGE GOD’S PEOPLE

WOMEN’S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION will be Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m., in the church lounge. Please bring \$5 to donate to the needy family we’re sponsoring as well as a free-will donation to be given as a Christmas present to April, the Big Family college student we support. There will be dessert, games, and caroling! Want to join the fun but not a Women’s League member? Come meet us! Potential new members are ALWAYS welcome. Debbie Graham-Large (586)463-9592.

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS – You are at YOUR BEST when you do what you NATURALLY DO BEST. This 6-week journey will help you uncover, affirm, and celebrate your areas of greatest talent. Your “Top 5” strengths impact all your relationships and all you do! Discover ways to live more intentionally as God uniquely created you. This 6-week class will meet Tuesdays, Jan. 22 – Feb. 26, 7-8:30 p.m., Meeting Room 3. Sign up at the Welcome Center to ensure enough materials are available. Childcare is available IF requested.

STEPHEN MINISTRY—Our Stephen Ministers are trained to listen. They will hear what you share and provide loving, non-judgmental support and you work through personal challenges or difficult life situation. For more information, call the church office at 586-463-2921.

## > ENGAGE THE WORLD

JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION—Our 2019 Joining Jesus Training is coming!!! This is our opportunity to learn the tools that helps us be everyday missionaries. This 7-session training (held every other week) will be led by Suzie Hazelton and Pastor Brian, beginning on Jan. 13, at 4 p.m. at Pastor Brian and Erin’s house. If interested, please RSVP to pastorbrian@trinityct.org. Questions? Please contact Suzie Hazelton at 586-295-9725

THE WAY OF THE MASTER BASIC TRAINING - This 8-session course will equip you to confidently share the Gospel with family, friends, and strangers. You won’t be at a loss for words and you don’t need to be an expert in apologetics. Instead, you will learn the forgotten biblical principle of bypassing the intellect (the place of argument) and speaking directly to the conscience (the place of the knowledge of right and wrong) – the way Jesus did. Meets Sundays, Jan. 13–March 3, in Meeting Room 3. For information, contact Sue von Fange at svonfange@trinityct.org.

ARE YOU SPORTS ORIENTED? UPWARD K-6 coed basketball and Cheerleading begins the week of January 6. Many people, grade 7 - adult, make this outreach ministry happen! For more information on how you can serve as a prayer warrior, in concessions, or as a coach, ref, or scorekeeper concessions, email upward@trinityct.org or leave a message at 586-463-2921 ext. 198, or talk with Vince or Lisa Behnke.

CAMP RESTORE DETROIT– Christmas Season Children’s Art Outreach - Are you looking for an opportunity to serve this Christmas season? Please consider helping at CRD’s new Art Outreach Initiative connecting with the youth (Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup>) of Detroit’s 9<sup>th</sup> precinct. Volunteering includes helping kids create a series of Christmas ornaments and mealtime support. Mondays 4-6 p.m., now–Dec 17, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. If interested please contact Elizabeth Parrish at elizabeth@camprestore.org or 313-527-3366.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY BOOKLET—You can easily share God’s extraordinary gift of Jesus with The Christmas Story booklet available at the Welcome Center. Why not leave a copy in a waiting area or restaurant, or hand it to someone you notice who may need a boost and pray it blesses them? Let God stir your creativity and discover joy as you share it!

QUILTERS WANTED—The Trinity Quilters for Lutheran World Relief meet the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Center. Upcoming dates include Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March and April 16. Bring a lunch.

FAMILY OF GOD DINNERS—Trinity sponsors a dinner at the Family of God in Detroit for 100 people the second Wednesday of every month. THIS MONTH ONLY, they are serving on Dec. 5 rather than Dec. 12. We need 10 casseroles that will feed about 20 people. If you would like to contribute a casserole or dessert, contact Karen Langreet at 586-445-2460. For more information, contact Brian Lanko at 586-350-0444 or brilank@aol.com.

## > SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS—Trinity’s Early Childhood Center and school children will spread the message of Christmas this Advent season. The school Christmas program will be held Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The school children will help us focus on the true meaning of the Advent/Christmas season through their annual program.

SCHOOL POSITION OPEN—Trinity is seeking to fill the position of Food Service Director Assistant. This person would work part time in the kitchen under the direct supervision of our Food Service Director, Cynthia Chilcutt. Anyone interested in the position should submit a resume and letter of interest as soon as possible. Qualified candidates will be interviewed immediately until the position is filled. For more information, contact Julian Petzold at jpetzold@trinityct.org or call 586-468-8511.