

# Trinity Lutheran School Newsletter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturday, December 1

- Live Nativity & Free Soup Meal at church (4-6:30 p.m.)

### Sunday, December 2

- First Sunday in Advent

### Monday, December 3

- Band Rehearsal 3:15 - 5:00, auditorium

### Tuesday, December 4

- Leadership Team, lunch in Youth Room

### Wednesday, December 5

- Chapel, Church Staff
- Food Pantry - Olivia & Avery
- Mrs. Eckert's and Mrs. Waldburger's English Classes to Library- 12:10 pm

### Thursday, December 6

- Grades 3 & 4 library - 10:15
- Mrs. Eckert's and Mrs. Waldburger's English Classes to Library - 1:30 pm

### Friday, December 7

- Middle School to Grand Theatre for A Christmas Carol - Departing @ noon

### Monday, December 10

- Band Rehearsal - 3:15 - 5:00, auditorium

### Tuesday, December 11

- Family Groups, Cards for Shut-ins
- Middle School Christmas Program - 6:30 p.m.

November 30, 2018

**Real. Present. God**

Psalm 46:1

## **Hot Lunch Menu**

MENU ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

### December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

**Monday** – cheese burger on a ww bun, french fries, vegetable, fruit

**Tuesday** – cheese omelette, pancakes, tri potato, applesauce

**Wednesday** – meatball sub on a ww bun, baked chips, baby carrots, fruit

**Thursday** – chicken pot pie, fruit, dessert

**Friday** - ravioli, garlic toast, vegetable, fruit

**Alternate Sandwich:** Ham & cheese on whole grain bread may be substituted for the main entrée item.

*½ pint milk of choice is served with each meal. milk choices: 1 % or skim white or skim chocolate*

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



## **Colorcycle Begins**

We are now recycling markers through Crayola's Colorcycle program. There will be a collection bin on the counter outside of the office. Thank you to Julia Ashbrenner for alerting us to this program and volunteering to prepare markers for shipment.

## **WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS**

Please note that when the Merrill Area Public Schools close due to winter weather, **WE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.**



Join us for Christmas Festivities on **Saturday, December 1**



Trinity's Annual Live Nativity  
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Church parking lot

Free Soup Meal  
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**&**

Bread, Candy and Cookie Sale  
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Church basement

## **Administrator's Message**

Although it is still November, it certainly feels like Christmas, and it's starting to look and sound like it, too. Bells are ringing, verses and lines memorized, and songs echo throughout the building. How different our Christmas preparations are than those of Mary and Joseph so many years ago – but yet we all anticipate and eagerly await, just as they did. Remember to keep Jesus as your focus throughout this busy and beautiful time of year.



## **Trinity Trees & Wreaths**

Our self-serve lot is open, right next to school! Simply pick out your tree or wreath, put the money in the zip-lock bag and place it in the secured mailbox.

# FAITH 5

FAITH5 is a tool for every household to use every night in their homes. Spend 15 minutes doing:

**SHARE** highs and lows  
**READ** the weekly Bible verse  
**TALK** about the weekly Bible verse  
**PRAY** your highs and lows  
**BLESS** each other

## FAITH5 readings for the next two weeks:

December 1	Hebrews 11:1
December 2	Jeremiah 33: 14-16
December 3	Romans 15:13
December 4	Philippians 4:19-20
December 5	Isaiah 7:14
December 6	Luke 3:15-16
December 7	Isaiah 9:6



## Christmas Eve Church Services:

Candlelight Contemporary Family Service - 3:00 p.m.  
Traditional Candlelight Service - 5:00 p.m.  
Traditional Candlelight Service - 7:00 p.m.

## Christmas Day Church Service

9:30 a.m.

## New Year's Eve Remembrance Service

6:30 p.m.

## HELP IS NEEDED

Merrill Community Homeless Center is looking for reliable individuals with excellent communication skills. The Team Lead position is to support the needs of the Center's clients by ensuring safety for all within the shelter through supervision. Computer proficiency required. Shifts are 6:30p.m.-12:30 and 12:30- 8a.m. We are also looking for volunteers to cover those same shifts. Please contact us at

[merrillcommunityhomelesscenter@gmail.com](mailto:merrillcommunityhomelesscenter@gmail.com) or call

715-921-4706. Thank you!

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

"Real. Present. God."

Wed., Dec. 5	Really Awesome	Church staff
Wed., Dec. 12	Really Forgiving	Mr. D.J. Schult
<b>Friday, Dec. 21</b>	Present in Bethlehem	Mr. Holt & Grade 8

# Christmas Program

**Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.**

Middle School

*Jesus is Born; A Modern Day Telling*

**Tuesday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.**

Grades 1-4

*What Child is This*

**Thursday, December 20, 6:00 p.m.**

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*Say "Cheese" for Christmas*

All offerings from Trinity School's Christmas services will be collected by our National Junior Honor Society students and distributed to the Merrill Community Homeless Center.

## YOUTH EVENTS

**Sat, December 1<sup>st</sup> - Help with the Living Nativity!**

Give a gift to your community...be part of the Living Nativity. This is an easy but fun way to share the joy of Jesus' birth with our community. Get a costume on and stand in the scene. It's so easy, meaningful, and fun! Please contact Carla to sign up!

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group Gathering**

Hang out with us on Sunday afternoons! We have a devotion, play games, enjoy snacks, and just have fun together. We hope YOU will join us for YOUR Youth Group!

2-4 p.m. Grades 6-8

3-5 p.m. Grades 9-12

**Monday December 17<sup>th</sup> - Ring the bells for the Salvation Army!**

Join us to ring bells at County Market on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. Afterwards, we'll return to the youth room and have an awesome Christmas party! We'll enjoy pizza, Christmas cookies, a devotion, and some fun games. We'll also do a gift exchange; only fun, easy gifts under \$5 allowed. Be creative and find something that others will enjoy. You could even make something awesome for another youth! Mark your calendars and join in the fun!