

# Blessings

Trinity Lutheran Church



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

January  
2018

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## Worship Times

Sunday Morning

10:30 am—Traditional

\*Communion offered on the 1st & 3rd  
Sundays of the month

## Education

Wednesday Morning

9:45 am—Bible Study

Sunday

9:00 am—Sunday School

6:00 pm—Youth Group

5:00 pm—Confirmation Class

## Thank God For The Past, Trust In God For The Future

Dear Trinity People of  
God,

What a joyful and  
blessed Christmas! How-  
ever, Christmas is not  
complete unless the  
Wiseman visit the nativity  
of Jesus. The visit of the  
Wiseman reveals two

things: God is guiding  
and God lifts up the lowly  
(Bethlehem) as prophet  
Micha said:

And you, Bethlehem, in  
the land of Judah,  
are by no means  
least among the rulers of  
Judah;

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for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Matthew 2:6, Micha 5:2

The messiah must be born in Bethlehem, the city of David. Bethlehem, of Judea, signifies the “house of bread” or the fittest place for Jesus to be born. This bread which came down from heaven, was given for the life of the world. Christ would give honor to the place of his birth, and not derive honor from it.

God’s plan for salvation extended wider than the Jewish covenant of people to include all nations

in Epiphany. The word Epiphany is derived from Greek which means “manifestation or showing forth is the celebration of God’s salvation in Christ first appearing to the whole world.” The Epiphany reminds us that God is still mysteriously at work drawing all humanity into a greater realization of the divine presence and plan.

When we are entering into the New Year, what is our star? The star should lead us to be sensitive to God’s voice and to care for God’s people. The star, that sparked our interest in Jesus, involves us in life. It demands of our gifts and our

full dedication so that Christ might live and rule. God is still guiding us ...

As we know the month of “January” refers to Janus, which is the Roman god of gates and doorways, depicted with two faces looking in opposite directions. For Christians, entering into January leads us to God in both past and future directions: thank God for the past, and trust in God for the future.

I wish you all a Blessed & Prosperous New Year,  
Pr. Emmanuel

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

1/10	Robin Neuman	1/22	Michael Aughe
1/13	Julie Biddle	1/27	Robert Hatfield
1/14	Abigail Thomas	1/28	David Wallace
1/14	Laura Wiberg	1/30	Tina Stenberg
1/15	Dorothy Chambers		



# Youth Group Upcoming Events

## TLC Youth Group Lock-In

Friday, January 5, 2018—7 pm to 7 am

Invite you friends! Bring board games, snacks and your favorite drink.



## Bishop's Day for Youth (Grades 8-12)

Saturday, February 10, 2018—9:30 am to 4 pm

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Fishers (See page 9 for details)

## Toboggan Weekend @ Camp Lutherwald

February 24 to 25, 2018

Please sign up on the Mission board if you are interested in going. \$35 per person. Chaperones needed.\*



## Alter Flowers

Thank you to all of you who donate flowers for the altar in celebration of life events and for the glory of God.

- January 7 Robin Neuman's Birthday
- January 14 Abby Thomas's Birthday
- January 21 Christopher Jensen's Birthday
- January 28 Hope's 4th Birthday

## January

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Week Of	12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24
Current Expenses	\$2,327.00	\$1,371.00	\$1,449.00	\$1,524.00
Restricted Funds	\$1,215.00	\$12.88	\$15.00	\$10.00
Special Projects	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Deposit	\$3,562.00	\$1,403.88	\$1,464.00	\$1,574.00
Weekly Goal	\$2,474 to meet expenses; \$2,927 to fully fund the budget			

# Giving Report

Ask about electronic giving.

## Annual Meeting—Januray 21st



After service join your church council to view our end of year reports from 2017. Discuss and set our church goals and budget for 2018. Come, be the voice of the people.

## Church Office Note

If you are unable to do your Sunday Servant position, please make sure to find someone to switch with you! The schedule is posted a month in advance on the bulletin board outside the office. Remember the office work is being handled by our church council members who are full time professionals as well as parents.

## Church Council Members

Tom Coulter - President  
 Steve Thomas - Vice President  
 Tammy Campbell - Secretary  
 Frank Jensen - Treasurer  
 Joyce Wallace - Financial Secretary  
 Jeff Thomas - Member at Large  
 Carol Jensen - Member at Large

<b>Serving</b>	<b>1/7</b>	<b>1/14</b>	<b>1/21</b>	<b>1/28</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>	Bokash	Parks	Brehmer	Champod	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kobe O.	Abby T.	Autumn C.	Kylie O.	
<b>Lector</b>	Vivian B.	Barb B.	Lori B.	Gary M.	
<b>Children's Church</b>	Sara H. Logan W.	Tracy R. Autumn C.	Amy H. Willow P.	Sandy T. Autumn C.	
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Gene B.	x	Tom C.	x	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Julie P.	Julie P.	Cheri T.	Cheri T.	
<b>Music Specialist</b>	John R.	John R.	Charile F.	Valerie C.	
<b>Usher Team</b>	Bob B. Eric W.	Tom C. Gary P.	John P. Tom P.	Steve T. Logan W.	
<b>Counting Team</b>	Julie B. Bob B.	Dorothy C. Rick H.	Steve T. Charlie F.	Logan W. Jody F.	

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:00 pm— Weight Watchers	2 8:30 am— Weight Watchers	3 9:45 am—Adult Bible Study	4	5 7:00 pm— Youth Lock In	6 8 am—Men's Fellowship (Bob Evans)  2 pm—First Communion
7 9 am— S.S. 10:30 am— Worship S. 5 pm—Confirm	8 5:00 pm— Weight Watchers	9 8:30 am— Weight Watchers	10 9:45 am—Adult Bible Study	11	12	13
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# Shop & Swipe Your Kroger Plus Card in 2017

Be sure to re-enroll your Kroger Plus card in 2017. All participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for their chosen organization at [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards). Once you've successfully enrolled and selected Trinity Lutheran as your organization of choice, we

will earn rewards on all eligible purchases you make using your Kroger Plus Card.

You can earn rewards on almost anything, every time you shop. However, there are specific purchases that cannot be included. Alcohol, tobacco, government-assisted prescription purchase, post-

age stamps, Kroger gift cards, reloadable gift cards and debit cards, lottery and promotional tickets, fuel and sales tax are excluded from eligible purchases. Eligible Pharmacy purchases include out-of-pocket co-pays for non-government-assisted Pharmacy programs.

## Homebound Members

We are looking for a team of dedicated volunteers to deliver Holy Communion to our homebound members. Each month our homebound members are divided into geographic groups of no more than 2-3 visits. Our visitors call the folks on their list and arrange a visit time. Doesn't this sound like a great way to serve? Sign up today on the mission board.

### Homewood Healthcare Center

-Keith Burkholder  
-Phyllis Mezger

### Essex Healthcare:

-John Battcher, Jr.

### Parkwood Nursing Home:

-Eileen Battcher

### Homebound:

-Jean Myers  
-Sandy Neese  
-Marilyn Ratcliff



# Education

## Bible Study

Every Wednesday we will discuss the upcoming gospel text for Sunday's service.

**When:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 9:45am to 10:45 am

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

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## Celebration Fellowship

We will celebrate once a month birthdays and anniversaries by having fellowship. Beginning January 28, 2018

**When:** 4th Sunday

**Time:** 10:00 to 10:30 am

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

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## Table Fellowship

This is a men's fellowship group that will meet twice a month as we become the men God designed us to be.

Beginning September 16, 2017

**When:** 1st & 3rd Saturday

**Time:** 8:00 am to 9:00 am

**Where:** Bob Evans

## Sunday School

Middle School thru High School

Beginning September 17, 2017

**When:** 1st & 3rd Sunday

**Time:** 9:00am to 10:00 am

**Where:** Youth Group Room

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## Sunday School

Toddler thru Elementary

Beginning September 10, 2017

**When:** During Sermon

**Time:** 10:30 am

**Where:** Preschool Room

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## Confirmation Class

Those going into 7th grade

Beginning September 10, 2017

**When:** Every Sunday Evening

**Time:** 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Where:** Youth Group Room



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# Bishop's Day for Youth

INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD

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**8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders and Adult Mentors**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

Join us on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Carmel, Indiana, for Bishop's Day for Youth. Registration begins at 9:30 am (continental breakfast will be available) and the day begins at 10:00 am. Students in grades 8 through 12, as well as adult chaperones, are invited to join Bishop Bill Gafkjen for conversation, worship, games, workshops, a service project, lunch, and lots of fun. Molly Beck Dean, Director of the ELCA Youth Gathering, will help lead and will share information about this summer's Youth Gathering in Houston.

Register by emailing Pastor Dan Fugate at [dfugate@iksynod.org](mailto:dfugate@iksynod.org). Cost is just \$5 per person.

Overnight housing is available on Friday night. There is also the option of a Friday evening activity. Please let us know if you are interested. We will make it happen!

**Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 3650 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Carmel, IN 46032**



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**THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.**  
2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING