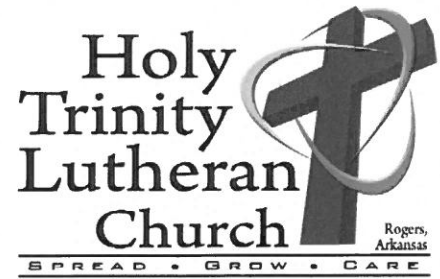


CLARION

JANUARY, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The beginning of a new year reminds us that time moves on, life changes, and eventually we die (unless Jesus returns for Judgment Day first). In Psalm 90, Moses reminds us that God is eternal but we are not. As we enter 2018, I believe it is appropriate to take a moment and think about what Moses wrote. ¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. ² Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God. ³ You turn men back to dust, saying, 'Return to dust, O sons of men.' ⁴ For a thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. ⁵ You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning — ⁶ though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered. ... ⁹ All our days pass away under Your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. ¹⁰ The length of our days is seventy years — or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. ... ¹² Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." The older I get and the faster that time flies by, the more I realize how important it is to "number our days aright." Paul told the Ephesians, "Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15, 16). He then goes on to give practical advice about how to live as God's people.

One of the things that many people do as they enter the New Year is make some resolutions. These are simply goals that they want to accomplish in their lives. Many times, those are negative goals — stop smoking, quit cursing, stop over eating, etc. Many times, they are more positive — I am going to finish this project, I plan on losing weight and exercising, I'm going to read through the Bible this year, I'm going to get out of debt, etc. If you choose to make resolutions, I encourage to keep them simple and manageable. Pick only one or two things to focus on. More than that and you will not be able to accomplish your resolutions.

A new year is also a great time to start new things. Here at the church, we have some new leaders, a new budget, and new programs. With that in mind, I want you to know of two new classes I am starting in January. The first is my **Knowing God class**. It will begin on January 18 at 6:30 PM in Classroom 1. It will meet on Thursday evenings for

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about 10 weeks. We will look at what the Bible says about who God is and then look at the Bible from Genesis to Revelation to see what God does. Special focus will be on the Trinity, Creation, the Fall, the Covenant, and End Times. You can sign up for the class on the bulletin board by my office. The second is our **Connections Class**. It will begin on Sunday morning, January 28, during the Sunday School hour. I am not sure of the room, but mostly likely will be in half of Classroom 1. This class is for new members, for people who want to join the congregation, for members who want to review the very basics of our faith, and for people who want to know more about Lutherans. There is no obligation to join the church, but you will be given that opportunity. Through this class, we connect with each other, with God, and with the congregation. We will look at God's Grace, the Means of Grace (God's Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper), and the Church. Again, you can sign up for the class on the bulletin board outside my office.

In Christ,
Pastor Besel

P.S. A reminder that our 2018 Leaders will be installed during both services on January 7. They will

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD

This information comes from the Voice of the Martyrs.



*A Voice Of the Martyrs partner prays
with one of the bombing victims.*

PAKISTAN: At least 11 people were killed and 50 seriously injured in an attack Sunday, Dec. 17, on a Methodist church in Quetta, Pakistan. Four suicide bombers approached the Bethel Memorial Methodist Church during a children's Christmas celebration, but only one bomber managed to set off his explosives at the church entrance. One of the other bombers was shot as he entered the compound, and the other two fled the scene. The vigilance of church security personnel prevented the bombers from entering the sanctuary and causing more casualties among the 400 believers inside. A funeral was held the next day for the 11 people killed. A Voice of the Martyr's partner who is providing help asked us to pray that God will comfort victims and family members and that "the Christian community will come together to stand strong in a country that is seeing lots of turmoil."

You are Invited to attend the "Knowing God" Class

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This class meets weekly to study the Bible and discuss what the Bible says about God. It starts by looking at how the Bible describes the Triune God and what He does. It then takes an overview from Genesis to Revelation to see how our loving God deals with man's fall into sin.



TIME: The class will meet on Thursday nights, starting on January 18, at 6:30 PM. Each class will last about 90 minutes (depending on discussion).

PLACE: The class meets in Classroom 1 of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1101 Hudson Road, Rogers.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Pastor Besel
Phone: 636-1135 (office) 531-5079 (cell)

WHY TAKE THIS CLASS?

- To grow in your understanding of what the Bible teaches about God
- To review basic Christian doctrine and our faith as Lutheran Christians
- To strengthen your Christian faith and appreciate God's Grace

Definition of the New Year

The new year is a door
By which we reach new fields
Of service for God and fellow man:
A door by which we can explore
Wide spheres of usefulness
Our world to bless,
And reap the sheaves God's word of witness yields.

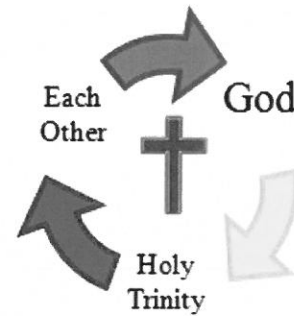
The new year is a task
Set by the Master of our souls,
A little part of our life's work below:
And so we ask holy wisdom which alone controls
Our labor, teaching what and where to sow:
That the year, at its end,
May show God's glory and man's profit blend.

The new year is a book
With many pages, and as yet all white
On which to write
The history of thought, and deed, and word
In this new group of days.
We pray Thee, Lord,
As Thou shalt look upon the book,
When written over, may all be to Thy praise.

-- "church bulletin bits"



*You are Invited to
attend the
Connections Class*



Class Goal: To Connect people to God, to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and to one another.

Time: The class will meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour from 9:30-10:30 AM starting on January 28, 2018. (We will meet for 8 weeks.)

Place: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (*TBD - Classroom 1?*)

For Whom: This class is the orientation class for membership at Holy Trinity. It is for those who have recently joined the congregation. It is for those people who would like to join the congregation (and be baptized and / or confirmed if appropriate). It is also appropriate for members who want to review the basics of our faith and to make connections with new members.

Topics: What makes Christianity different, the Means of Grace (Word and Sacraments), History of the congregation, and Expectations of members.

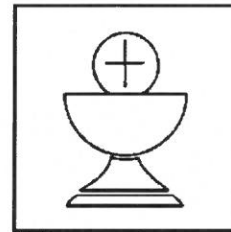
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Pastor Besel
Phone: 636-1135 (office) 621-6488 (home)

WHY TAKE THIS CLASS?

To learn what the Lutheran Church teaches
To review basic Christian doctrine
To strengthen your Christian faith

SPECIAL THINGS TO KNOW:

It is **FREE** and **informal**. You participate as you want to.
There is no obligation to join Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Feel free to bring a friend



WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT THE CLASS:

"It covers all the necessary areas of study. Pastor Besel does an excellent job of explaining all the concepts."

– Eric Kerr

"The best thing about this class was the depth of explanation of the church, sacraments, Holy Trinity, and other church bodies. This was very helpful for us as a couple being from different religious backgrounds."

– Phillip Garling

"I would recommend this class because it was very informative."

– Annette Garling

"The best thing about this class was the quality of instruction and the information shared."

– Bruce Pilcher

"The class is extremely enlightening and very well taught. Some of the best explanations of questions and Lutheran Doctrine I've ever heard. Very well done."

– Kurt Schrock

More than 80 people have taken this class in the last 5 years. Have you?

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Justin & Lesley McCarver	24	Norman & Helen Jones
4	Jim & Diane Williams	26	Dean & Nancy Eisma
6	Lynn & Donna Spencer		



3	Kim Boyd	11	Nolan Kerr	17	Fred Lewis
5	Terri Blake	12	Craig Hanson	18	LeAnn Girshner
	Gail Brown		Carol Wahl	19	Frank Hundrieser
	Mary Grayson	13	Betty Brokaw	20	Bill Neumann
6	Christy Lehenbauer		Carol Laputz	21	Kristen Schmitt
7	Becky Klaus		Rhonda Snider		Andrea Speer
	Ken Rader	14	Don Bracht	22	Lynn Spencer
10	Betty Jensen	15	Bonnie Gust	28	Peggy Ives
11	Brandy Brown	16	Tom Bach		Elaine Lauderville
	Kurt Frevert	17	Katy Cario	31	Lisa Nelson



CAMERON'S CORNER

Well 2017, it was nice to know you. Cannot believe how quickly it went by. But no time to worry about last year because 2018 has started and so has the incredible amount of gym memberships!

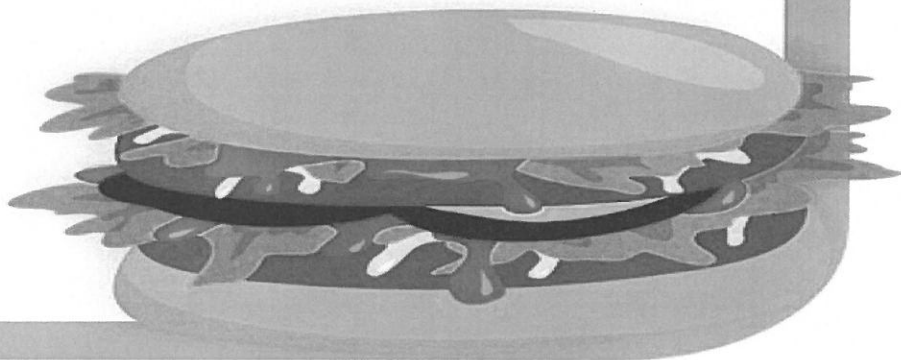
Jokes aside, December is always a great month, its when we celebrate our Savior coming to earth. The Journeymen Advent by Bonfire was an absolute blast (no pun intended) and a huge shout out to the Sij's for hosting again. The Youth Progressive Dinner was also incredible. Nothing says Christmas like laser tag!

Looking into 2018 we have some pretty awesome goals to strive for. Changes to the Sunday School program are in the works from the Education Team, who are also working on our fellowship group church goals, and building better relationships between the youth group and the Youth Ministry Team are just a couple. Please keep Holy Trinity in your prays for 2018 and God's blessings on your 2018 year!



Girl's Lunch Out

With the holidays over, the Girl's Lunch Out group will resume on January 18th at Mimi's Café, 2105 Promenade Blvd., Rogers. Signup sheet will be posted in the Narthex two weeks prior.



PINOCHLE CARDS

We will again be playing Pinochle on January 5th. Newcomers that enjoy the game are welcome. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. to set up and start playing cards at 6:30. There are tasty snacks to enjoy and great fellowship to share. Coffee and water are there to wash down those goodies. Please join us if you can.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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WHAT'S UP?



CRAFT DAY Do you need some time to just sit, relax and craft? Saturday, Jan. 13th from 2-9pm we will be hosting a crafting event in the Life Center. Bring whatever you want to work on...scrapbooking, knitting, paper crafting or painting, you name it! Everyone will get their own 6ft table to work on. Bring a snack to share, drinks will be provided. Come and go as your schedule allows. Mission Crafts table will be set up if anyone wants to help make Scripture books. Happy Crafting!

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS Remember to save your greeting cards after the holiday for Mission Crafts. We recycle them to make cards for the rack and Scripture books. In 2017 we gave out over 200 Scripture books, as well as hosting a craft table at the Trunk or Treat event for children to make their own Scripture books. We can't do it without your cards to work with. Thank you for sharing. We can also use old scrapbooking supplies, double stick tape, glue or other crafty stuff you want to clean out at home, as well as plastic grocery and shopping bags. Items can be placed in the Mission Crafts bin in the narthex. Thank you.

Serving in January 2018

	January 7	January 14	January 21 UNITY SUNDAY 10:00 AM Service	January 28
Greeters	8:00am 10:45am	Dallas & Delores Drda Brent & Libby Garner	Dean & Nancy Eisma Faye Carroll & Marcella Smith	David & Mary Frevert Cameron Pullmann & Youth Group
Readers	8:00am 10:45am	John Jenkins Brent Garner	Elaine Launderville Amy Wright	Sabrina Isbell Joe Raleigh
Video	8:00am 10:45am	David Heintz Eric Kerr	John Jenkins Dave Lehenbauer	Stephany Frano Josh Grishner
Acolyte	10:45am	Addison Faust Levi Wright	Abigail Tang Ellie Griffin	Owen Winters Landen Kerr
Lead Counters		Fred & Shirley Lewis Von & Phyllis Von Holdt	Fred & Shirley Lewis Herb & Shirley Bernthal	Cari & Betty Brokaw Omar & Ione Kauffeld
Counters				
Lawn Care	Team #5	Team #1	Team #2	Team #3
Office Helpers	Jan. 5 Leyland & Dolores Hermes	Jan. 12 Dorine Hand & Mary Hartwig	Jan. 19 Norman & Helen Jones	Jan. 26 David & Connie Heintz, Richard Rumpf, Marian Venenga, Maxine Reihman

SERVING ALL MONTH

ALTAR GUILD Bettye Platt & Laurie Martin

ELDERS 8:00am Dave Frevert

10:45am Brent Garner


USHERS 8:00am Team B

10:45am Team D

James Sij, Ray Eschenburg, Bruce Pilcher, Steve Moeller, Vern Schaefer

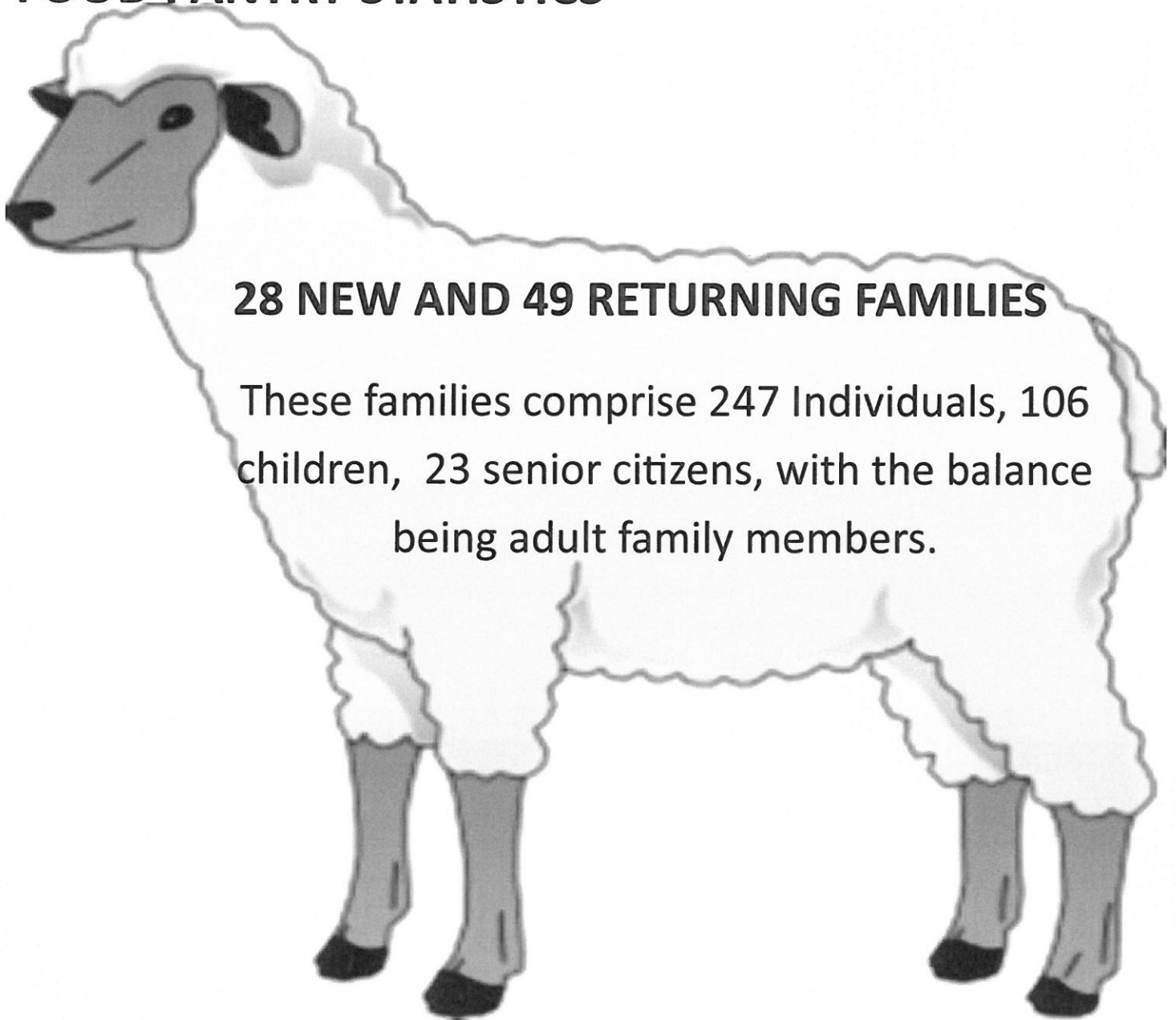
Jim Williams, Wes Pulst, Don Bracht, Bob Bauer, Phil Garling

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	HAPPY NEW YEAR Office Closed 	1 No Confirmation class	2 12pm—Staff Meeting 12pm-News & Notes Due 6:30pm-ESL (Classroom 1) 6:30pm-Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm—Praise Group	3 5:30pm-Youth Ministry Team Meeting	4 Pastor's Day Off 1pm-Assemble Bulletin 6:30—Cards	6 8:30-12:30—Leaders' Retreat
FEED MY SHEEP 8:00am—Communion 9:30am—Education Hour 9:30am—Handbell Choir 10:45am—Communion	7 Cameron's Day Off 6:30pm-ESL (Classroom 1)	8 2:00pm-Pastor Bernthal's Bible Study 4:30pm-Confirmation class	9 12pm-News & Notes Due 6:30pm-ESL (Classroom 1) 6:30pm-Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm—Praise Group	10 Pastor's Day Off 1pm-Assemble Bulletin	12 Pastor's Day Off	13 8:30-12:30—Leaders' Retreat
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28 8:00am—Worship 9:30am—Education Hour 9:30am—Connections Class 9:30am—Handbell Choir 10:45am—Worship	29 Cameron's Day Off 6:30pm-ESL (Classroom 1)	30 4:30—Confirmation class	31 12pm-News & Notes Due 6:30pm-ESL (Classroom 1) 6:30pm-Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm—Praise Group			

FEED MY SHEEP NOVEMBER

FOOD PANTRY STATISTICS



28 NEW AND 49 RETURNING FAMILIES

These families comprise 247 Individuals, 106 children, 23 senior citizens, with the balance being adult family members.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
YOUR NEIGHBORS APPRECIATE IT.

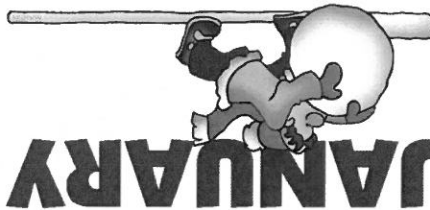
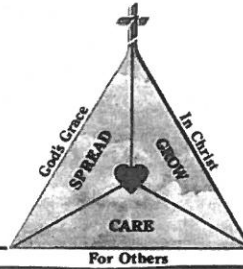
OUR MISSION

The mission of Holy Trinity is to:

SPREAD God's Grace

GROW in Christ

CARE for Others



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