

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND PRE-SCHOOL
128 South 7th Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701
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Worship Services 8 AM & 10:15 AM
Church School 9 AM
December 17, 2006 - The 3rd Sunday In Advent**

WELCOME TO ALL THOSE IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING!

It is a pleasure to have you worship with the family of God at Trinity. Please sign the red attendance book at the end of each pew. If you are a visitor, please include your address and phone number. We hope that this worship service will strengthen you in your faith as you live each day in Jesus. Join us again soon.

8 AM: Greeters at the front doors: Mr. & Mrs. Dan & Norma Scheffler; at the parish hall door: Mr. & Mrs. Dave & Milly Wood. Communion Assistant: Mr. Bruce Lee. Organist: Mr. John Chalfant.

10:15 AM: Greeters at the front doors: Mrs. Margaret Johnson; at the parish hall door: Mrs. Marjorie Thomas. The Handbell Choir will play during the service. Communion Assistant: Mr. Dave Donahue. Handbell Director and Organist: Mrs. Helen Porter.

Prayers:

Of Thanksgiving:

Wedding Anniversary: Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Fraya Frampton's 40th today.

Recovering from illness, surgery: Mrs. Ruth Fouch; Mrs. Dola Todd; Mrs. Miriam Spencer

For the hospitalized: Bethesda: Mrs. Margaret Gard, 480; Good Samaritan: Mrs. Betty Miller, 526.

For the sick: Arline Barnes; Mike Havens; Sue Fulkerson; Ruth Garich; Sandy Procacci, Tina Strauss

For the shut-ins: Mr. & Mrs. Russell and Betty Glaub; Mr. Ralph Melsheimer

Other Intercessions: Mark

ADVENT, a time of preparation and repentance, is when the *Gloria in Excelsis* (pages 7 & 17) and the Hallelujahs are omitted from the liturgy, to be returned on Christmas Eve. The candles on the Advent wreath will be lit on successive Sundays, with the white Christ Candle lit on Christmas Eve.

Our thanks to all those who donated poinsettias. The names will appear in the January Newsline. You may pick up your poinsettia(s) after the 11 PM Christmas Eve service or any time thereafter.

Your 2007 offering envelopes are available in the Parish Hall in alphabetical order. If you cannot find your envelopes, please contact the church office.

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:

Today - 12/17	HOLY COMMUNION-both services; please register Elders available, 9 AM, Church 6/7 Grade Confirmation Class, 4-5:30 PM Children's Christmas Program, 7 PM
Monday - 12/18	Newsline deadline Scouts, 7 PM, Recreation Room
Tuesday - 12/19	Altar Guild, 9 AM
Wednesday - 12/20	ADVENT SERVICE, 7:30 PM
Thursday - 12/21	Quilters, 10 AM NO Bell Choir NO Choir
Next Sunday - 12/24	Regular Sunday Services at 8 & 10:15 AM <i>Portals of Prayer</i> door offering CHRISTMAS EVE

SERVICES, 4:30, 7:30 AND 11 PM No Confirmation Classes

Attendance last week: 152 + 282 + 43 (Advent Service) = 477. Offering: \$6,806.03 + to Trinity, \$75 (which includes \$25 in memory of Elaine Melsheimer; \$50 in memory of Mike Jones) + Pre-School, \$26 + Pre-School Tuition, \$250 + Youth Ministry, \$207 (toward 2007 Youth Gathering) + Radio Programs, \$20 + Christ's Table, \$50 in memory of Mike Jones + Love Loaves, \$36. Total: \$7,470.03.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Duncan at the church office or 452-8832, or one of our Elders: Bruce Lee

454-7537; Dave Donahue, 453-3071; Chuck Jacob, 452-0869; Tom Frampton, 452-6003.

If you feel you need to take your child out during the service, the nursery and the parish hall are both open; however, they are not supervised.

Pastor Duncan's Sunday morning Adult Bible Class will begin at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall. We will continue our study of 1 Timothy, chapter 2.

If you, or a family member, are serving in any branch of the military, please contact the office with their name so they may be included in the prayers each week.

Church Council has agreed that beginning on the third Sunday in January, Communion will be offered at the altar instead of in a continuous fashion. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Graham, Church Council President.

John Schultheis would like to thank all those who remembered him on his birthday.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES will be at 4:30, 7:30, and 11 PM. Carols will be sung 15 minutes preceding each service. New candles will be provided for each worshiper. In addition to our regular parking, you may park at Central Trinity United Methodist Church for the **7:30 PM** service on Christmas Eve.

Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals are available on the ledges in the church. The proceeds go to Lutheran Medical Missions.

Extra Love Loaves are available at the exits. The proceeds will go to Synod's Hunger and Relief Fund. Please tape your name to the Loaf so that proper credit can be given to you on your offering statement. There is a box in the office to place them in. The deadline to turn them in is December 31.

Chances on a king size quilt, pieced and donated by Gwen Richard and quilted by our own Quilters, are now available in the office. Only 250 will be sold at \$5 per chance. The drawing will be after all the chances are sold. The quilt is on display in the Parish Hall.

The pictorial directories are now available in the church office. You may pick up a free copy if your photo was taken. Please limit one per family.

The deadline to register for the 2007 CHOSEN LCMS National Youth Gathering is January 4. This event is sponsored by the LCMS every three years. The 2007 Youth Gathering will be held in Orlando, Florida on July 28 - August 1. Any confirmed youth that would like to attend should contact Jon Dudley (452-9224) as soon as possible.

A Youth Lock-In is scheduled for Friday, December 29, at 7:30 PM through Saturday morning at 6:30 AM. All Confirmed youth are invited to bring a friend and enjoy some Christian fellowship. **SPECIAL GUESTS** - In the past, only Confirmed youth were invited to attend, at this Lock-In, those who are near being Confirmed may attend and get a taste of what the Senior Youth Group is all about. All 7th graders are invited to join us from 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM. The 7th graders are also invited to bring along a friend. Girls are to bring pop, and boys are to bring sweets or chips. Also, please bring \$5.00 for pizza.

Headsets for the hearing impaired and large print bulletins are available from the Deacons.

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

A Silent Prayer Before Worship

Almighty, ever-living God, grant that I may gladly hear Your word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto You; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn
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Liturgy
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Sermon Hymn

Sermon

“The Lord is in Your Midst, Not in
Your Face”
Zeph. 3:14-18

Responsive Prayer

P: let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

Communion Hymns

75, 73, 76

A Silent Prayer After Worship

Grant, I pray You, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Your grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.