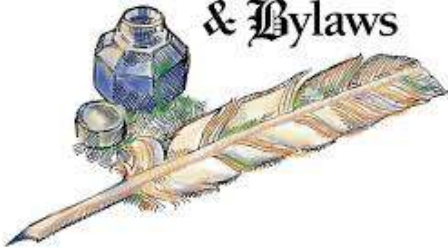


DECEMBER Trinity News

Church Constitution & Bylaws



The Constitution Team held its organizational team on November 12, 2017. Members of the team include: Barbara Kennedy, Tawnia Groll, Shanna Mikulenska, Pam Orsak, Waylon Kern, Joe Smith, and Sabra Sauer. Barbara Kennedy and Tawnia Groll will act as co-chairpersons for the team and Sabra Sauer will act as secretary. We will be working through 2018 to review and update the Constitution and By-Laws of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church. Contact any of the members if you have questions or suggestions.



Sunday, December 17th YOU are invited to GO **CAROLING**. All are invited. Singing is not a requirement, just come and join in the fun. Our homebound members enjoy our visits and carols.

As always, cookies, snacks, nuts of any kind, and fruit are needed to fill the goody bags. Bring to church office or leave in workroom.

Watch for more details!

WEDNESDAYS FRIENDS



WEDNESDAYS FRIENDS WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 13, 2017. Please mark your calendar. The staff is providing the turkey, dressing, rolls and gravy. Everyone coming is asked to bring the a dish and/or a dessert. Please contact Wilma Stoever or Les and Judy Weaver to let them know if you are coming.

**TRINITY'S ALL SAINTS
2017**

Eunice Huber	Gene Balfanz
Alvina Schneider	James Jaschke
Gerry Lovel	Dewayne Nix
Ida Mae Dold	Leo Westerman
Calie Wischkaemper	William Rohde
Ruby Diebel	Jay Pick
Ann Pilgram	Janie Zeplin
Bernice Vogt	Jane Patterson
Evelyn Spiegelhauer	Katie Farek
Thomas Staha	Kenneth Dietzel
John Mueller	Donnie Kruppa
John Connally	Doug Kruppa
Elvera Jaks	Janell Kruppa
John Bordisso	Sherilyn Howze
Marlene Henry	Lindy Voelkel
Betty Barker	Harvey Haas
Carrie Mueller	



SAYING GOOD-BYE

It's getting harder all the time
To say "Good-bye, my Friend."
It seems that every day
Someone's life comes to an end.

I've seen so many pass away
And those who are left behind
Keep their special memories.
It helps – for peace of mind.

Grief has a funny way
Of waking up your heart.
You think of all the things unsaid.
That's when your tears start.

But God has a purpose
For everyone of us.
His grace is sufficient.
We just have to trust.

Every day God gives me
Is a blessing – I can't forget.
I'm convinced as I grow older
He ain't finished with me, yet!

His gifts to me are many.
They are blessings in disguise.
Is He letting me grow older
For just one more surprise?

Written October 30, 2017
By Chris Rippamonti

WORSHIP

We all know and enjoy this Christmas song with its “chain of events” moving from the night wind, the little lamb, the shepherd boy, king of kings, and people everywhere. I never thought about this song being concerned about listening. I just enjoy how one verse is linked to the next and the next and echoes to the end of the song. This song can actually be linked to our Advent song we are using this season, “Listening. . .we are listening Lord.”



I think we humans have a challenge before us because listening does not seem to be our strong forte. Most of us spend more time “transmitting” than “receiving.” We engage in constant, mindless chatter. A good deal of conversation is the result of fear of silence.

We should know this: that listening, not talking, is the gifted and great and imaginative role. The true listener is much beloved and magnetic, more effective, and learns more than the talker.

Often, the loudest noise is inside our own heads as we fret over things left undone, engage in negative self-talk, and worry about the future. Exploring our inner listening and our spiritual space may be the most significant journey we can take this Advent.

During this Advent space before Christmas, come to worship to listen and receive. When speaking with others, pick up on what is the other person’s story behind the words they are saying, go to a nursing home and be a listener to one of the residents, take time during the busyness of the season to “listen” to the marvels of the season, and really listen to those words of the Christmas carols. We have a Savior who if He had not been born, we would not have had the man Jesus to die on the cross to save us!

See you at worship!



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DECEMBER



- 3 First Sunday of Advent
"Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending"
Mark 13:24-37
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 10 Second Sunday of Advent
"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"
Mark 1:1-8
8:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Chapel
10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 17 Third Sunday of Advent
"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!"
John 1:6-8, 19-28
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 20 A Service of Carols
With Our Lady of Lourdes
- 24 Christmas Eve Nativity of Our Lord
"The Lord Has Saved Us"
Luke 2
4:00 p.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary
11:00 p.m. Worship, Candlelight, Sanctuary
- 31 First Sunday of Christmas
No Sunday School
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary





NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Linda & Chelsea Garcia	Patsy Migl
Cheryl Garrison	Bill Rose
Jackie Goranson	Kelly Thomas
Keith Kahn	Marcie Worsham

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Coleen Aitchison	Robin & Roger Grace
Linda Berger	Bill Hill
Vergie Bitterly	Helen Jamison
Floyd Boedeker	Todd Kelm
Robin Cadle	Susan Kruse
Lulamae Caviel	Trentan Little
Billie Diebel	Doug Richter
David Drost	Craig Sauer
Bill Fancher	Judy Self
Paco Garcia	Tammy Steinmann

BAPTISMS

† **John Richard Brady**, was welcomed into the Trinity family on Sunday, October 12, 2017. His parents are Cole and Christ (Comeaux) Brady. John was born on May 22, 2017. His sponsors are Kyle and Gail Brady and Richard and Jean Comeaux. John’s grandparents are Kyle and Gail Brady and Richard and Jean Comeaux..



FUNERALS

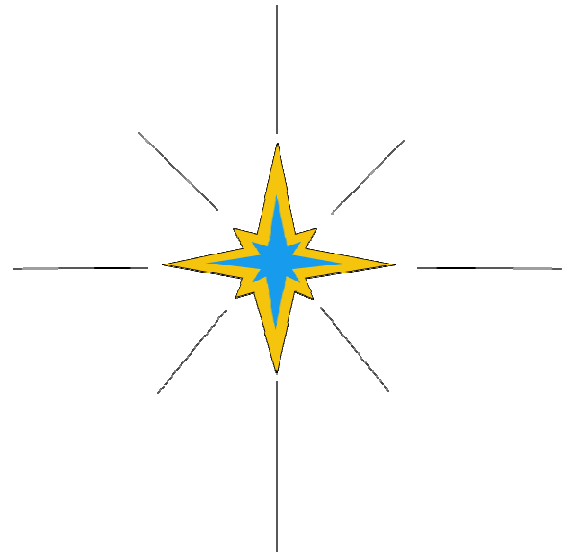
- The family and friends of **Sherilyn Howze** on her death.
- Lois Eichhorn and family on the death of her brother-in-law, **Lindy Voelkel**
- Cheryl Clark and Colette Kaiser and families on the death of their mother, **Evelyn Spiegelhauer**
- The family and friends of **Carrie Mueller** on her death.
- Cathy and David Dierlam and family on the death of her dad, **Harvey Haas**
- Junior, Cynthia, Jennifer Berger and families on the death of **Virginia Berger.**



**NEW VENTURES IN BIBLE READING
DECEMBER--2017**



1	Friday	Ezekiel 39:21--40:4; 43:1--44:31
2	Saturday	Ezekiel 45:1--47:23
3	Sunday	Psalms 141; Proverbs 3:1-31
4	Monday	Ezra 1:1-11; 3:1-13
5	Tuesday	Ezra 4:1--5:17
6	Wednesday	Ezra 6:1--7:28
7	Thursday	Ezra 8:15--9:15
8	Friday	Ezra 10:1-19
9	Saturday	Nehemiah 1:1--2:20
10	Sunday	Psalms 142, 143, 145
11	Monday	Nehemiah 3:1--4:23
12	Tuesday	Nehemiah 5:1--7:4
13	Wednesday	Nehemiah 8:1--18
14	Thursday	Nehemiah 9:1-38; 10:28-39
15	Friday	Nehemiah 11:1-2; 12:27-47
16	Saturday	Nehemiah 13:1-31
17	Sunday	Psalms 146, 147
18	Monday	Habakkuk 1:1--3:19
19	Tuesday	Zephaniah 1:1--3:20
20	Wednesday	Haggai 1:1--2:23
21	Thursday	Zechariah 8:20--11:3
22	Friday	Zechariah 11:4--14:21
23	Saturday	Malachi 3:1--4:6
24	Sunday	Psalms 148, 149
25	Monday	Revelation 1:1-20
26	Tuesday	Revelation 2:1--3:22
27	Wednesday	Revelation 4:1--5:14
28	Thursday	Revelation 6:1--7:17
29	Friday	Revelation 20:1--21:8
30	Saturday	Revelation 21:9--22:21
31	Sunday	Psalms 150



Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry

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Phone 361-572-0048 - Fax 361-574-8832
victoria.vcam@gmail.com



VCAM MONTHLY UPDATE

November 2017
(October 2017 Services)



Services Provided for October 2017:

Households Served – 854
Food Boxes – 817
Basic Needs – 1172
Clothing – 305
Home Delivery - 7
Homeless – 30 (51 bags)
Financial Assistance – 19
***New VCAM Clients Served - 54**

HELLO ALL -

Every third Saturday of each month will be VCAM Saturday! December 16th next.

VCAM Saturday! is an initiative created to allow those who are unable to shop for groceries or clothing during the week due to work, to do so on these Saturdays. It is also a way for groups or individuals who would like to volunteer their time, but are unable to during the work week, an opportunity to participate in this ministry. So with **VCAM Saturday!** now in place, VCAM will add twelve days of operation starting in 2018.

The **VCAM** organization realizes that the effects of Hurricane Harvey will be felt in our area for some time through the foreseeable future and that there are many that are still displaced, either here in Victoria w/ friends or family or are being housed in other communities. For these reasons, our client numbers have been down the last couple of months but they are back on the rise, so the community's efforts as we head into the holidays are just as vital to make our neighbor's Thanksgiving the happiest or their Christmas its merriest.

Items of need at VCAM to stock our food pantry:

canned meats (Vienna sausage, spam, potted meat, meat soups, chicken, tuna)
tomato sauces
mayonnaise or salad dressing
mustard
canned or packaged fruit
canned beans

Enjoy the days of Thanksgiving w/ your family...be safe and be grateful.
God bless...*Marc*

For more information on our services or volunteer opportunities, call (361) 572-0048,
send an e-mail to victoria.vcam@gmail.com, or stop by VCAM at 108 North Liberty.

"Providing Hope When Things Seem Hopeless"

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church

Thank you so very much for graciously allowing our school to move into your building. I cannot put into words how much we appreciate it. Your Kindness will not be forgotten.

God Bless,
Brooke Fassridge
PDS Board President



Victoria Gabriel Project
P.O. Box 285
Victoria, Texas 77902-0285

November 6, 2017

Pastor Barney Matzcha
Trinity Lutheran Church
196 N. DeLeon St.
Victoria, TX 77961

Dear Pastor Matzcha:

On behalf of the Victoria Gabriel Project we want to thank the Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation for your gift to our ministry. Your generosity enables our ministry to continue offering assistance to women facing crisis pregnancies.

Through the Victoria Gabriel Project, the mothers receive loving care as well as spiritual and emotional support. In addition, the babies receive needed material items such as formula, diapers, baby wash, lotion and clothing.

The August 17 Prayer Service collection of \$487 was received on August 23, 2017.

Thank you for helping Defend the Sanctity of Life!

Paul A. Williams
Paul A. Williams
Treasurer

Victoria Gabriel Project is an IRS approved 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organization. This statement is for your income tax purposes. If there is an error, please contact us at (361) 576-1156, or toll-free 1-866-627-9243.



Historic Christian Assistance Ministry
P.O. Box 1786 - Victoria, TX 77901
(361) 573-8042

Received from Trinity Lutheran Church
Amount \$225.00 Date Received 11-13-2017

New/Visitation Memorial Celebration Regular Contribution

In Honor / Memory of _____

Thank You

Historic Christian Assistance Ministry of Victoria, Texas, did not provide any goods, services or financial benefits to the donor in return for this contribution. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Thank you so much for your generous donation to VCAM. We appreciate your support of our ministry. Your gift allows us to help community members who are in need.

Sincerely -
Rose May Vang
Alan Hansen

Luther Fest wrap up meeting was held on November 16th in Luther Hall with 13 members present. We want to thank every member, family member and friends that helped in any way to make this year's Luther Fest a great success. Claudette Hoffer gave us the financial report. We had a profit of \$22,208.31 plus \$2,582.09 left from last year to distribute. Moneys were distributed as followed: Compassionate Friends \$300.00, Rushing Winds, VCAM, Campus Ministry, Christ Kitchen and Perpetual Help Home each got \$1,500. Scout Masters \$ 400, Care in Community \$400, appreciation for Seniors 65 and older \$250, Pool table repair for youth \$500, Youth to use as they see fit \$500, Clean floors \$1,000.00 Hopkins School \$200, for next year Luther Fest \$740.40 and 13,000.00 to General Fund of the Church.

The Luther Fest was a big success this year and was able to give to **5 non-profit organizations** a long with the **General Fund of the Church \$13,000.00**. We need to continue these traditions in years to come. At this time we need Co-Leaders, Live Auction, Silent Auction, Country Store, Pies and Advertisement chair persons. Please be prayerful of the future Luther Fest and step up and help put on 2018 Luther Fest. If we don't have Luther Fest of some kind there will be 5 non-profit organizations and Trinity Lutheran that will suffer besides the fun and fellowship that you will miss.

David and I would like to say another Big Thank You to everyone who has helped us with the last Four years. We have enjoyed every minute of it and look forward to next year.

May God Bless each of you,




Pat & David



Thanks you Trinity Bereavement for your generous gift of two trays of sandwiched and chips for Janell Kruppa's funeral. I appreciate all your care and concerns and prayers.

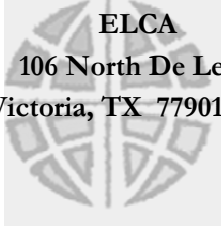
Barbara and the Kruppa family

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		5 1:00 WELCA Business Meeting 2:30 Memorial Service Chapel Refreshments to follow			1	2
3 8:00 & 10:30 Worship HC 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 8th Confirm. Phase1 meeting	4 6:00 Cub Scouts	5 6:30 Men's Group 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day 6:30 FWT	6 5:30 Yoga, LH 6:30 7th Confirm. 6:30 8th Confirm. Food Bank	7 8:00 Walkers	8	9 9:00 Sunday School Program Practice
10 8:00 Worship HC Chapel 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship, SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM (10:30)	11 6:00 Cub Scouts	12 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day	13 NOON Wednesday Friends Christmas Party 5:30 Yoga, LH 6:30 7th & 8th Conf	14 8:00 Walkers	15	16
17 8:00 & 10:310 Worship HC Sanctuary CHOIR PROGRAM 9:15 Sunday School CAROLING	18 6:00 Ruth Circle Christmas Party/ Buncos 6:00 Cub Scouts	19 6:30 Men's Group, 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing 6:30 Congr. Council	20 No Confirmation	21 8:00 Walkers	22 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Break	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 pm Worship 11:00 pm Worship	 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Break	26 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Break 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day	27 No Confirmation	28 8:00 Walkers	29	30
31 8:00 Worship, HC & 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary NO Sun. School	 OFFICE CLOSED					

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MONTHLY SERVER SCHEDULE
DECEMBER

ALTAR GUILD
8:00 Gary and Meredith Golden
10:30 Howard and Jo Ann Yeary

8:00	3rd	10th	17th	24th 4:00	31st
Acolytes	Kolby Beyer	Lane Rodriquez	Alisa Garcia		Jace Kitchens
Ushers	Bill Kickendahl Hayden Hindley	Donna & Richard Appelt	Shanna Mikulenska	Gary & Meredith Golden	Stanley and Mendy Dierlam
Greeters	Bill Kickendahl Hayden Hindley	Diana Tuch	The Tommy Beyer Family	Pat and Gerald Klinkerman	Stanley and Mendy Dierlam
Readers	Frances Hitchcock	Donna Appelt	Vickie Hunt	Diana Tuch	Mendy Dierlam
10:30	3rd	10th	17th	24th 4:00	31st
Acolytes	Payton Orsak	Sammy Talley	Maddie & Jessie Mc Brayer		Sammy Talley
Ushers	Stanley and Mendy Dierlam	Rick Mc Brayer Family	Steve and Barbara Zimmerman	The Curtis Groll Family	The Scott Johnson Family
Greeters	David and Cathy Dier- lam	Rick Mc Brayer Family	Steve and Barbara Zimmerman	The Curtis Groll Family	The Scott Johnson Family
Readers	Mendy Dierlam	Dawn Foerster	Loretta Johnson	Jackie Goranson	Loretta Johnson

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR TIME & DATE ON THE CALENDAR, PLEASE CALL SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.