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and Learning Center
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Service Schedule:

Sunday

Bible Study & 9 AM
Sunday School
Divine Service 10:15 AM

Wednesday

Catechesis 6:30 PM
Service 7:00 PM

Monday-Friday

Children's Matins 10:00 AM

Private Confession & Absolution

Wednesday 10:30-11:00 AM
Saturday 8:00-8:30 PM
or by appointment



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Not Divided

The news continues to report that the nation is deeply divided politically. There is disagreement over the facts. Each side receives coverage of events from their own news source and labels the others as fake news. Fact checkers and filters have failed to resolve the problem. The disagreement goes deeper than just a particular slant on things. The desire for

and results of government action are disputed. Some see government intervention as a solution while others see it as the problem. Some are concerned about morality while others are concerned about equality, and still others financial stability. Some desire strict and originalist constitutional interpretation, while others see the constitution as the beginning of the problem. To act as if there are only two sides, or to claim that that

each issue neatly falls within the two political parties is an over simplification. Finally, the use of violence and confrontation have caused either fear or a reactionary boldness. The conflict has spilled over into sports venues, entertainment, corporate ideology, and the church. Thankfully, *by holding the church to her God-given mandate*, our congregation has not allowed our gatherings to be turned into battlegrounds.

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The Learning Center

*By Keely Gelso
ECLC Director*

It's hard to believe another year has rolled by and I am already typing 2019! With that being said, we have had some great times at Trinity in 2018! We have 32 Pre-k children enrolled and 30 showed up for the Christmas Play. The angels & shepherds did absolutely amazing and I have to say the last play practice did not go as planned so we weren't sure lol! We had a wonderful summer with tons of field trips for our school age and tons of fun projects. We had so much fun with renting a huge slide for the day and the literally played on it for 10 hours. We had a blast at the Bandy's Pumpkin Patch field trip with the most attendance of families of our Pre-K classes in years. Lots of fun in between where we had a Gingerbread decorating class, which was wonderful to meet and talk with all the

Grandparents and families of Trinity. We are truly blessed with wonderful children and great families that support us here. As the winter approaches us, I often get asked....do you go outside? The answer is yes, it is mandated by the Department of Children and Family Services that we go out daily and often. So, if it is 25 and above, we go outside and that is all children even the infants. We don't go outside for hours, it's usually anywhere from 15-30 minutes at a time. It's important to send your child with the proper clothing try not to send children in dresses and make sure they have gloves, a heavy coat and a hat please. We also have a tremendous number of children without extra clothing, please send underwear, socks, pants and a top. All of our extra clothing has been loaned out and not returned so we have no extra to use at this time. It will be tax season before you know it, all letters will be mailed electronically please request one by emailing me at ecldirector@trinityh.org I want to send a huge thank you to the church



members for their continued support of Trinity Lutheran ECLC, they are constantly fixing something, donating time, and helping with outside projects. Without them I would be lost sometimes. So, a big thank you! Please feel free to contact me if you should have any issues or are wanting to meet with your child's teacher, I would be more than happy to set that up. Happy New Year, Mrs. G



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Trinity Lutheran Church is a Christian congregation called to make disciples of Jesus Christ by baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and by teaching her members to observe all things our Lord has commanded us (Mt 28). Our congregation gathers for Divine Service to receive the pure preaching of God's Word and the right administration of the Sacrament of the Altar. We gather for Bible studies in order to ask questions and grow in the Word. We also make use of opportunities for social interaction that we might encourage each other in our Christian walk and comfort fellow members in the midst of the struggles and afflictions of this fallen world.

Our members have varying opinions all across the spectrum. These members all sit together to hear the same Word and receive the same forgiveness in the Lord's Supper. Our

members engage in discussion about the teachings of God's Word in Bible class and Catechesis. None have separated from the others, nor have any excluded others from any part of our congregational activity. Our members reach out to one another in order to share disappointments and sorrows and to rejoice in the blessings God has granted.

Why does this work out so well? First of all, the church and the government have different means and goals. God works through the church's minister to provide the Word and sacraments. These means of grace forgive sins, provide for the soul, and bolster our conscience in what is true, that we might have the sure and certain hope of eternal life. God works through the government's minister, the governing authority, to protect the body and possessions by means of laws and the power of the sword. Through these means of rewards and punishments, order is maintained in this temporal sphere.

Second, the teaching of God's Word is that we honor the government. Whatever government exists has been



established by God and is to be obeyed (Rom 13). The church prays for the success of government and benefits from the established peace and order so that she can freely gather to worship. As long as the government does not command us to sin, we obey. The Christian does not engage in violence, but obeys the laws of the land.

Third, *unlike other forms of government*, our constitutional republic allows us to vote and have input concerning the laws we live under and the form and amount of government by which we are ruled. The particular form, which government should take, is not commanded by God. There can be legitimate disagreement among

Christians on the best form of government.

Fourth, although it would definitely be out of place to campaign in the congregation, that doesn't mean that anyone has to deny their own opinions while at or following church functions. You don't have to deny your political opinions while at church, any more than you have to deny that you are a dog-lover or vegetarian. Most of the time (chanting psalms, listening to the sermon, etc.), it is not going to come up. We are guided by love in speaking with our fellow believer in Christ. We are free, but we don't want to use our freedom if a weak brother will be harmed (1 Cor 8:9).

--MDH



January 2019

MONDAY - FRIDAY
Children's Matins 10 AM - 10:30 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Elder-Tony Stretch(995-1379); Altar Guild-Kim Miller and Claire Stretch; Church Cleaning-Jan 6/13 Kenner, Jan 20/27 Kemp</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Circumcision of Jesus</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <p>ECLC Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:00 PM Indecoratin</p> <p>6:30 PM Evening Prayer (with Burning of Tree)</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Epiphany of Our Lord</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>4:00 PM ELDoNA Phone Conference for Pastors</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 PM Board of Education</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Epiphany One (Observed)</p> <p>8:00 AM Matins</p> <p>Baptism of our Lord</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>Council Meeting #1 After Service</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 PM Ladies Missionary Society</p>	<p>18</p> <p>The Confession of Saint Peter</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p>	<p>19</p> <p>St. Henry of Finland, Martyr</p> <p>8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Epiphany 2</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Holy Baptism</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Saint Timothy, Pastor and Confessor</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>The Conversion of Saint Paul</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p> <p>5:30 PM Game</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Saint Titus, Pastor and Confessor</p> <p>7:00 PM Vespers</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Epiphany 3</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Holy Baptism</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Acolytes: Sun(6) Crucifer/Gospel Book-Sarah Miller, acolytes-Luke and Liam Phillips, Sun(13) Crucifer/Gospel Book-Sadie Henson, acolytes-Tom and Colton Weber, Sun(20) Luke Phillips, Sun(27) Colton Weber</p>	

February 2019

MONDAY - FRIDAY
Children's Matins 10 AM - 10:30 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Acolytes: Sun(3) Dylan Dunaway, Sun(10) Crucifer/Gospel Book-Tom Weber, Acolytes-Luke and Liam Phillips, Sun(17) Colton Weber, Sun(24) Olivia Dunaway</p>	<p>Elder-- ; Altar Guild-LeeAnn Byrne; Church Cleaning- Feb 3/10 Horman, Feb 17/24 Henson, Michael</p>				1	2
						<p>Presentation of Our Lord</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Epiphany 4</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p>			<p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>			<p>8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Transfiguration of Our Lord</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p>		<p>Lincoln's Birthday</p>	<p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>St. Valentine's Day</p>		<p>Philipp Melancthon, Confessor</p> <p>8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Septuagesima</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p>	<p>President's Day</p> <p>7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p>	<p>6:00 PM Board of Education</p>	<p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>7:00 PM Ladies Missionary Society</p>	<p>Washington Birthday</p>	<p>8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution</p>
24	25	26	27	28		
<p>Saint Matthias, Apostle</p> <p>8:00 AM Matins</p> <p>Sexagesima</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Confession/Office of the Keys</p>		<p>David Chytraeus, Doctor and Confessor</p>	<p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>			

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