**Announcements**

**Meetings & Events**

Sunday, December 8th Voters Election & Budget Meeting

Tuesday, December 10th Trustees 7pm

Wednesday, December 11th Advent Meal/Service 6pm/7pm

Saturday, December 14th Parsonage Open House 3pm – 6pm

Sunday, December 15th Children’s Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15th Youth Christmas Party 3pm

Wednesday, December 18th Advent Meal/Service 6pm/7pm

**VOTERS’ MEETING TODAY**

 Following worship today, we will be having our 2020 Annual Budget and Election of Officers meeting in the fellowship hall. Please come down and join us for this important meeting.

**BOOTS FOR CHILDREN**

 A huge “thank you” to everyone who helped with our New Boot Drive for the area school children from Onekama, Bear Lake and Casman. We didn’t have worship last week, but even so, we were only short a few pairs of boots by Monday morning. Those have likely arrived today. Thanks for your generous support!

**CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

 We would like to get a choir together to provide some music for the Christmas Eve service. If you would like to sing with us for Christmas Eve, we will begin practicing each Sunday morning in December from 10:00am to 10:15am prior to the start of service. This gives us 3 Sundays to prepare. Hope to see you there! Jessica Sherry.

**LESSONS & CAROLS IN MANISTEE**

 As part of Old Christmas Weekend, Trinity Manistee will be presenting a service of Lessons & Carols this afternoon at 3:00pm. There will be a dessert and social hour to follow in the fellowship hall. Please plan on attending this wonderful start to the holiday season.

**PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE**

 Pastor Sherry and Jessica would like to invite all members of the congregation to an Open House at the parsonage on Saturday, December 14th from 3pm – 6pm to celebrate their first year serving among us. It will be a chance to just gather socially and see the various improvements made at the parsonage. Please join us!

**CHRISTIAN DEVOTIONS FOR CHILDREN**

 On the ledge above the mailboxes are new children’s devotional booklets. “Happy Times” is for Preschool to Kindergarten age kids and our “My Devotions” booklets are similar to a Portals of Prayer devotion style aimed at elementary children. Please take a copy for your child or grandchild to enjoy.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Matthew 3:1-2** – **“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ”** John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance and the forgiveness of sins.” We never outgrow the need for repentance – examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive His forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

**2020 LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS**

 TODAY is the final deadline to renew your Lutheran Witness Subscriptions and to get a great deal on a new subscription if you don’t currently have one. Lutheran Witness is the official periodical of the LCMS which is published 11 times each year. A current copy for you to examine is on the ledge over the mailboxes. The cost is just $11.60 for the year. You can make the check out to Trinity Lutheran Church and we will send all of the subscriptions in with one payment to the Michigan District Office. Please write your check today to obtain this rate.

**2020 CALENDERS**

 On the ledge near the church entrance are some 2020 calendars. Please help yourself and take what you can use. These are free to us from various businesses and organizations, so help yourself.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Earl LeSarge Birthday December 23rd

**SERVING THIS MONTH**

**Greeters:** Becky Kline

**Altar Guild:** Bev LeSarge

**SERVING TODAY SERVING NEXT WEEK 12/15/2019**

**Pastor:** Rev. Jacob Sherry **Pastor:** Rev. Jacob Sherry

**Elder:** Ted Bromley **Elder:** Ted Bromley

**Accomp:** Karen Brandt **Accomp:** Karen Brandt

**Reader:** Diane Hanson **Reader:** Charles Zalud

**ATTENDANCE**: 11/24/2019

WORSHIP: 81 BIBLE STUDY: 10

**FIRST FRUITS TRACKER WEEK ENDING:** 11/24/2019

Offering Receipts: $2,811.00 YTD Budget Receipts: $124,053.45

Weekly Budget Needs: $2,801.75 YTD Budget Needs: $131,682.25



**Special Prayers**

Kaydence Devenport Margaret Meachum Steve Schimke

Dylan Gladding Gerald Meister Mike Souilliere (Heart)

Gayle Harthun (Cancer) Rita Merkey Rev. Jeff Walsh (Cancer)

Jill Hoseler (Cancer) Marjorie Nelson Sandy Wing

John Kuenzli Barbara Potter Matt Zavada (At Home)

**Prayers for Our Military**

**Andrew Burch**, **Jr**., grandson of John & Loree Sprawka.

**Mark Granzotto** with U.S. Navy in Bahrain, grandson of Rita Merkey

**Colonel Joel Briske** serving in Washington D.C. son of the late Bonnie Harnish

**Army Major Riley Morgan Kennedy, s**tationed in Washington, DC, George & Margaret Punches’ grand-niece

**Steve & Carol Sprawka,** son & daughter-in-law of John & Loree Sprawka

**Derek Sprawka,** grandson of John & Loree Sprawka

**Cody Stefanick,** nephew to Janette & Fred May

**Ian Nelson,** nephew of Jack and Pebbla Nelson

**Tyge Nelson & family,** nephew of Jack and Pebbla Nelson

**Lt. Tim Brandt** at Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, MD, son of Bruce & Debbie Brandt

***If you wish to add someone’s name, please call or e-mail the church office.***

***When someone’s name is placed on prayer lists,***

***his or her name will remain until instructed to remove it. Thank you!***

***HOLIDAY & ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Sun., Dec. 8th Sunday Worship w/Communion 10:30am

Wed., Dec. 11th Advent Meal/Service in Fellowship Hall 6pm/7pm

Sun., Dec. 15th Sunday Worship – Children’s Program 10:30am

Wed., Dec. 18th Advent Meal/Service in Fellowship Hall 6pm/7pm

Sun., Dec. 22nd Sunday Worship w/Communion 10:30am

Tues., Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Service w/Communion 7:00pm

Sun., Dec. 29th Sunday Worship 10:30am

**Annual Voters’ Meeting**

**2020 Church Budget and Election of Officers**

TODAY following worship

Please join us for this important meeting!