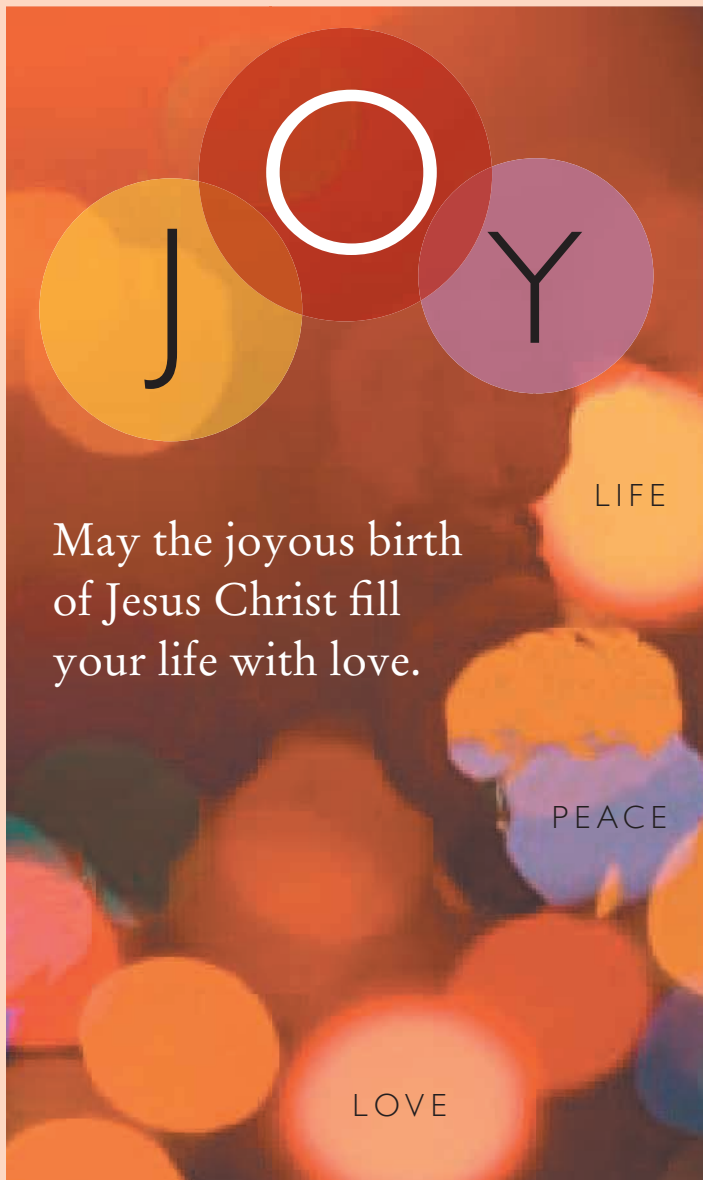




## Celebrate *Christmas* at Trinity \_\_\_\_\_



### **Christmas Eve Worship**

**1:30, 3, 4:30,  
9 & 10:30 p.m.**

*Family Worship Services:*

**1:30 & 3 p.m.**

Children, teens, parents and grandparents will hear the amazing story of Jesus birth and be filled with joy, excitement and a desire to tell the story to others. Nursery provided.

**4:30, 9 & 10:30 p.m.**

*Led by choirs, organ & instrumentalists*

Candlelight services at  
**9 & 10:30 p.m.**

Nursery provided at  
**1:30, 3 & 4:30 p.m.**

Holy Communion celebrated at  
**4:30, 9 & 10:30 p.m.**

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### **Christmas Day**

**10 a.m.**

## worship opportunities

### December 5, 8, & 9

- Saturday, 5 p.m.: Worship, Communion
- Sunday, 9 a.m.: Traditional Worship
- Sunday, 10:30 a.m.: the WALK Worship, Communion, Nursery

### December 12, 15 & 16

- Wednesday, 7 p.m.: The River (Grades 9-12 youth worship)
- Saturday, 5 p.m.: Worship, Communion
- Sunday, 9 a.m.: Traditional Worship
- Sunday, 10:30 a.m.: the WALK Worship, Communion, Nursery

## remember in your prayers

Please notify the Trinity office at 439-7400 if you or anyone you know has a prayer need, or when you or a loved one is hospitalized (the hospitals do NOT notify us of admissions), has a baby or a death occurs in the family. Please contact Jane Backe at 439-6006 or Jan Most at 436-7264 for prayer team submissions.

### Support in Prayer

- Ken Johnson

### Altar flowers

- Dec. 8 & 9 – In loving memory of **Franklin & Deanna**, given by Evelyn Peterson & family
- Dec. 8 & 9 – In memory of **Phyllis Bakke**, who passed away one year ago, given by daughter and grand-daughters Denise, Mary and Lauren Heuer
- Dec. 15 & 16 – In memory of **Michael Felsch**, given by the Felsch family.

### Baptisms

- Lori Babcock
- Jada Jo Bero, daughter of Serena Radinzel

### Sympathy to...

- The family & friends of **Ruth Hawkinson**, whose funeral was held at Trinity on Mon., Nov. 26
- The family & friends of **Ken Hinz** who passed away.

## Trinity's Christmas Poinsettia Garden & Gift Opportunities

*Form and payment must be turned in by Sun., Dec. 9, 2007.*

Poinsettias may be picked up after the 10 a.m. service on Christmas Day. Donor names will be printed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Please fill out the form below and either bring it to the Church Office, mail it, or place it in the offering plate.

☐ Selian Hospital – Dr. Mark Jacobson \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Nursery Furniture \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Poinsettia(s) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## trinity transportation

### Sunday van schedule

Trinity's van will be available during the Sunday 9 a.m. worship service. A van ride is available for members or non-members lacking other means of transportation. Please call the Church Office (439-7400) between 9 a.m. Wed. and 4 p.m. Thurs. to reserve your seat each week. Estimated pick-up times at senior residences if you have reserved a seat are:

- 8:15 a.m. – Boutwells Landing
- 8:25 a.m. – Raymie Johnson
- 8:35 a.m. – Croixdale
- 8:40 a.m. – Oakridge
- 8:45 a.m. – Rivertown Commons

### worship attendance

November 25 & 26	
5 p.m.	122
9 a.m.	370
10:30 a.m.	350

December 1 & 2	
5 p.m.	45
9 a.m.	NA
10:30 a.m.	228

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## gratitude ministry

Stewardship? Gratitude Team? Still confused? In years past, at this time of year, The Stewardship Ministry Team organized the fall campaign during which we asked all members to pray about their financial support of Trinity. Pledges were made. The budget could be built.

We changed our focus. The Stewardship Ministry Team became The Gratitude Ministry Team. This is not merely different wording to garner financial support for the ministries of Trinity Church. It is truly an enlightened understanding and a new emphasis. Centering our focus on the goodness and abundance of the Giver of all gifts, we have responded with gratitude and with generosity. As individuals, we have grown in our faith and in our giving. We are energized by our attitude of gratitude to God. As The Gratitude Ministry Team, we have grown in our understanding and in our confidence to lead Trinity in its gratitude and generosity.

Trinity has been given the gift of a generous heart, generous because we are filled with gratitude. Like inhaling the spirit of God and filling our whole being with gratitude. And exhaling and giving generously with our whole

being. Gratitude begets generosity which begets gratitude which begets generosity. Which came first? God's breath of life started the cycle. For this gift of life we are filled with gratitude which begets generosity, which begets gratitude which begets generosity.

During one Sunday evening in November, at the Lake Elmo Event Center, we came together as a community in common mission, welcoming seminarian Jeremy Johnson and Pastor Gary Langness who spoke of God's love and abundance in their lives. It was truly an evening of joyous thanksgiving! During three weekends of worship, Pastor Dan directed our thoughts and the music uplifted our spirits in an understanding of the Gift of a Generous Heart. The culmination has been our annual commitment of financial support. As individuals we are joyfully grateful to pledge our financial gifts. As The Gratitude Team, we are grateful for all pledges received as they express the generosity of

## THE GIFT OF A GENEROUS HEART

our heart and the unity of our purpose.

Three more times during the year we will pull out all the stops for celebrations of gratitude. Watch for some extraordinary opportunities for thanksgiving in February, May, and August.

Paul began many of his letters that are found in the New Testament by telling the Christian churches how much he thanked God for them. Likewise, The Gratitude Team thanks God often for you.

"We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing."

*II Thessalonians 1:3*

If you would like to share a story of gratitude, contact The Gratitude Team by email ([gratitudeministry@trinitylc.org](mailto:gratitudeministry@trinitylc.org)) or with a note dropped in the offering plate or in the Church Office.

## upcoming events

### Retired Men:

#### Are you a CSI fan? Are you into reality programs?

Tour the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) facilities

*Thu., Dec. 13, Meet to carpool from Trinity at 9 a.m.*

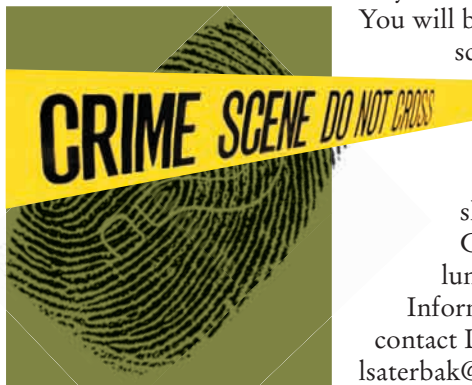
Has Hollywood elevated the investigative capabilities beyond reason or are they showing the cutting edge of new technology? Are the investigators as attractive as they are on TV? Are they often on the firing line?

You will be able to see, hear and ask about the scientific investigation processes that serve the state law enforcement agencies.

Because of BCA space limitations, the tour group is limited to 25 people and they need the names (wanted felons should not apply) of those attending.

Carpools will be available and a restaurant lunch is scheduled. Please sign up at the

Information Center in the Commons or contact Lowell Saterbak at 436-6252 or [lsaterbak@aol.com](mailto:lsaterbak@aol.com).



## young adult ministry

### BLUE LIKE JAZZ book study

*Begins Sun., Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m.*

*Room 108B*

Do you have questions about your life and God that you never feel comfortable asking? Come and join us Sunday nights starting January 6 for a small group book study based on the book, *Blue Like Jazz* by Donald Miller. Miller tackles many of the questions we all ask about faith in ways that are easy to relate to. The study will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last for approximately one hour each week. Books will be available for purchase at Trinity or you can purchase one at many local bookstores. Please contact Jeremy Johnson at [jjohnson@trinitylc.org](mailto:jjohnson@trinitylc.org) with questions.



## Open your home for Christmas

If you have room at your table and the call in your heart to invite individuals who would otherwise spend their Christmas meal alone, Trinity's Mutual Care Ministries would like to hear from you. Please contact Diane Rollie at 439-7400, ext. 141, or [drollie@trinitylc.org](mailto:drollie@trinitylc.org). Bless you!

## Christmas Gift Dilemma? Here's the perfect gift!

This year you can show your love at home and spread great joy in Tanzania at the same time.

We have a "gift list" of items needed at the Bomalang'ombe Secondary School. You may make a contribution on behalf of someone in your life and we'll provide a color photo card acknowledging the gift for you to give to your loved one. Many options for gifts exist, including bricks, cement, seeds, fertilizer, electrical wire, bunk beds, shipping containers, and you can even help build a dormitory.

For more information, see the poster in the Commons when you're at church, or contact Tom Thiets, Missions Director, at ext. 146 or Michele Hermansen at 612-868-2255.

## Meals on Wheels drivers sought

It's time for Trinity to take a turn driving for Meals on Wheels the week of Dec. 17-21. If you are available to deliver meals to homebound residents during the hours of 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. any or every day that week, please contact Jeannie Wendorf at ext. 111, or email her at [jwendorf@trinitylc.org](mailto:jwendorf@trinitylc.org)

## JESUS Delivers

*Winter Serving Dates: Sign up Now!*  
*Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23*  
*March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.*  
*Meet at The Daily Grind coffee shop in Stillwater and carpool to St. Paul*  
Serve meals to homeless men and women in St. Paul. Contact Peter or Cary at [peterbolstorff@scelimited.com](mailto:peterbolstorff@scelimited.com) or [caryjbolstorff@comcast.net](mailto:caryjbolstorff@comcast.net), or 439-8342 to serve. For complete details about the JESUS Delivers ministry, visit [www.jesusdelivers.info](http://www.jesusdelivers.info)

## Think winter with clothing donations

Think of the warm layers/jackets/socks/hats and gloves the homeless will need at Jesus Delivers. Think of the jackets and snow pants that the young school children in both St. Paul and Stillwater will receive through Kids' Winter Wear. Think of the warm sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets people can get at the free store at Joseph's Coat in St. Paul. Think of all the refugees who come with so little, who need so much. Go through your closets and weed out those warm clothes which just take up space in your drawers and closets. Or buy some brand new ones! There are so many cold-weather needs in Minnesota. Let's all pull together and clothe those who need the warmth of Trinity hearts! Donations can be dropped in the bins by the 4th St. entrance.

## Support Katrina rebuilding efforts

In this joyous season of Advent, we are mindful of the many gifts we have received: family, friends, a home to live in, meaningful work, and service to others to name a few. Seventeen Trinity friends are making plans to travel to Mississippi in January to help build homes for Katrina survivors. How can you help?

- Cash contributions to support the team. With rising gas costs, the trip can be costly. To support team travel, make a check out to Trinity; in the memo line specify Katrina Team Support.
- Monetary contributions to support the homeowners. Make your check out to Trinity; in the memo line specify Katrina Rebuild. All of your donation will go to the rebuilding program in Ocean Springs, MS.
- Home Depot or Lowes gift cards for building supplies for homeowners.
- Snack foods – granola bars, individual packs of cookies or crackers for the team on the road.

Mail or bring your checks/cards to the Church Office. Leave snack foods in the office, bagged and labeled for Kristie Anderson.

## JESUS Delivers Christmas backpack items

You can donate items or you can Adopt-A-Backpack. The goal is to fill each backpack with the same items to be fair to all recipients.

Items needed by Sun., Dec. 16:

- Backpacks
- Socks
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Lotion
- Chapstick
- Treats – snacks (nuts, beef jerky, gum, sunflower seeds, granola bars, etc.)
- Adult men's or women's hats or head-bands, gloves, scarves (new or gently used)

You can bring items on the list to the JESUS Delivers bin or Adopt-A-Backpack as a family, group, or with your co-workers or friends. Join the JESUS Delivers crew on Saturdays. Questions? Contact Peter or Cary Bolstorff at 439-8342.

## Thank you to all

*To all the women, men and young people who worked at the Lutefisk Dinner*

We can't thank all of you enough for working on the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner. Without you we couldn't have made it a success. We served 820 people and our proceeds were \$8,188.

*Wilma Edhlund  
Norma Swanson*

## A Message of Gratitude

I owe so much gratitude to all the dear friends at Trinity since I moved here in May. Several members called on me. One member introduced herself as "my ambassador." She made the transition easier. My son and family assisted me in so many ways. I thank all of you.

*Sincerely,  
Bette M. Poffenberger*



## Jonathan Nye the Psalms Guy

### Psalm 2:4

God who sits in the heavens laughs, and has them in derision.

A family living in a very nice home ponders the purchase of a new boat that will fit into one of their five garages, while another family in a first ring suburb looks at their finances to see if they can afford the second car they will need for that second job.

Not far away, a working class couple is struggling to make ends meet, but are grateful they have a home to live in, knowing that in the same town there is a man who calls the heavy, drooping branches of a large balsam tree his bedroom canopy.

We are rich, yet there are poor among us. As a people we grab, hoard and then desire more products than we can possibly use for ourselves.

We know about children who go to bed hungry. We know there are obscene injustices in this world. Many try to fix them. Others just try not to think about it, or just go on with their lives as though it isn't reality, at least not for anyone they know personally.

There is plenty of food in the world to feed everyone. No one need go hungry. No one need go without shelter.

God laughs. Is it a laugh of disgust or a laugh of unbelief?

The nations just don't get it.

## dec.8 - dec. 21 calendar

### Sat., Dec. 8

- 2 p.m. Croix Chordsmen/Sweet Adeline Concert: Lower Level
- 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

### Sun., Dec. 9 2nd Sunday in Advent

- 9 a.m. Couples Small Group: Library Conf. Room
- 9 a.m. Sunday School (3 yrs.-Gr.2): Lower Level
- 9 a.m. Bible Explorers (Gr. 3-4): Garden Room
- 9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 9 a.m. New Member Small Group: Office Conf. Room
- 9 a.m. Club 56 (Gr. 5-6): Luther Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed.-Jesus 101: Garden Room
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (3 yrs.-Gr.6): Lower Level
- 10:30 a.m. LYS 2: M. Buckingham Videos: Living Room
- 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 2 p.m. Trinity Rec. League (TRL): Gym
- 3 p.m. Trinity Singles Leadership Team: Room 108B
- 4 p.m. Singles Connection Potluck: Garden Room, Gym

### Mon., Dec. 10

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library
- 6 p.m. R.O.C.K. Basketball (Gr. K-2): Gym
- 6 p.m. Trinity for Tomorrow Team: Room 108B
- 6 p.m. Rebekah Circle: Boutwells Landing
- 7 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study: Living Library
- 8 p.m. Co-ed Adult Basketball: Gym

### Tue., Dec. 11

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Living Room
- 9 a.m. Mom's Day Off: Room 106, Luther Hall, Nursery
- 9 a.m. Worship Team Planning Meeting: Narthex
- 9:30 a.m. Feed my Starving Children Meeting: Office Conf. Room
- 11:15 a.m. Leah Circle: Lake Elmo Inn
- 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Room
- 6 p.m. R.O.C.K. Basketball (Gr. 3-4): Gym
- 7 p.m. Adult Ed.-Jesus 101: Garden Room

### Wed., Dec. 12

- 9 a.m. Pilates w/ Stability Ball: Narthex
- 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Band Practice: Worship Center
- 5 p.m. Alleluia Choir (Gr. 3-6): Choir Room
- 5 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir (K-Gr. 2): Heritage Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Gym
- 6 p.m. Bible Explorers (Gr. 3-4): Gym, Youth Center
- 6 p.m. Leader Mtg Gr 7-8 Confirmation: Narthex
- 6 p.m. Club 56 (Gr. 5-6): Luther Hall
- 6 p.m. Wed School (3 yrs.-Gr.2): Lower Level
- 6:30 p.m. Gr. 7-8 Confirmation: Lower Level
- 6:30 p.m. Leader Meeting Gr. 9 Confirmation: Narthex
- 7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7 p.m. Gr. 9 Confirmation: Lower Level
- 7 p.m. The River Youth Worship (Gr. 9-12): Garden Room

### Thu., Dec. 13

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library
- 9 a.m. Retired Men: Tour Bureau of Criminal App.
- 9 a.m. Mom's Day Off: Room 106, Luther Hall, Nursery
- 9 a.m. Bible Study-Gospel of John: Living Room
- 2:30 p.m. Open Gym-Sr. Hi: Gym
- 3 p.m. Jam Session with Drew: Worship Center
- 6 p.m. R.O.C.K. Basketball (Gr. 3-4): Gym
- 7 p.m. the WALK Rehearsal: Worship Center

### Fri., Dec. 14

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library
- 7 p.m. Yule Bash 2007: Lower Level

### Sat., Dec. 15

- 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

### Sun., Dec. 16 3rd Sunday in Advent

- 9 a.m. Couples Small Group: Library Conf. Room
- 9 a.m. Sunday School (3 yrs.-Gr.2): Lower Level
- 9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 9 a.m. Club 56 (Gr. 5-6): Luther Hall
- 9 a.m. Bible Explorers (Gr. 3-4): Garden Room
- 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (3 yrs.-Gr.6): Lower Level
- 10:30 a.m. LYS 2: M. Buckingham Videos: Living Room
- 10:30 a.m. Couples Small Group: Lower Level
- 2 p.m. Trinity Rec. League (TRL): Gym

### Mon., Dec. 17

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library
- 6 p.m. R.O.C.K. Basketball (Gr. K-2): Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Council Meeting: Office Conf. Room
- 7 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study: Living Library
- 8 p.m. Co-ed Adult Basketball: Gym

### Tue., Dec. 18

- 9 a.m. Worship Team Planning Meeting: Narthex
- 9 a.m. Mom's Day Off: Room 106, Luther Hall, Nursery
- 9 a.m. Croixdale Sr. Communion
- 9:45 a.m. Good Samaritan Sr. Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Greeley Sr. Communion
- 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Room
- 6 p.m. R.O.C.K. Basketball (Gr. 3-4): Gym
- 7 p.m. the WALK Rehearsal: Worship Center

### Wed., Dec. 19

- 9 a.m. Pilates w/ Stability Ball: Narthex
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of the Home Moms: Lower Level
- 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Band Practice: Worship Center
- 5 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir (K-Gr. 2): Heritage Chapel
- 5 p.m. Alleluia Choir (Gr. 3-6): Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Gym
- 6 p.m. Couples Small Group-Five Signs: Office Conf. Room
- 6 p.m. Leader Mtg Gr 7-8 Confirmation: Narthex
- 6 p.m. Club 56 (Gr. 5-6): Luther Hall
- 6 p.m. Bible Explorers (Gr. 3-4): Gym, Youth Center
- 6 p.m. Wed School (3 yrs.-Gr.2): Lower Level
- 6:30 p.m. Leader Meeting Gr. 9 Confirmation: Narthex
- 6:30 p.m. Gr. 7-8 Confirmation: Lower Level
- 7 p.m. Gr. 9 Confirmation: Lower Level
- 7 p.m. The River Youth Worship (Gr. 9-12): Garden Room
- 7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7 p.m. Jubilate Bells (Adult) Rehearsal: Heritage Chapel

### Thu., Dec. 20

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library
- 9 a.m. Mom's Day Off: Room 106, Luther Hall, Nursery
- 2:30 p.m. Open Gym-Sr. Hi: Gym
- 3 p.m. Jam Session with Drew: Worship Center
- 6 p.m. R.O.C.K. Basketball (Gr. 3-4): Gym

### Fri., Dec. 21

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library

### The Giving House: Refugee families in need

Trinity's Children's Ministries is partnering with Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Paul to help support and care for refugee families from Burma. Bethlehem's Pastor Joy Johnson has provided the names of Burmese families who have arrived in America during the past three-four months with only the clothes on their back. Prior to their arrival, they have lived in refugee camps for up to 20 years, due to religious persecution for their Christian faith. Come and choose a hand & heart tag from The Giving House, located in the lower level of Trinity. Each tag is labeled with the name and age of one Burmese family member. Use this information to help choose a gift, clothing item and/or basic needs for the individual. You will also find additional information about the families and some history surrounding their story. All are invited to join in this opportunity to give during the Christmas season. Please bring items back at Trinity by Dec. 19. Contact Karen Gieseke at ext. 145 or [kgieseke@trinitylc.org](mailto:kgieseke@trinitylc.org) for more information.

### Family Christmas Eve Worship Services:

*A special family experience for you and your family this Christmas season.*

**When?** Christmas Eve, Dec. 24  
1:30 & 3 p.m.

**Where?** Trinity Worship Center

**Who?** YOU & your FAMILY

Come prepared to experience Christmas worship with an array of sights and sounds. Children, teens, parents and grandparents will hear the amazing story of Jesus' birth and be filled with joy, excitement and a desire to tell the story to others.

### Youth Jam Sessions

*Thursdays 3-5 p.m.*

Come jam with Drew King on Thursdays after school. Learn worship songs and jam. All instruments welcome. Let Drew know you are coming by leaving a message at ext. 134.



### Welcome aboard...

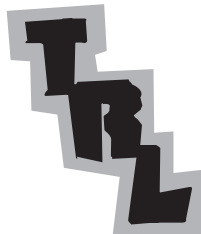
to all the student missionaries and adult leaders who will be headed to Mexico, March 14-21, 2008, to share the love of Jesus by building roofs on homes. The next Student Missionary and parent/guardian meeting will be held Jan. 6 from noon-1:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. Students: remember that a portion of your commitment money (\$180) and sponsorship money (\$350) is due at that meeting. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Cory Jones at ext. 144 or [cljones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cljones@trinitylc.org)

### Jr. High Yule Bash

It's a totally awesome Jr. High Yule Bash at Trinity! If you are in grades 7-9 and you like Christmas cookies and carnivals, then come Fri., Dec. 14 from 7-11 p.m. We will be filling our bellies with a GIGANTIC Christmas cookie and having a blast playing games in the Crazy Christmas Carnival all for only \$5! Pre-register in the Youth Center or just show up. Contact Cory Jones with any questions at ext. 144 or [cljones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cljones@trinitylc.org)

### TRL

Are you feeling a little sluggish after your Thanksgiving feast? The Trinity Recreation League (TRL) is playing dodgeball this month and it is the perfect way to get slug-free and have a lot of fun at the same time! Pull together five of your friends or just show up in the gym at Trinity and join in on TRLs Dodgeball league. TRL runs from 2-4 p.m. on Sundays. Contact Cory Jones at ext. 144 or [cljones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cljones@trinitylc.org) with any questions.



The River is a student-focused time of worship, fellowship, and teaching that welcomes all students in grades 9-12. The River meets on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Garden Room. On Dec. 19 we will be having The River – Christmas Edition! Special music and delicious desserts will be enjoyed by all! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cory Jones at 439-7400, ext. 144, or [cljones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cljones@trinitylc.org)

### Faith in Action projects

*Sat., Dec. 15, 1-4 p.m.*

Do you want to serve your community and Jesus at the same time? The Faith in Action Team is a great way to do that! We'll visit local nursing homes and care facilities to deliver cookies and shovel if necessary (weather permitting). This is a free event, but you need to sign up in advance (so we can contact the service site). Contact Cory to sign up at [cljones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cljones@trinitylc.org). *Coming up in January – Jesus Delivers! Help prepare and serve food to the homeless in the Twin Cities. Contact Cindy at [cjones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cjones@trinitylc.org) if interested to discuss dates.*

### Junior High Ski Trip

*Jan. 18-20*

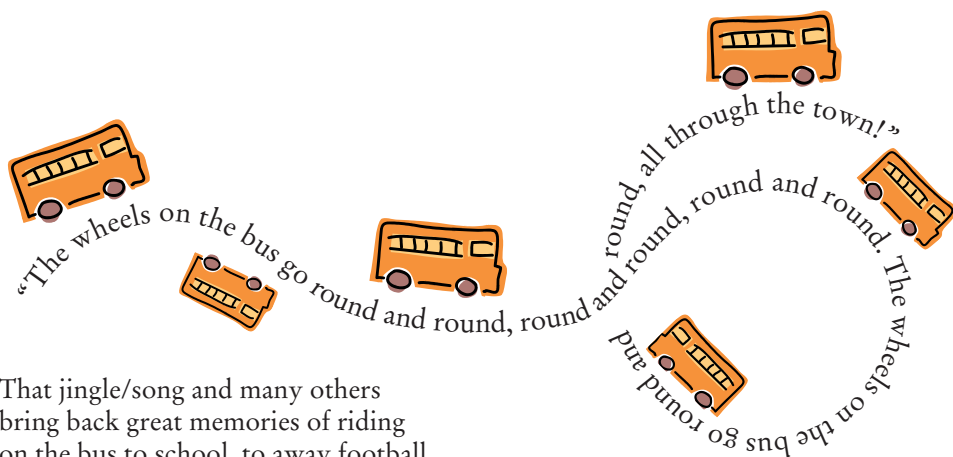
*Spirit Mountain  
Ski Resort, Duluth*

Join us Jan 18-20 for an exciting ski and snow boarding trip in Duluth at Spirit Mountain. We will leave Trinity at 5 p.m. on Friday and return at 10 p.m. on Sunday (*there is no school on Monday for Stillwater*). We will be on the slopes two full days! First Lutheran in Duluth will be our host church. Get ready for thrilling times on the slopes, fun devotional times and a great weekend with friends and leaders. Contact Cory or Cindy Jones for more information.





# small group ministry



That jingle/song and many others bring back great memories of riding on the bus to school, to away football and basketball games, or to choir competitions. I loved the bonding that happened on those bus rides – quiet conversations about boyfriends with best friends, getting to know someone that I didn't yet know very well, processing a bad game, laughing and celebrating a good game or performance, listening to a friend's grief her first day back after her father passed away.....

Two experiences this fall have again reminded me how travel to and from places can become wonderful

environments for people to get to know one another better and grow in community. The first occasion found me in a large pick-up truck with four Congregational Council members. We were headed to Eagan for a service project at Feed My Starving Children. The second occasion was in the church van with seven co-workers all headed to work at Global Health Ministries.

Both times I was blessed – the kind of blessing that made me feel warm all over and reminded me that I belonged. The kind of blessing that opens my

mind and heart to listen and learn about others and realize what a gift they have given me by sharing a piece of themselves. The kind of blessing that is contagious and begs for more opportunities to get to know these special people more and more. The kind of blessing that causes me to praise and thank God for life, rich community, and synergy in purpose and call!

What's my point you ask? Well, are you already super busy and can't figure out how to fit it all in? Try multi-tasking! Challenge your small group to hop in a vehicle and do your check-in and sharing while you drive to a group service project. Or perhaps you are having trouble finding time to shop for Christmas? How about suggesting your small group save gas and all hop in one vehicle for your December meeting – head to the MOA, have check-in and sharing on the way, and pray you have room for all the gifts on the return trip.

I have an 8:30 a.m. appointment to donate blood at the Red Cross in Shoreview on January 2 and room in my vehicle for five to six more people. Anyone want to ride along? We could become a new small group that meets this way every 56 days!



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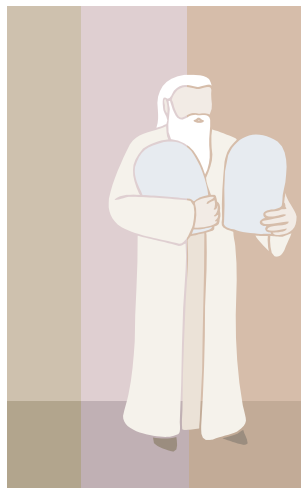
# Prophets & Angels

## *An Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols*

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Sunday,  
Dec. 16  
9 a.m. &  
10:30 a.m.  
Trinity  
Worship  
Center

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Temple Choir  
Sine Nomine Singers  
Organ & Oboe  
Readers – Ken Hannah  
& Herbert Brokering

A worship experience offering music and readings to point us toward the birth of our Savior, and illustrate the Advent of our faith journey. A very special part of the morning's celebrations will be that the writer of the texts, Herb Brokering, will be one of the readers.