

# The Trinity Times

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### Important Dates:

**December 18:** Hot Lunch from Wheelers

**December 19:** Faculty Meeting- 4pm

**December 21:** End of 2nd Quarter

**December 21:** Hot Lunch by parents. Thank you Josh and Sarah!

**December 21:** Christmas Caroling to homes in Hoskins

**December 22:** Christmas Service Practice 9-11am

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Service- Meet in Miss Smith's room by 6:30pm

No Sunday School December 30

**January 7:** School resumes

***"...Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel." - Isaiah 7:14***

Christmas begins with a virgin birth. What do you think about that? Have you considered what it means if it's *NOT* true?

1. It means Joseph and Mary lied about Jesus' birth, which makes them despicable or delusional.
2. It means the Bible contains lies, which makes it an untrustworthy book.
3. It means the true nature of Jesus is missed, for without it, He's just an ordinary man, conceived like you and me.

Question: Do you believe Jesus rose from the dead?

The Bible is clear. A person cannot be a Christian if he or she doesn't believe it. Yet, there are some who believe in Jesus' resurrection, but not His virgin birth. The intellectual inconsistency of believing one miracle and not another is a wonder to behold. If Jesus rose from the dead, what's the big deal about His virgin birth?

With God, nothing is impossible. And I believe it's true because I believe the Bible is trustworthy. What about you?

Christmas without the virgin birth is just an empty shell.

**Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus. Without his life, death, and resurrection we would be lost eternally. Amen.**

**Christmas Eve Service Practices: December 22nd** (Snacks- Melanie and Sarah). **All practices 9-11am.** There will be about 40 people at our Christmas Service practices. We are asking for a healthy snack, sweet treat, and drinks.

**Christmas Eve Service:** We ask that all students **meet in Miss Smith's room by 6:30pm** on Christmas Eve.

**Christmas Caroling:** We will be going Christmas Caroling on December 21st in the afternoon. We will be visiting 4 church families. We will be walking to these homes and singing outside. Please watch the weather to help your child have the right amount of layers or outside gear.

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**Reverse Advent Calendar:** Reverse Advent Calendar is a twist on the regular Advent calendar with an act of kindness added. We will be collecting items for a local food bank throughout the month of December. We also want to help families prepare their hearts for the celebration of the Savior's Birth. The calendar lists students' names when they can bring a foodbank item to school (not required) as well as Bible readings for you to read as a family to prepare for Christmas. The Bible readings are based on the readings for a Jesse Tree which journeys through the family line of Jesus.

December 16: 1 Kings 18

December 17: **Kaylee** 2 Kings 18-19

December 18: **Valen** Isaiah 6

December 19: **Aspen** Jeremiah 7

December 20: **Stratton** Habakkuk 2

December 21: **Riley** Nehemiah 8-9

December 22: Luke 3:1-6

December 23: Luke 1:39-45

December 24: Luke 1:39-45

December 25: Luke 1:57-66

December 26: Matthew 1:18-25

### **Christmas Tour of Homes:**

December 16, 2018

2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

\$15 per ticket

Meet at Trinity Lutheran Church to start the tour. Tickets can be purchased from Rochelle Sellin, Sarah Sellin, Jamie Koepke, or can be purchased the day of the tour. We will have some baskets that will be raffled off. Raffle tickets will be \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets. If you have any questions please call or text Jamie at 402-841-4830.

Homes on the tour include:

Connie Behmer

Cindy Doffin

Kayla Lange

Rochelle Sellin

Sarah Sellin

**Bel-Air Visit:** We are need of a driver for our Bel Air visit on **January 8, 2018**. This the Tuesday right after we get back from Christmas vacation. I'd like to know we have a driver before we leave for vacation.

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**Hot Lunch:** Hot Lunch from Wheelers is on **Tuesday, December 18th.**

**Singing in church:** Our next singing opportunity will be during the **Christmas Eve Service.**

**Fruit of the Spirit:** December's Fruit of the Spirit is **Joy.**

**Christmas Gifts:** We decided to start collecting items for our foster children bags that we will be putting together in January or February. **We are asking each student to bring a fleece blanket to school by December 21st.** We will be adding these to the bags we make for children entering the foster care system. Watch for sales in various stores- Walmart had them for \$2.50. If you have questions, please see Miss Smith.

**Box Tops for Education:** Please remember to clip and save Box Tops again this year. There is a box at the information center in the church hallway to put these in, or just drop them off with a teacher and they will get them to the appropriate place.

**Monthly Calendar:** The calendar is able to be viewed on our website at [www.trinityinhoskins.com](http://www.trinityinhoskins.com) under the school heading. You can also put this link into the URL bar in order to access the calendar: <http://bit.ly/2bFggBX> Our hope is that this will make it easier for parents to access event information and dates as well as sending reminders about upcoming events. Please let Miss Smith know if you have any questions.

### **Saints Basketball:**

Basketball Practice Schedule Dec. 17-21:

Boys practice Monday and Wednesday (7-8 grade from 3:45-5:15, 4-6 grade from 5:15-6:45)

Girls practice Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45-5:30

We will continue to split boys practices moving forward just like listed above, and also will be putting the B boys (4-6 grade) into the Y Spirit League in January to give them extra games!

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Hymn: **Joy to the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

## Classroom Information

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### **Lower Room News**

Our last week before Christmas break, keep holding on!

To help keep routines the same, we will have Memory Treasures and spelling as normal this week.

I will do my best to remember to send home Kindergarten blankets and pillows for parents to wash and bring back January 7th. This will help us keep germs at bay and refresh our blankets. Thank you!

Kindergarten will be starting their last SuperKid this week! After Christmas break, the SuperKids will be going on adventures that help Kindergartners learn the rest of the alphabet. I can tell the students have been practicing their reading at home when letterbooks get sent home- thank you!

No homework over break! Have an awesome Christmas as you celebrate the birth of our Savior. I will be in Minnesota Christmas day through the first week of January.

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### **Upper Room News**

It's already almost Christmas! Time certainly has gone by quickly so far this school year.

Our week will stay as consistent as possible with Memory Treasures, spelling, and penmanship continuing as normal.

I hope that your Christmas is filled with fun and family. And of course our greatest blessing--celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.