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GENEROSITY FOR FIRE VICTIMS

On the afternoon of December 22, a fire broke out in an apartment above Mulqueen's True Value Hardware on Main Street. The building and several apartments are a complete loss, the residents are displaced, and employees are without a job.

Immediately, people stepped-up to help with donations for the fire fighters, EMTs, those displaced, and more. The generosity has been amazing.

The Spring Grove Area Chamber of Commerce has been coordinating the relief efforts along with the City of Spring Grove, Merchants Bank, the Spring Grove Commercial Club, and Trinity. Donations have continued to pour in.

Donations of cash, gift cards, hygiene items, and household items. Because of these generous donations, volunteers were able to shop and provide wrapped gifts for Christmas morning for all the kids affected. A small decorated tree was even sent with a family that moved into a temporary house. The needs continue as residents look for permanent housing and jobs are replaced.

Trinity has received more than \$7,000 in donations that have been placed in the account at Merchants Bank that has been set up for those affected by the fire and will be dispersed with the other donations as needed. The generosity is over-flowing!

If you'd like to make a donation, it can be sent to Trinity (please note it is for the fire relief fund) or sent directly to Merchants Bank.



Week of Jan. 9 ▪ stained glass windows removed for repair
(more information is later in this newsletter)

Sun. Feb. 5 ▪ 10:15 a.m. ▪ Stewardship Brunch ▪ Annual Meeting

Wed. Feb. 22 ▪ 12:00 p.m. ▪ 7:00 p.m. ▪ Ash Wednesday service

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

Dear people of God,

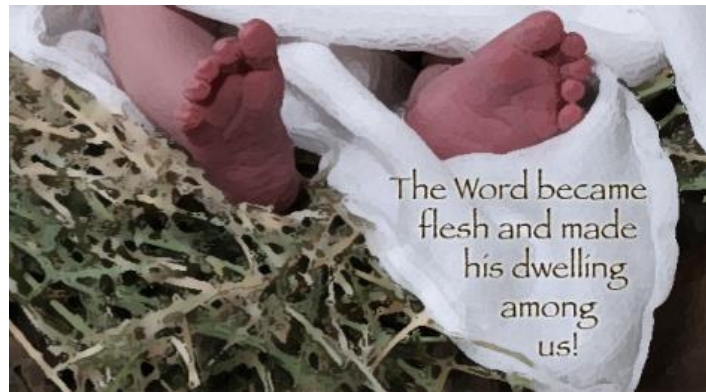
During these next two months, January and February, we will be celebrating Christmas, Epiphany, and then all too quickly, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The church year moves quickly! So quickly that sometimes we neglect to slow down and ponder the meaning and moments of each season. How is God speaking to us through scripture and song? How are we experiencing God’s love and presence? How are we telling God’s story?

Christmas, for example, doesn’t end on December 25. You might take your tree down, start planning your New Year’s resolutions, and return or exchange some presents. But in fact, December 25 is really just the beginning of the true Christmas season. (Next time you sing “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” count from Christmas Day to January 5... 12 days!)

Maybe, this year, try to spend a few moments each day between December 25 and January 5 singing a Christmas carol, or re-reading the Nativity story from Luke, or contemplating the wonder that Jesus, God, deigned to live as a human so that we might have abundant life (John 10:10).

Because January 6 is Epiphany, the day the “wise men” or “Magi” or “three kings” followed the star to Bethlehem to see the new-born king. And what did they find but a baby! In a barn! More than a day, Epiphany as a season encourages us to imagine further surprises as Jesus performs miracles, calls fishermen as his trusted associates, and preaches about unexpected blessings.

During Epiphany, we are called to imagine a moment of wonder, give thanks for an unexpected blessing, or pray for a miracle. There is always someone in need of a miracle.



And then, all too soon, it is Ash Wednesday (February 22 in 2023), when Jesus begins his journey to the cross, and we journey with him. We slow down to prepare for what we know is coming. We confess that we are slaves to sin and cannot free ourselves. And we give thanks that there is someone who frees us.

Christmas to Epiphany to Lent, a journey that lasts less than two months in the church year.

We take this journey every year. We follow Jesus from birth to ministry to death on the cross, but then to glorious resurrection. From the coldest days of winter, we move to spring, when hope buds again.

This year, take a moment. Every day. Remember what each day, each season means. And give thanks to God.

In the meantime, Happy New Year! ~ Pr. Elizabeth

*Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”
Matthew 19:26*



So I was thinking of making a few New Year resolutions to go the way of most of the other resolutions I’ve made. The resolutions that last ten weeks at best. But this year I plan to make a resolution and put it in God’s hands. For example: Should I be putting this cookie into the body that God created. The whole perspective is changed. It is not me in charge, but God. It seems as if resolutions will work better if there is a Spiritual aspect to them.

Matthew 26:41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” It still won’t be easy.

~ Pastor Lane

SUNDAY SCHOOL ▪ 3-year olds—2nd grade ▪ Sunday mornings ▪ 10:30 a.m.—11:15 a.m. ▪ Beginning 1/8/23

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL ▪ 3rd–6th grade youth ▪ Wednesdays after school ▪ 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. ▪ Beginning 1/4/23

RELEASE TIME

We have 122 kids in kindergarten through 6th grade participating in Release Time this year! We meet at Giants of the Earth Heritage Center on Wednesdays.



PRAISE BAND

We are looking for more Youth to join our Praise Band here at church. The Praise Band sings/plays once a month at worship. Please contact Kerri Jahnke or Mark Udstuen (udstuenm@gmail.com) if you are interested!

CONFIRMATION

▪ Wednesdays ▪ Supper at 6:00 p.m. ▪ Class at 6:30 p.m. ▪ Mentor Time at 7:00 p.m.
 January 4 ▪ Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
 January 11 ▪ Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel
 January 18 ▪ 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah
 ▪ 8th & 9th grade parents meet at 7:00 p.m. to discuss changes to Confirmation program
 January 25 ▪ Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs
 January 29 (Sun.) ▪ Makeup Catechism Elective #1 (7th graders) after worship at 10:30 a.m.
 February 1 ▪ Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea
 February 8 ▪ Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum
 February 15 ▪ Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
 February 22 (noon & 7:00 p.m.) ▪ Ash Wednesday Service

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Gathering Room. We will spend time in community, games, and deep faith conversation. This is for ALL 9th -12th grade youth! Bring a friend with you! Youth do not need to be Trinity members to attend youth group.

YOUTH LOCK IN

▪ Friday, January 27 beginning at 9:00 p.m. until Saturday, January 28 at 7:00 a.m.
 ALL 7th -12th grade youth invited! Bring a friend or two! Games, food, all-around-the-church challenges and games, stay up late, faith community, and time to worship our God!

The Sunday School Christmas program was meaningful, musical, and sweet!



Questions about youth-related items? Contact Kerri Jahnke
 cyf.trinitysg@gmail.com ▪ 498-5291

DECEMBER 14, 2022 CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**Updates:**

- Trinity Center update — got a used furnace, running at 42 degrees, drained as many pipes as possible. Added antifreeze to the pipes that could not be drained.
- Nominating committee update — 3 teams need leads: Stewardship, Mission in the World, and Worship Kim Kapplinger will be on the ballot for president position
- Beary Patch has funds left, they will decide what to do with the funds, they voted not to renew their license.
- Audit Committee update — Judy Tollefsrud reported that a discussion was held on the 2021 audit as information is still missing. It was decided that this was too late in the year and won't be to much advantage at this late time. It was decided to stop the audit and have Mike Betz give a report on his findings from what he had.
- The Education Team voted to transition the Confirmation program from a 3-year program to a 2-year program, will be having a meeting with parents of 8th grade and 9th grade. Confirmation service in April 2023 for current 9th grade students, current 8th grade graduates will be confirmed in October 2023.

Motions passed:

- to offer both parcels (the Trinity Center and the garage) to the school for \$30,000 with the contingency that Trinity can use the building for Release Time
- to accept the budget as presented
- that Barb Arnold and Kathy Overland be the Audit committee
- to open the front entrance during Christmas and then discuss at January meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Complete minutes are on Trinity's website.

**TRINITY'S ANNUAL MEETING****Sunday, February 5****Stewardship Brunch served at 10:30 a.m.****Annual Meeting follows brunch****All reports due in the office by Friday, January 6**

The Trinity Center has served Trinity Lutheran Church for more than 50 years. From Sunday School to Confirmation to Release Time to the Beary Patch Preschool, this building has served the congregation well.

In the past year, however, many things have changed regarding our use of this building. The school now offers a 4K program that has been well received and is very successful. We give thanks to Bethany Bergsgaard and the Beary Patch Board of Directors for seeing the preschool through this transition.

During the past year, a youth room was created at the church, which also has been very well received by our youth of all ages. In addition, the Wednesday afternoon Bible School program is now at church. It's great to see and hear our youth enjoying this space!

Our Release Time program is now at Giants Heritage Center. We give thanks for the generous use of this space.

Finally, the boiler at Trinity Center failed late last winter. To repair the existing boiler will cost thousands of dollars. A new boiler will cost more than \$25,000.

At the 2019 Trinity Annual Meeting, a motion was made to sell the Trinity Center and the associated storage facility. The motion was tabled. The Congregation Council voted unanimously at the December 2022 meeting to offer the Trinity Center and storage facility properties to the school for \$30,000 with the caveat that future Release Time program activities would again be held on the property.

The motion to sell Trinity Center will be un-tabled at the 2022 annual meeting to be held on February 5, 2023.

During the next month, please consider what is the best use of our stewardship resources, what is the best for the school and the community, and what is best for our youth. Please, thoughtfully and prayerfully consider this opportunity.

If you have questions about Trinity Center, please talk to Congregation Council President, Sandra Solum, or Pastor Elizabeth.



Southeastern Minnesota Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



I have been playing Lauren Daigle's song "Light of the World" on repeat all Advent long. It opens with the words:

The world waits for a miracle,
the heart longs for a little bit of hope,
O come, O come Emmanuel...

It strikes me that we have found ourselves, once again, waiting. Waiting for a miracle. I don't know what miracles you're waiting for this season. But I know you aren't alone in the waiting.

I keep thinking about that night when Jesus the Messiah came into this world. Born to a mom who was not feeling ready (mothers rarely do), a father who could not quite believe all that had transpired, and the target of a search by powers that wanted him killed. All that mess. All that fear.

And yet, he arrives, as babies always do. And this One, somehow, the light of the world.

Dear church, *Jesus still arrives.*

Whatever deep night you find yourself in the midst of. No matter the economic and political uncertainties that belie us. Whether or not we are ready or able to comprehend it fully. Jesus still arrives.

Into our mess. Into our uncertainty. Into our grief and our fear.

Jesus is there.

I can imagine the night he was born, the tumult of the world he entered, and the depths of fear and heights of uncertainty. When I think about all of that, I am strangely heartened. The world then no more chaotic than the world now. And he still showed up. Unafraid to enter in. Willing to humble himself, empty himself, and take on human flesh so that we might know the lavish abundance of God's love. All so that we might be saved.

Into our world, *Jesus still arrives.*

Whatever miracle you are waiting for with bated breath this Advent and Christmas season, I pray you would know the fullness of the birth of Jesus the Messiah and the miracles therein.

I pray into your world he would come in ways you can see, know, and understand.

In ways that leave you utterly transformed.

Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Bishop Regina Hassanally
Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA

FOUR WAYS TO (PARADOXICALLY) FIND PEACE AMIDST GRIEF THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

by Jamie Aten and Kent Annan, reprinted and adapted from "Spiritual First Aid"

Holidays can be difficult, especially for those who've lost a loved one. Even if you haven't suffered a personal loss, you're certainly surrounded by many people who are walking through grief. Symptoms of grief show up differently in different individuals, with the most common reactions being shock, disbelief, denial, anxiety, distress, anger, periods of sadness, problems sleeping, and loss of appetite.

When work, family obligations, home management, and social gatherings demand our attention, we can be tempted to push our grief to the back burner. And yet it continues to simmer there, impacting our emotional health as well as our relationships.

Surrender spiritually. It may sound counter-intuitive, but spiritual surrender allows us to experience the fullness of God as we face our situation head-on, releasing our tightly-held lives to him. When we let go of what is out of our control at the foot of the cross, we position ourselves to gain not necessarily what we want, but what we really need: eternal hope (1 Thess. 4:13). God is not the author of suffering, but instead the originator of love, grace and mercy. Spiritual surrender helps us recognize what we have control over and what we don't. True spiritual surrender is a willful act of trusting God. Letting go of control unexpectedly places us in the hands of a God through whom all things are possible, resigns us to what is, and reconciles us to loss.

Maintain traditions. Grief often interrupts life rhythms, especially around the holidays. Where possible, choose to keep the important traditions that grounded you before your loss. Maintaining established traditions helps us rediscover a sense of "normalcy."

Because grief can disrupt our daily lives, trying to keep a routine can be helpful. Create some space in your day, or days surrounding the holidays, for the familiar. Carving out calm amidst chaos can help buffer against the roller-coaster effect. Seeking out familiar places, schedules, and people can be soothing and comforting.

Yet, we also encourage you to practice self-compassion, recognizing you may need to create new traditions. For example, long-held traditions and rituals that once brought joy may now feel more like a reminder of what's been lost. If changing traditions is what is needed to help you get through this holiday season, know that is okay; you don't have to feel guilty.

Welcome help – and helping. Accepting help from others can be challenging, but is needed, especially during times of grief. Study after study shows that social support is one of the biggest predictors of resilience after grief. Don't be afraid to reach out to loved ones and friends for extra support, especially around trying anniversaries. This doesn't mean you have to rehash or relive events. Only share what you feel comfortable sharing. If you don't want to talk about things, that's okay. Just spending time and being with others can be healing in and of itself.

As you find yourself further along in your grief journey, when you feel you have the emotional and spiritual capacity needed, look for ways to help others. Serving others can sometimes give us brief respite from our own suffering. When we've suffered loss, serving others helps us continue to be the people we were before grief struck.

Balance grief and gratitude. It is possible to cultivate a sense of gratitude amidst the grief of the holidays. We don't say this lightly, or to minimize what those who've lost a loved one are going through. You may feel tempted to try and avoid the difficult parts of your grief story. However, we would encourage you to look for ways to remember and honor your whole story, including the ups and downs. There is not one "right" way to honor your grief experience in its entirety. This is not something to be rushed and takes time. Be patient with yourself and the recovery process.

But while lamenting, also take small steps toward learning to live in the tension between seemingly opposing emotions of grief and gratitude. Though it may feel counterintuitive—and even painful—the gratitude we struggle to muster is more likely to be found by embracing our grief, not avoiding it. During our celebrations, may we be reminded that grief will not get the final word.

SIDEBAR: Seek professional mental health care if needed.

Signs you could benefit from additional professional support:

- You can't shake the distressing thoughts and emotions brought on by grief, after significant time has passed since your loss.
- The distress triggered by your grief starts to interfere with your everyday life.
- If others are encouraging you to seek professional help, this may be a good indicator that you should seek help.
- **If you find yourself thinking about harming yourself, please call 988 or 911 for immediate assistance.**

WHEN YOUR ADVENT CALENDAR IS BROKEN, By Pr. Tim Brown*Adapted from Living Lutheran, December 2022*

I remember one Sunday in church when my father was preaching. He was getting heated and passionate, totally un-Lutheran. He was just a few minutes in when a guy stood up in the congregation and said, “Now, hold on a minute!”

It was like all the heads were on a swivel as they turned to see Big Bill stand up in the middle of the congregation as he began to argue back with my father. Bill started walking up the middle aisle with a sheet of paper in his hand that he was reading from, and that’s when we all realized it was staged and part of the sermon. Every adult sighed a sigh of relief, and every youth and child was crestfallen because it wasn’t as exciting anymore.

But the sentiment that was shared in the moment was all the same, at least among the adults: “Who is Bill to disrupt everything? Who is Bill to break from tradition?”

Which is kind of how I feel about John the Baptizer every year, beloved. “Who is this guy to interrupt our Christmas preparations?”

Instead of the peaceful angels, the gentle shepherds and even the hopeful parents kneeling over their peaceful Christ child, John the Baptizer is a madman yelling from the fringes, “Prepare the way of the Lord! Everything that is a problem, God is fixing! Get on the work crew!”

John the Baptizer’s yelling breaks our silent night. He interrupts our festivities every year.

And it happens for good reason, friends.

Because we can get on a roll with this Christmas stuff, and soon the holiday becomes less holy. I’m not talking about a fake “war on Christmas” or anything like that. I’m talking about our human tendency to make things into something they are not.

I think we, especially Christians, tend to make Christmas into this time when we gather up all our hopes and put them into this perfect little scene, this little nativity scene, and it becomes this predictable, overly romantic, sentimental little practice that we do every year.

But if John the Baptizer reminds us of anything, it’s that Christmas is not sentimental—it is scandalous. The baby in the manger is interested not in *playing* Christmas but in making mountains of shame disappear, valleys of despair into reservoirs of grace. Jesus is interested in calling us to help God make winding breadlines of inequality straight paths to full stomachs, and rough prejudice into smooth love.

And we need John the Baptizer to disrupt our sentimentality, or else we’ll gloss over the fact that both the hopes (the sentiments) and the fears (the rough realities of life) are met in Jesus.

How do we hold on to hope?

Every serene nativity scene should have John the Baptizer on the margins yelling at us, reminding us of this important truth: when it comes to God, it’s not just about our hopes but also about our fears.

Christmas is not just about hopes. It is about fears too.

The fears of the poor and marginalized.

The fears of the young parents out there, like those Mary and Joseph faced.

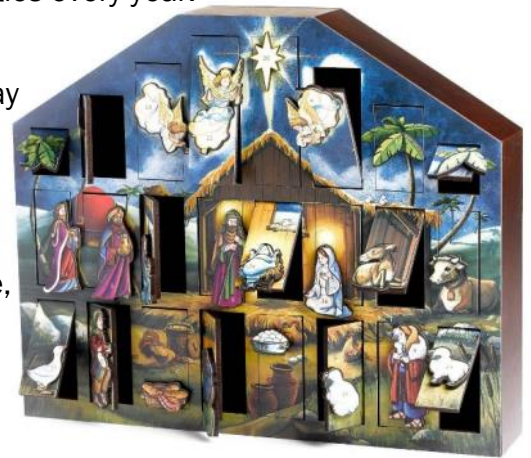
The fears of the underemployed and outcast, like those the shepherds encountered.

And even the fears of the magi, who in their wealth had trouble finding Jesus—they looked for him in the halls of power, when he was in the halls of hay.

The fears that you and I have, friends.

We keep hope by knowing that God in Christ attends to not just the beauty of the world but also the broken places.

Especially them.



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("When your Advent calendar is broken" continued)

Our Advent calendar at home is broken. The boys have played with it so much that door No. 18 broke off. Though we could probably fix it, we haven't.

Because it's now this visual reminder that, just steps away from the serenity of Christmas, there is still some brokenness—which is the reason for Jesus in the first place, right?

The eloquent author L.R. Knost writes:

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness in the world.

All things break.

And all things can be mended.

Not by time, as they say, but with intention.

So go.

Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally.

The broken world waits in darkness for the light.

That is you.

John the Baptizer stands up in the middle of our Advent calendars, breaking their silent night, reminding us that hopes and fears are gathered together in Jesus, and points us back today away from the serenity of the nativity sets to the broken world, not to bring us dismay—all things break—but to remind us of why God in Jesus shows up in the first place: to heal through intentional, extravagant, unconditional love.

And if we take seriously that God shows up in the flesh in the Christ child, we need to take seriously that Jesus, the light of the world, still shows up in that same way, in me and you.

Let's all keep our Advent calendars broken enough, beloved, to keep us awake to the reason that Jesus shows up at all: to tend to our hopes and our fears.

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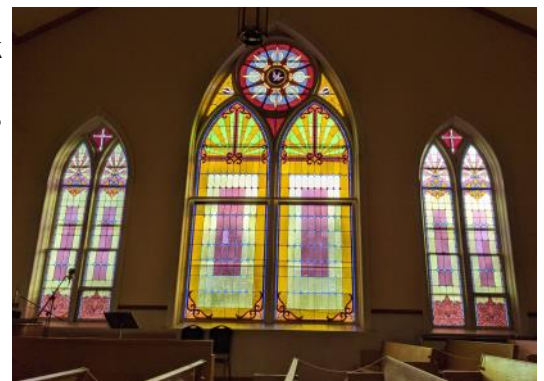
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We're here for you.



WATCH US SHINE!

The day we've all been looking forward to is finally here! During the week of January 9, Staige Stained & Leaded Glass Restoration will begin the process of restoring our historic stained-glass windows. The initial process involves removing the windows (the large window on the south side of the sanctuary and the two smaller windows on either side). This removal process will take approximately two days. The windows will be taken to Staige in Onalaska where they will be carefully restored, pane by pane. This will take several months. The existing storm/protective windows will remain in place for the time being and temporary insulation added as necessary. When the restoration is complete in early spring (in time for Easter), the windows will be returned and replaced. Depending on our spring temperatures, the new storm/protective outer windows will then be replaced as well.



Thanks to your generosity, we have raised all the money needed for this initial restoration. And then some! Thanks be to God!



- ▲ The Care Team prepared and delivered Christmas Cheer bags filled with food and goodies to many families in the Spring Grove area.
- ▼ Despite very cold temperatures, the Christmas Concert was filled with beautiful music including Maggie Lile on oboe.
- ▶ The Sunday School Christmas program was a sweet telling of the Christmas story.
- ▼ The Praise Band leads worship once per month. Members are always welcome!



THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Date	Lector	Acolytes	Communion Servers	Communion Bread Maker	Fellowship Hosts
Jan. 1	Sheri Allen				No Fellowship
Jan. 8	Mark Schroeder	Schedule will be coming from Kerri			Dean & Sue Wiste Mark & Betty Dokken
Jan. 15	Bethany Bergsgaard		Jackie Parker Janice Messner	Karen Bingham	Lane & Mary Zaffke Bill & Karen Fried
Jan. 22	Carolyn Olson				Linda & Steve Kemp Lori & Gary Wilhelmson
Jan. 29	Milly Halverson				Deb Lawson Connie Strinmoen
January Ushers Scott Bingham (captain) Steve Nelson Al Frydenlund Mark Schroeder Bruce Bergsgaard Ken Heim			January Altar Guild Linda Pierce (chair) Lorilyn Dehning Paula Karlsbrotten Danielle Myhre		498-AMEN Dec. 25-Jan. 7: Lori Wilhelmson Jan. 8-Jan. 21: Milly Halverson Jan. 22-Feb. 4: Judy Bratland
Feb. 5	Jim Gray	Schedule will be coming from Kerri	Mary Zaffke Michelle Jahnke	Karen Bingham	Stewardship Brunch
Feb. 12	Bill Fried				Jessica Kraus Bethany Bergsgaard Betty Bergsgaard
Feb. 19	Roxie Finnesgard		Gary & Lori Wilhelmson	Karen Bingham	TBD
Feb. 22 (Ash Wed.)	Joyce Landsom		needed	Karen Bingham	TBD
Feb. 26	Kim Kapplinger				TBD
February Ushers Dean Wiste (captain) Steve Morken Bob Finnesgard Bruce Hegge Andy Anderson Kim Kapplinger		February Altar Guild Judy Bratland (chair) Missy Bratland Rachel Olerud Peggy Landsom		498-AMEN Feb. 5-Feb. 11: Mary Deters Feb. 12-Feb. 18: Joyce Landsom Feb. 19-Feb. 25: Laurie Moen Feb. 26-March 11: Kari Alstad	

498-AMEN reminder

“Christ in our Home” devotional booklets and recording instructions are in the office.

After your last reading, please contact the next person on the list to remind them to begin. Thank you!

Prayer Chain 1	Prayer Chain 2
Joyce Landsom	Karen Gray
Nolie Kapplinger	Bev Nelson
Terry Holland	Janet Wold
Bonnie Solberg	Jan Lochner
Dawn Hewitt	Ruth Johnsrud
Lynn Rostad Anderson	Judy Bratland
Milly Halverson	

JANUARY HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15am Lessons & Carols Worship Hello 2023!	2 <i>office closed</i>	3	4 12-3pm Release Time (2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th) Heritage Ctr. 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 6:00pm Confirmation	5 4:00pm Cub Scouts 5:30pm Education Team, MR 7:00pm Finance Team, MR	6 ALL reports due in the office for the Annual Report	7 10:30am AA 11:00am Holy Baptism / Amelia Gartner 5:00pm Worship/ Communion/ Holy Baptism of Leva Curran
8 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Nursing Home service 6:00pm High School Youth Group, YGR	9	10 9:00am Deborah 9:30am Anna 7:00pm Hannah, FH	11 9:30am Adah, Tweeten Apts. 12-3pm Release Time (1 st /2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th /5 th) Heritage Ctr. 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 6:00pm Confirmation 7:30pm Council, FH 8:00pm Choir	12 4:00pm Cub Scouts	13	14 10:30am AA
15 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 1-5pm Audit, MR	16 2:30pm Phoebe Circle, FH	17	18 1:00pm Eve, Manor 1-3pm Release Time (1 st , 5 th), Heritage Ctr. 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 6:00pm Confirmation 8:00pm Choir	19 9:30am Worship at Manor 4:00pm Cub Scouts	20	21 10:30am AA 5:00pm Worship/ Communion
22 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 6:00pm High School Youth Group, YGR	23	24	25 1-3pm Release Time (K, 6 th), Heritage Ctr. 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 6:00pm Confirmation 8:00pm Choir	26 9:30am Worship at Tweeten Apt 4:00pm Cub Scouts	27 9:00pm 7 th -12 th grade Lock-in	28 10:30am AA
29 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School	30	31 10:00am Assisted Living service	FH = Fellowship Hall (large room in basement) MR = Middle Room (upstairs by offices) YGR = Youth Gathering Room (in basement near men's bathroom)			

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> 12-3pm Release Time (2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th) Heritage Ctr. 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 6:00pm Confirmation 8:00pm Choir	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> 4:00pm Cub Scouts 5:30pm Education Team, MR 7:00pm Finance Team, MR	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> 10:30am AA 5:00pm Worship/Communion/
<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> 9:15am Worship 10:15am Stewardship Brunch followed by Annual Meeting 10:30am Sunday School	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> 9:00am Deborah 9:30am Anna 7:00pm Hannah, FH	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> 9:30am Adah, Tweeten Apts. 12-3pm Release Time (1 st /2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th /5 th) Heritage Ctr. 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 6:00pm Confirmation 7:30pm Council, FH 8:00pm Choir	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> 4:00pm Cub Scouts	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> 10:30am AA
<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Nursing Home service 6:00pm High School Youth Group, YGR	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> 1:00pm Eve, Manor 1-3pm Release Time (1 st , 5 th), Heritage Ctr. 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 8:00pm Choir	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> 9:30am Worship at Manor 4:00pm Cub Scouts	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> 10:30am AA 5:00pm Worship/Communion
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> 2:30pm Phoebe Circle, FH	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 1-3pm Release Time (K, 6 th), Heritage Ctr. 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 8:00pm Choir	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> 9:30am Worship at Tweeten Apt 4:00pm Cub Scouts	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> 10:30am AA
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> First Sunday in Lent 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 6:00pm High School Youth Group, YGR	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> 10:00am Assisted Living service				

Fill out the below paper and tuck it away until December 31, 2023 and then read it again!

YEAR IN REVIEW

TIME CAPSULE

FAVORITES OF THIS YEAR:

FOOD: _____

SONG: _____

COLOR: _____

MOVIE/SHOW: _____

BOOK: _____

ACTIVITY: _____

OTHER FAVORITES?: _____

THE THING THAT TAUGHT ME THE MOST THIS YEAR:

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

BEST MOMENT OF THE YEAR:

GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR:

WHAT DO YOU PREDICT WILL HAPPEN NEXT YEAR?

WHAT CHANGED THIS YEAR?

THINGS I WANT TO TRY NEXT YEAR:

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Spring Grove, MN 55974

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Thoughts on Epiphany

By Roselea Nellis

We know there was a special star
That led the Wise Men on their way,
Guiding them directly
To where the Christ child lay.

Surely others saw this star,
This light, so brightly beaming,
I wonder what they thought,
How many knew its meaning?

Why did Herod make inquiry?
Could he not see the star?
He was closer in proximity
Than the Wise Men from afar.

Could it be, when Herod saw
That bright star in the skies,
He saw, but yet its meaning
Was hidden from his eyes?

I pray the Lord will let me see
And understand His ways,
An epiphany that is my own
As I live out my days.

