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Mon - Fri: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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9:15 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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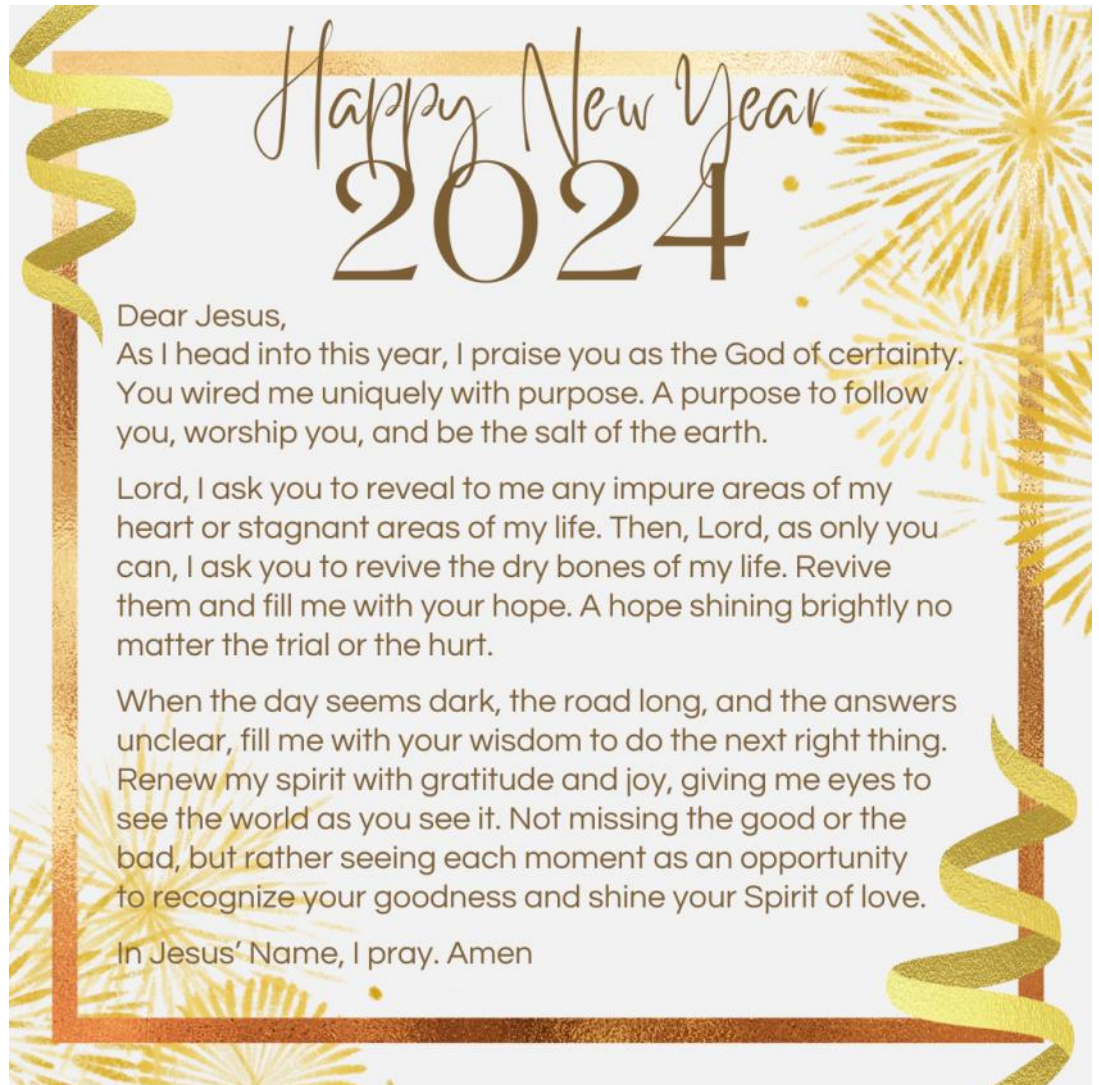
Scott Solberg, Choir Director

Demitre Ellis, Handbell Director

Linda Gjerdrum, Pianist

Rachel Udstuen, Pianist

Rick Sundet, Technology Lead



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Jan. 6 ▪ Epiphany Party ▪ following worship at 6:00 p.m.

Sun. Feb. 4 ▪ Annual Meeting ▪ 10:30 a.m.

Tue. Feb. 13 ▪ Youth Phonathon ▪ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wed. Feb. 14 ▪ Ash Wednesday Worship ▪ Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Fri. Feb. 16 - Sun. Feb. 18 ▪ Youth retreat in Wisconsin Dells

Wed. Feb. 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20 ▪ Lenten Meals (6:15 p.m.) ▪ Worship (7:00 p.m.)

From Pastor Elizabeth

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

Philippians 4:4-8

Dear Family of God,

Paul's letter to the young church in Philippians is full of great advice about gentleness, anxiety, prayer, thanksgiving, and praise. If we all followed this advice 100% of the time, no doubt the world would be a more peaceful place. Alas, we know that we live in a broken world, and we are human. But even in our brokenness, there are so many things to celebrate. It has been another year blessed by God at Trinity!

Our Uffda Fest celebration in October, where we honored the musical legacy of Almore Mathsen, was wonderful. Our Wednesday Advent services provided a time of prayer, song, and reflection for those who attended. We celebrated the 130th anniversary of the church building in December as well. The Sunday School program was a great success (big thanks to Mary Zaffke, Rachel Storlie, and Charity Schroeder), and the Trinity choir concert was inspirational. The church was also packed for the Luren concert we were honored to host earlier in the month. And more than 400 people attended worship in person at Trinity on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with amazing music from trumpets and guitars and drums and flutes and saxophones and the always-fabulous voices of our Trinity choir. Big thanks to Scott Solberg, Demitre Ellis, and Rachel Storlie for putting it all together.

This year we also saw Phase 1 of the long-awaited window project completed. Phase 2 is well underway (three of the front windows may be back in place by the time you receive this newsletter). We are also well underway with the steeple project. Thanks to everyone who contributed to these initiatives!

None of what happens at Trinity happens without many people to thank.

The Education Team is managing much more in the absence of a full-time youth director. Pr. Lane graciously volunteered to lead the ELCA Youth Convention efforts, Release Time, and Wednesday Bible School. (Thanks to Pr. Len Liptack for Wednesday Bible School as well.)

The Property Team, led by Jerald Oakes, is managing the steeple project.

The Worship Team, led by Lori Wilhelmson, decorated the church for Advent and Christmas.

The Stewardship Team, led by Len Myrah, planned the 130th celebration.

Our Care Team, led by Laurie Moen, delivered 54 Christmas Cheer packages in December. They also manage the HIP (backpack) program and keep the Little Pantry stocked.

The Staffing Team, led by Betty Dokken, has been working hard to recruit a new youth director (we're still looking!), and to manage yearend compensation and benefit changes.

The Mission in the World Team, led by David Storlie, raised nearly \$12,000 through the Alternative Giving program – an increase of \$2600 over last year!

The Finance Team, led by Jacque Wennes, kept a sharp eye on our budget and produced a new budget for 2024, managing the General Fund, Special Accounts, and numerous special fundraising initiatives.

The Communications Team, led by Mary Zaffke, hosted a lovely Art as Prayer event in June.

The Outreach Team, led by Terry Holland, hosted the annual Empty Bowls lunch in October.

A big thanks also goes out to our Executive Team: Congregation President Kim Kapplinger, Treasurer Steve Nelson, and Secretary Michelle Jahnke.

I know I'm leaving things out. We do so much! But I especially want to save my final thanks for the Trinity staff: Gary, Marlene, Nicole, Pr. Lane, and Stewart. From this newsletter, to weekly (and more) bulletins, to payroll and bills, to giving records, to keeping the buildings shipshape, and more than I can say, we wouldn't be able to do any of the above without them. Thank you to all!

Happy New Year, and won't it be exciting to see what God does with us in 2024!

~ Pr. Elizabeth

From Pastor Lane

Ah, it is the new year. All of the things start all over and perhaps with a few new twists and turns.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE SCHOOL will be moving to the Trinity Center. It will be 1 hour long from 3:30-4:30. We will start with a snack. This will be followed by some music and then some memory work and a lesson. Finally, we will have a craft or game with the time left. All 3rd-6th graders are invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will see some changes as well. We will start with music in the youth room for all Pre-K through 6th grade. We will add the 3rd-6th graders to Sunday School. Pastor Lane will be teaching them. After music, we will have a lesson for this month on Epiphany. All crafts will be following an Epiphany theme. They will be on display February 11 in the Fellowship Hall. The Sunday School kids will sing February 11 during the worship service. After that we will be directing our attention to Lent.

RELEASE TIME — no changes! We have very good attendance for this program. Each month more than 100 youth attend Release Time. We sing some songs and work on several memorization verses (John 3:16, Psalm 23 and the Shema; Deuteronomy 6:4-5 “Hear, Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”) Then we have a lesson on the Lord’s Prayer. If we have time, we do a craft or play a game.

EPIPHANY PARTY!!!! (aka Hygge!) January 6 is the first day of Epiphany! It is a day Christians celebrate the manifestation of Christ. We also celebrate the visit of the Magi or 3 wisemen, the Baptism of Jesus Christ, and the first miracle at the wedding in Cana. It is a season of light. We will have an Epiphany worship at 5:00 pm as our regular Saturday night Holy Communion Service followed by a campfire with a hot dog supper. When we are pleasantly full, we will retire to the church basement where we will do a craft of making stars! **CHILDREN AND ADULTS OF ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

I continue to visit members who are unable to attend worship. If you know of someone who would appreciate a visit, please let the office know.

~ Pastor Lane

THANKFUL GIFTS UPDATE

During the Christmas season, we offered a Thankful Gifts catalog of alternative gift options compiled by our Stewardship Team. We are so grateful for the generosity of everyone. Gifts to domestic and worldwide causes as well as to our Good Samaritan account and Little Free Pantry totaled \$11,526! This was about \$2,600 more than last year. Wow! What a blessing to so many! Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL MEETING



Sunday, February 4

10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary

treats and beverages

All confirmed members are encouraged to attend and vote.

A Zoom link will be available on our website to join the meeting virtually.



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

PHONATHON

FEB 13, 6:00-8:00 PM

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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the table BE Young Adult Gathering

Dear Congregation Members & Supporters,

Fourteen Spring Grove youth are about to embark on a life-changing trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering, held July 16-20 in New Orleans.

This is an amazing time to worship with approximately 30,000 other youth and adults who believe like they do. There will be times of service, fellowship, and worship throughout the four days in New Orleans.

To support our travel costs, registration fees, and hotel costs, we're asking for your support.

February 13, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Our youth will be calling friends and family members, as well as members of the three participating churches to ask for your financial support. We won't reach everyone - please consider donating anyway! Our goal is to make this trip affordable for any youth who wants to attend.

Match

We're looking for donors (from any of the three churches) to provide a 1:1 match for donations made during the phonathon for a total match of at least \$5000. Please contact the Trinity Lutheran Church office at 507-498-5291 if you would be willing to provide match funding!

Sincerely,

The Youth Gathering Attendees of Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilmington Lutheran Church & Faith Lutheran Church of Blackhammer

DONATE NOW



trinitysg.org/contribute-online-2

Online: QR Code/Link Above

Mail or In-Person:

Trinity Lutheran Church
PO Box 188, Spring Grove, MN 55974

Wilmington Lutheran Church
21068 Church Rd, Spring Grove, MN 55974

Faith Lutheran Church of Blackhammer
16013 Co Rd 4, Spring Grove, MN 55974

Be sure to indicate "ELCA Youth Gathering" with all donations. Include a youth's name if you wish to support their trip specifically.



MORE INFO

New Orleans
July 16-20, 2024

YOUR DONATION PROVIDES

\$500

Travel expenses for one participant, a combination of Amtrak rail and Sun Country air.

\$400

Registration fee for the ELCA National Youth Gathering (1 youth, 4 days).

\$300

One authentic New Orleans group meal.

\$175

One hotel room for one night.

\$50-100

One day of meals for one youth.

Donations will go toward travel, registration, hotel, and meals. We are grateful for your support!

DONORS RECEIVE

BLOG INVITE

You'll see frequent photos, highlights of worshipping in the Superdome, and how we serve the community in New Orleans. Youth and chaperones will post updates and we'll even include the bloopers!

REPORT-OUT EVENT

You'll receive an invitation to our in-person report-out event. You'll be invited to sample our favorite New Orleans cuisine while we share the highlights of each day with personal stories and a highlights video.

OUR THANKS

Thank you for supporting our youth!

POSTCARD

A hand-written greeting from New Orleans.



Christian Bjerke



Caleb Eiken



Caden Gerard



Ezra Griffin



Madison Lile



Jacob Solum



Elijah Solum



Jada Strinmoen



Jaxon Strinmoen



Max Thorson



Zander Thorson



Ben Udstuen



Isaac Vick



Devon Williams

Chaperones: Pastor Lane Zaffke, Pastor Len Liptack, Jessi Strinmoen, & Darcy Thorson

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. PSALM 139:14*
elca.org/gathering

CONFIRMATION AND WEDNESDAY BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATES

The Education Team, after reviewing Trinity Confirmation and Wednesday Bible School programs, and in consultation with Pastor Lane and Pastor Elizabeth, is making a few changes to the programs.

Beginning January 3, when the program resumes, Confirmation will be just one hour, from 6 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday, and dinner will no longer be served. Confirmation will begin promptly at 6 p.m. with snacks, announcements, and lecture, followed by mentor time at 6:30 p.m. A big thanks goes out to all who helped with dinner during the Fall semester, and especially Tammy Petersen.

Also beginning January 3, Wednesday Bible School, for third through sixth graders, will move to Trinity Center and will also be just one hour from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Pastor Len and Pastor Lane will continue to lead Wednesday Bible School.

Sunday School will continue on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for pre-school through second graders. A big thanks to Jada Strinmoen, Harper Myrah, and Maddie Lyle, along with Hope Turner and Charity Schroeder and all who teach on Sunday mornings!

Thanks, also, to the Education Team for all the work they do at Trinity!

DECEMBER 14, 2023 CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**Updates:**

- Care Team: 54 Christmas Cheer deliveries for a cost of \$3,697.18. Prayer shawls supply has been replenished.
- Wednesday Bible School will be one hour on Wednesdays (3:30-4:30pm) after holiday break. Confirmation will also be changed to one hour (6-7pm).
- Anonymous donator paid for Kodet Architect fees.
- Jerald Oakes of Property Team will attend next city council meeting about parking lot at Trinity Center.
- Steeple Project update – redoing ornaments – \$750 per ornament for old ornaments – contractor owns per contract; steeple bundled up till spring.
- Window updates: working on 3 front windows.
- Trinity Center storage and other uses: school still using until end of contract, will be out by Jan 17; discussion held regarding renting space for a business \$425/month, tabled till next meeting.

Motions passed:

- to accept the 2024 budget with changes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Complete minutes are on Trinity's website.

**ONLINE GIVING**

To give online, scan the QR code to go directly to the contributions page.
Thank you for your gifts to Trinity!

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14!

This year our Lenten theme is “Altered by the Spirit,” based on the Book of Acts. From Ash Wednesday through the six weeks of Lent, we’ll see the ways the Holy Spirit alters our perspective, transforms our communities, and consistently blazes a trail ahead of us.

Lent is often a time of self-reflection, spiritual discipline, commitment, and community. We gather to sing the minor harmonies of the way of Jesus on the road toward the cross with Holden Evening Prayer. This Lent, we’ll catch up with the work of the Holy Spirit, finding ourselves:



- Altered in Witness (Ash Wednesday): Acts 1:6-11
- Altered through God’s Creativity: Acts 2:1-13
- Altered on the Edge of Belonging: Acts 8:26-40
- Altered Alongside our Enemies: Acts 9:1-22
- Altered by Disruption: Acts 10:1-16, 34-35, 44-47
- Altered through Stories We Don’t Trust: Acts 12:6-17
- Victory Altered (Palm Sunday): Luke 19:28-40

The Holy Spirit is alive in, with, and under our ordinary lives, always calling us forward into transformation, nudging us into wholeness, and beckoning us forth into an alternative way.

Again this year our youth will serve supper at 6:15 p.m. A freewill offering will be collected to support their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer, along with other youth initiatives. Worship on Ash Wednesday will be at noon and 7:00 p.m, and all mid-week Wednesday serves will be at 7:00 p.m. Come and see what the Holy Spirit is doing at Trinity!



LITTLE FREE PANTRY Our Little Free Pantry is open 24/7 for anyone to use. Many people use this as an opportunity to supply extra food for their families. Donations of food or monetary gifts to purchase food are always welcomed. Thank you for thinking of those who face food insecurity.



HAS ANY OF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

Please let us know in the office if you have a new email address, mailing address, or phone number.



DO YOU GET OUR WEEKLY FRIDAY EMAIL?

It’s a great way to stay in-the-know with what is going on at Trinity. Let us know in the office!



CHRISTMAS CHEER PACKAGES
Thank you to our Care Team for organizing and packaging the 54 Christmas Cheer packages for families in Spring Grove.



NATIVITY SCENES
Thank you to all who loaned us their nativities for the season. You can see these and many more through January 7 in the Fellowship Hall.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
A beautiful, sweet, entertaining Sunday School Christmas program! Thank you to all who made this possible.





CHRISTMAS CONCERT Thank you to the vocal choir, handbell choir, Thankful Brass, instrumentalists, soloists, choir alumni — everyone who made our concert a beautiful evening of music!



LITTLE FREE PANTRY DONATION Thank you Spring Grove Communications and the community for the food donations to our Little Free Pantry.



150TH BIRTHDAY OF OUR BUILDING Delicious treats were enjoyed by many!



CONCERT Luren Singers gave a joyful concert.



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS Thank you to all of the families who lit our Advent candles and read this season. You added an extra special touch to our services.



JANUARY HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day <i>Office Closed</i>	2	3 1-3pm Release Time, TC 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School, TC 6:00pm Confirmation, FH 7pm Handbells 8pm Choir	4 4:00pm Cub Scouts, TC	5	6 10:30am AA, TC 5:00pm Worship/Communion with Epiphany Party to follow at 6:00pm
7 9:15am Worship/Holy Communion 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School	8 7:00pm Finance Team, FH	9 9:00am Deborah 9:30am Anna, Assisted Living 5:00pm AA, TC	10 9:30am Adah, Tweeten Apts. 1:00pm Eve, Manor 1-3pm Release Time, TC 3:30pm Wed. Bible School 6:00pm Confirmation, FH 7:30pm Council; Handbells 8:00pm Choir	11 Office Closed 4:00pm Cub Scouts, TC	12	13 9am-2pm Baby Shower/Kaitlin & Bobby Augedahl, FH 10:30am AA, TC 3-7pm Sourdough Bread Making class, Kitchen 1-4pm Valerie Wagner Visitation at Roble Funeral Home 4pm Prayer Serve at Roble
14 9:15am Worship/Holy Baptism of Maverick Vickerman 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15am Worship at Nursing Home	15	16 2:00pm Phoebe Circle, FH 5:00pm AA, TC	17 12-3pm Release Time, TC 3:30pm Wed. Bible School 6:00pm Confirmation, FH 7:00pm Handbells 8:00pm Choir	18 9:30am Worship at Manor 4:00pm Cub Scouts, TC 7:00pm Hannah, SG Library	19	20 10:30am AA, TC 5:00pm Worship/Communion
21 9:15am Worship/Holy Communion 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Financial Audit, MR	22	23 5:00pm AA, TC	24 12-3pm Release Time, TC 3:30pm Wed. Bible School 6:00pm Confirmation, FH 7:00pm Handbells 8:00pm Choir	25 9:30am Worship at Tweeten Apt. 4:00pm Cub Scouts, TC Library	26	27 10:30am AA, TC
28 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 11:00am Private Baptism/Raelyn Hoscheit	29	30 10:00am Worship at Assisted Living 5:00pm AA, TC	31 1-3pm Release Time, TC 3:30pm Wed. Bible School 6:00pm Confirmation, FH 7:00pm Handbells 8:00pm Choir	FH = Fellowship Hall (large room in basement) MR = Middle Room (upstairs by offices) YGR = Youth Gathering Room (in basement near men's bathroom) TC = Trinity Center		

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY

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THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Date	Lector	Acolytes	Communion Servers	Communion Bread Maker	Fellowship Hosts
January 7	Sheri Allen	Liam Rohland Chase Peterson	tbd	Karen Bingham	Dean & Sue Wiste Mark & Betty Dokken
January 14	Mark Schroeder	Roland Bjerke Tyler Turner			Marlene & Joe Deschler Lori & Gary Wilhelmson
January 21	Carolyn Olson	Renner Staggemeier Mariah Fretty	tbd		Lane & Mary Zaffke Bill & Karen Fried
January 28	Milly Halverson	Raeanne Lemke Maria Solberg			Lorilyn Dehning Danielle & Jeremy Myhre family
January Ushers Scott Bingham, captain Bruce Bergsgaard Al Frydenlund Ken Heim Steve Nelson Mark Schroeder		January Altar Guild Karen Bingham, chair Bonnie Solberg Deb Spence Terry Holland		498-AMEN December 24, 2023-January 6, 2024: Lori Wilhelmson January 7-20: Milly Halverson January 21-February 3: Judy Bratland	
February 4	Jim Gray	Adah Solum Weston Ingvalson	tbd	Karen Fried	Can you help serve treats and coffee? Gather a couple friends and enjoy a Sunday morning together! Contact us in the office, 498-5291, or Elaine Kjome, 498-5676.
February 11	Bill Fired	Ezra Konkel Sam Stender			
Ash Wednesday February 14	Nolie Kapplinger		tbd		
February 18	Joyce Lund	Blake Eiken Autumn Petersen	tbd		
February 25	Roxanne Finnesgard	Braelyn Middendorf Kolin Betcher			
February Ushers Dean Wiste, captain Bob Finnesgard Bruce Hegge Kim Kapplinger Gary Wilhelmson		February Altar Guild Lorilyn Dehning, chair Danielle Myhre Paula Karlsbrotten Linda Pierce		498-AMEN February 4-10: Mary Deters February 11-17: Joyce Landsom February 18-24: Laurie Moen February 25-March 9: Kari Alstad	



The ALTAR GUILD is looking for new members. There are 6 groups in the Altar Guild, each group is responsible for setting up for Communion Saturdays and Sundays two months out of the year along with festive services. Light cleaning of the sacristy is also another task the Altar Guild does twice a year. Please consider joining our Altar Guild by calling the church office, 498-5291, or Linda Pierce, 498-5696.

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	



WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OF THE ABOVE TASKS?

We'd be happy to have you!

Please contact us in the office and let us know where you'd like to use your skills!



7 REASONS TO CHOOSE eGIVING

Did you know our church offers multiple ways to give? Our eGiving options are convenient alternatives to cash and checks, which are difficult to use if you're joining us virtually and can easily be forgotten at home when worshipping in person. But that's not the only reason to consider our eGiving program for your one-time gifts or recurring donations. Here are seven benefits of eGiving.



It Makes Giving Easy

eGiving makes it simple for you to give exactly how and when you want. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring gifts right from your computer, tablet or phone.



It's Safe and Secure

You never need to worry about your donation making it into our account. Unlike with checks and cash, which can be misplaced, gifts made via eGiving are directly sent to our church's bank account. Our payment solutions provider ensures your personal information remains secure.



No Cash, No Checks, No Problem

Never worry about forgetting your cash or checkbook at home again. With eGiving, you can make a donation right from your phone. For further worry-free giving, you can also set up recurring donations online, so your gift continues even when you can't make it to service.



You Can Choose Where Your Gift Goes

We know our members feel passionately about supporting many causes. Our church uses donations to fund everything from mission trips to building maintenance. When you make a gift using our eGiving tools, you can direct the funds toward the cause you wish to support at our church.



It Gives Our Church Stability

Your generous donations support our mission, operations and many ministries. By setting up recurring donations online, you enable us to maintain financial stability and plan for the future.



You Can Give on the Go

With eGiving, you don't have to physically be at church to contribute. Use our church's convenient eGiving tools to donate from the beach, on the road or right at home.



You Can Easily Track Your Giving History

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SUPPORT OUR CHURCH WITH eGIVING

eGiving brings flexibility to your generosity. You can direct funds, set up one-time or recurring payments from your phone or tablet and give from anywhere at any time! Learn more about our eGiving options by visiting the church's website at

www.trinitysg.org

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VANCO
FAITH

THE BEST YEAR

OUT WITH THE OLD {20__}



IN WITH THE NEW {20__}

2 FAVORITE MEMORIES

3 THINGS I'M GRATEFUL FOR

1 HARD LESSON I LEARNED!

1 THING I DID THIS YEAR I'M PROUD OF

3 PLACES I WANT TO GO

2 WAYS I CAN HELP OTHERS

1 THING I WANT TO GET BETTER AT

2 THINGS I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO

3 NEW THINGS I WANT TO TRY

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The Work of Christmas

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are
back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.*

By Howard Thurman