



The Trinity Tidings

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"Meals that Matter" are
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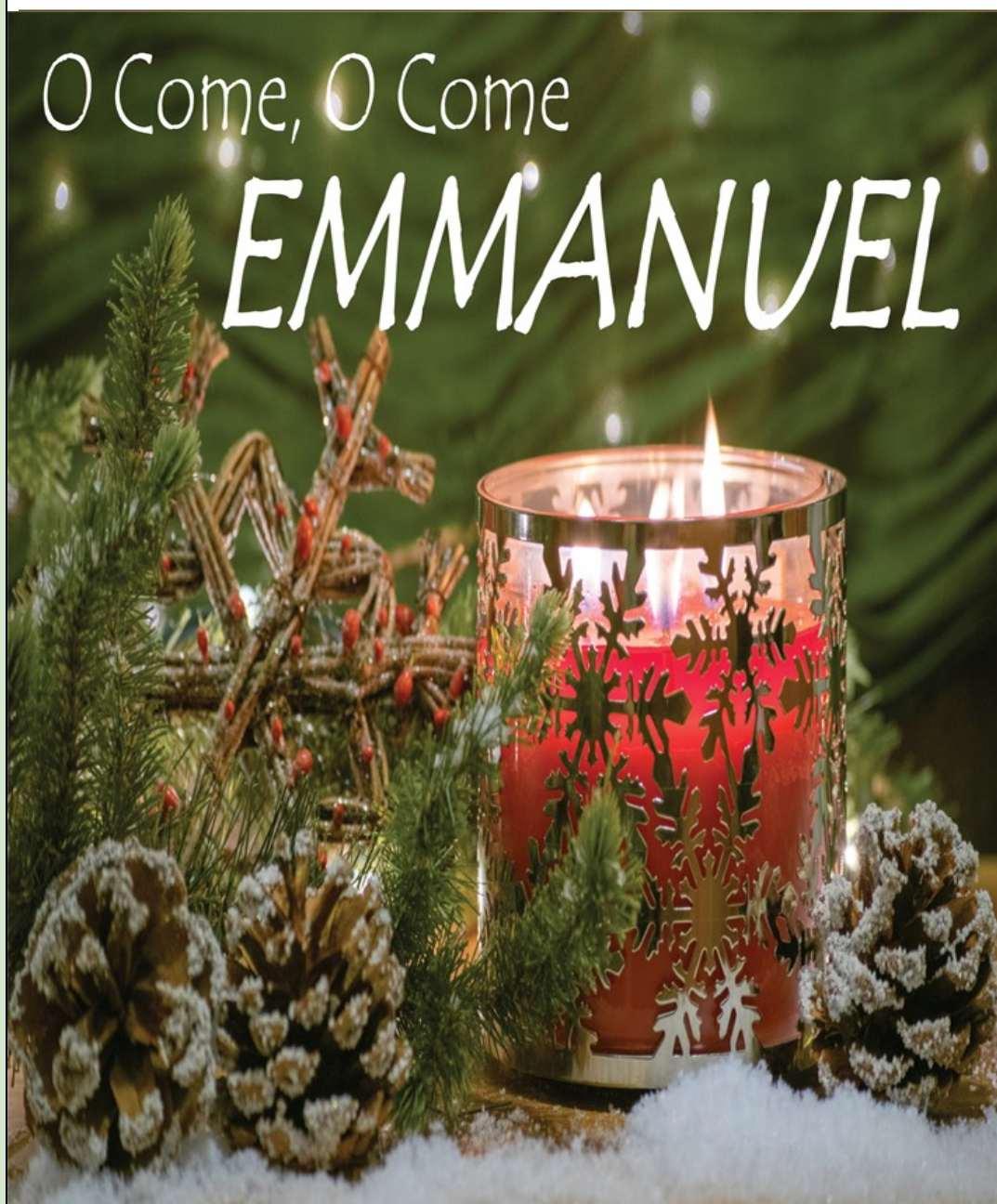
Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Worship Schedule
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Education/Fellowship Hour 10:15 am



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.





From Pastor Tim...

“O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”

I must say, Advent is my favorite season of the year. The colors, the mystery, the stories, and the music. We are waiting and preparing for a prophesy, a promise to come true. A most wonderful promise, the Word of God will become incarnate/human and be our Savior. The promise begins with a surprise no human being would expect and that is the all powerful Creator of the Universe would need to entire OUR world as a helpless baby. Let that sink in. So that we could understand what a God of Love would look like, the greatest power of all must be incarnated in a helpless form resembling all of us, a baby. To me, to imagine our entering our world as a baby, maybe God is teaching us that Love and even Power may require vulnerability.

Only Mary and Joseph had a vague idea the time when the Messiah, our Savior would be born, but even they were unprepared. We have the benefit of Scripture and with the rising of each morning sun, we are introduced to another new and wonderful encounter with our Savior God. God comes to us softly in the morning sun, and Jesus speaks to us through the words of the Gospel during morning devotions. Advent is the first season of the year and is the perfect time to start new habits, practices and traditions. Begin your day with a feeling of Advent-Expectations, eyes, ears and heart eager to welcome God anew each day. Let us experience God together in worship, praise and fellowship.

See you at Church, Pastor Tim



“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

***“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”***

(Luke 2)



Holiday Bake Sale

The Trinity Women of the ELCA

Invite everyone to attend our 32nd Annual

Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 11th

10:00 ~ 11:00

Following the Christmas Program

Held at

Trinity Lutheran Church

217 Brackenridge SW, Sleepy Eye

Proceeds Will Go To People In Need

Supplemental Funds Provided By Thrivent Action Team



Children, Youth *and* Family

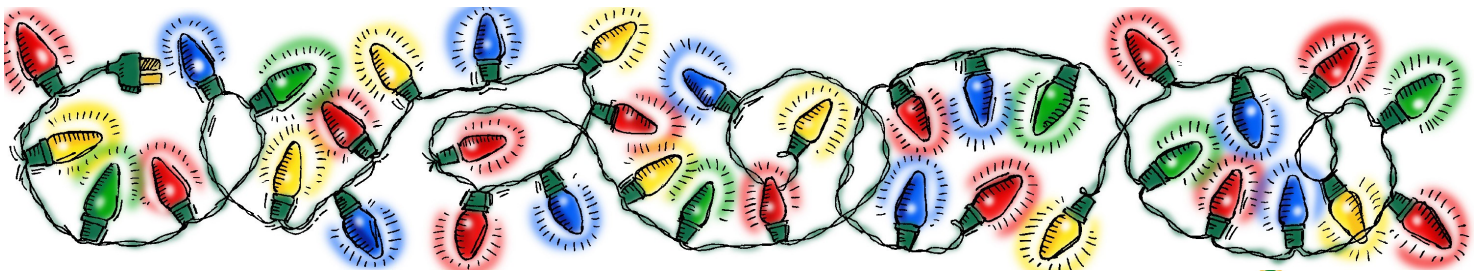
Wow, this year went by fast. We still have events coming up this month! On December 11th during the 9 o'clock service we will be having our Children's Christmas Program . The evening of December 11th kids from Trinity church will be out at the Sportsman's Park at the Holiday Lights in Motion. We will be running the concession stand from 5-9. We will be having Sunday School December 18th, but No Sunday School December 25th and January 1st. We will resume Sunday School January 8th, which then I will be sending home information for Green Lake Bible Camp. I have some events that I am thinking about doing this upcoming year and can't wait to share them with you! Happy Holidays.



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December 11th-Children's Christmas Program
December 25th-No Sunday School
January 1st-No Sunday School
January 8th-Resume Sunday School
January 15th- A Rep from Green Lake Bible Camp will be coming



Happy Birthday this month to... Josie Heiderschid,
Maverick Hansen, McKoy Hansen, Emmalyn Jensen

If we have missed your Birthday please let us know so
we can update our files





Children's Christmas Program

December 11th during Worship
at 9:00 AM



It's Time for Christmas Food Boxes & Morning Snack Boxes starting Nov. 20!

Christmas Food Boxes

It is time to start thinking about filling a Christmas Food Box for the families of our weekend food kids as there continues to be those in our community who are struggling to provide basic needs for their families. We are going to ask you to once again shop for a family and put items on the list in a box provided for you and return it to Trinity. You can join with another family or group to fill one or more boxes. The risk for hunger insecurity has not gone away and we at Trinity are currently feeding 31 children on weekends from 23 families. We are asking you to fill a box to be used by our weekend food families during the Christmas break when they do not have meals provided by the school.

Morning Snack Boxes

Trinity has another opportunity to help our school children this year. There is a need for snacks during morning break so if you would like to fill a box full of snacks, grab a snack box and fill that to help our students.

Here's what to do:

1. Sign out a Christmas food box or a morning snack box in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 20th. Put your name and phone number next to the number matching the number on your box.
2. Fill the box with the items from the food list.
3. Return your box to the table in the narthex by Sunday, December 11.
4. Have fun filling the box. Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

Social Ministries Board —Michal Lowther, Shari Baumgardt,
Sandy Beito and Jim Johnson



Called to Offer Peace

“And (Jesus) said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’” (Luke 7:50)

Reflection: After all the weeping and all the talking, all the looking and all the longing, the woman finally heard the words that healed the ache in her heart and silenced the critics in her life: “Go in peace.”

Her journey for forgiveness, her quest for release, was finally over. In a simple act of worship, she kissed the feet of Jesus and in turn was touched by the hand of God. No crisp-robed choirs sang, no baskets were passed, no liturgy spoken except those three precious words that restore the soul and lift the spirit like perhaps no others can; “go in peace.”

Worship is praise; worship is profound; worship is a great and holy sign of relief. Whether we worship God alone with a hymn in the shower, in prayer with a few friends at the kitchen table, or with the community gathered for Eucharist in the sanctuary, God’s parting gift to us in worship comes down to just this: “Go in peace.”

They are words we can never hear too often, giving an inner wholeness we will never have too much of. For strength of soul and health of body, to quiet the mind and heal the heart, receive and embrace the solitude of God. Go in peace.

The **Thanksgiving Eve** offering was designated for World Hunger and will be accepted in December as well. The **Thankoffering** gifts will be sent to the Women of the ELCA at the end of the year so it is not too late to support the women of the church in this way.

Giving statements through the end of November will be available in your church mailboxes the first Sunday in December. They will include all giving through the eleventh month of 2022 as well as a reminder of what you gave in 2021. Your 2022 giving statements will not be ready until January 15 as we accept gifts through January 8 since the last two Sundays of 2022 are holidays.

Offering envelopes for 2023 will be placed in the narthex mailboxes by December 11.

Through mid-November our receipts have totaled \$219,027.48 and expenses have been \$257,889.04. The last six weeks of 2021 saw receipts of over \$80,000.00 which allowed us to pay all the bills for the year. The goal this year is to pay all the bills again so that same amount may be needed. There are many ways to leave your offerings for church: regular envelopes, pew envelopes, on-line giving, mail in offerings or leave in the lock box between the church offices at any time. Thank you for your generosity.

One other need at this time is for those who knit or crochet to start making some **prayer shawls**. Our supply is nearly depleted so your talent will be greatly appreciated. Stop by the church office as yarn is available for you to start at any time. Thank you so much.

Keep the financial needs of our congregation in your prayers.

Board of Stewardship



THIS & THAT

Read the
Bible
in a Year



Week of December 4

Su Matthew 3:1-12
M 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Tu Romans 15:14-21
W Matthew 12:33-37
Th 2 Peter 3:1-10
F 2 Peter 3:11-18
Sa Luke 3:1-18

Week of December 11

Su Matthew 11:2-11
M Acts 5:12-16
Tu Jude 17-25
W Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34
Th Galatians 3:23-29
F Galatians 4:1-7
Sa John 3:31-36

Week of December 18

Su Matthew 1:18-25
M Galatians 4:8-20
Tu Galatians 4:21-5:1
W Matthew 1:1-17
Th Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20
F Galatians 3:6-14
Sa Luke 2:1-20

Week of December 25

Su John 1:1-14
M Acts 7:59-8:8
Tu 1 John 5:1-12
W Matthew 18:1-14
Th Luke 19:41-44
F 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
Sa John 8:12-19

Glory
to God

in the
highest, and
on earth
peace, good
will toward
men.

Luke 2:14

Health
News



Evangelical Board Parish Nursing Updates

"Bereavement is a universal and integral part of our experience of love." — C.S. Lewis

Holidays are filled with family traditions and memories that make us smile. When a family member or dear friend dies, or can't be with us, we feel as if part of our inner self is not complete. It doesn't feel natural to express happiness, when the family is missing members on earth.

There are scriptures in the Bible that references loss of loved ones.....

Philippians 4:7 - *"And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

God understands how we feel when we lose our loved ones. He is with us always and welcomes the bereaved to lean on him. We are never alone. Allow God to comfort you. Someday, we will see our loved one again.

Resources: Text HOME to 741741 to reach a volunteer Crisis Counselor. A trained counselor will chat with you via text.

Make an appointment with your primary or mental health provider to discuss your Holiday emotions, if they are affecting your sleep, nutrition or socialization.

Blood Pressures will be taken after church service December 4 at 10:00 am.

Cindy Steffl RN, CCM, FCN

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Tidings* will be mailed by January 1st. Please have items for the newsletter to Darlene by the 20th of each month. Thank you.

Our Services are broadcast on Channel 8 each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. or on our webpage anytime. Share the Good News with those who are unable to join us in person!



SEMC has the Bivalent COVID booster available. You have call SEMC at 794-3691 to schedule an appointment. Forms for the vaccine are available at the church in the narthex or on the SEMC website.

Boosters are also available at Randy's Drug on Mondays. Please call ahead.

Flu shots are available anytime.

NOVEMBER

PARISH REPORT



Worship Services Week of...

Date	Attendance
11/6	103
11/13	97
11/20	73
11/27	126

Week of... Offering

Week of...	Offering
11/6	\$6776.92
11/13	\$5181.92
11/20	\$6944.76
11/27	\$3752.02



**"GIVE...
TO GOD"**

**THE THINGS
THAT ARE
GOD'S."**

MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

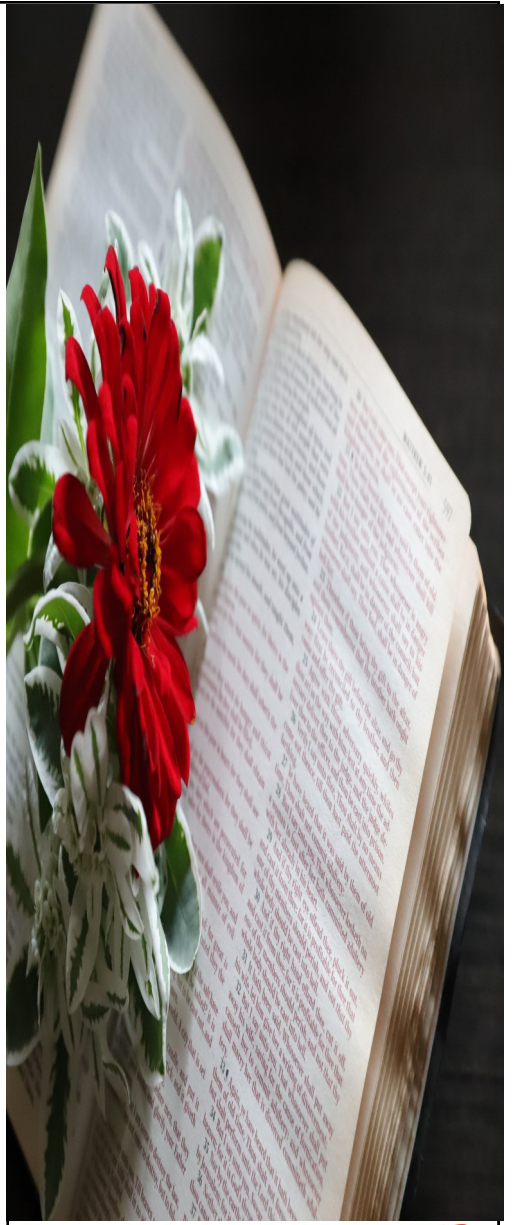


Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawls for each member of our family. My kids were so touched that you included them along with me. We are learning to adjust with life... it is still very hard. Your ministry providing warmth to those grieving or struggling is truly a work of God. Thank you again.

Love, Sandy, Alex,
Deonna, and Carter



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Notes From the Office

Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email !!

WATCH OUR SERVICES ON TRINITY'S WEBPAGE ANYTIME
www.trinitysleepyeye.org

THE TRINITY TIDINGS NEWSLETTER IS NOW ALSO POSTED ON
WWW.SLEEPYEYEOONLINE.COM
WATCH THIS SITE FOR COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS.

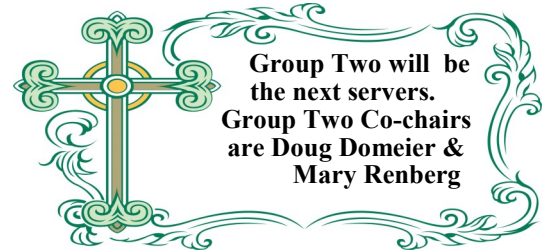
TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK ~~ CHECK IT OUT!!
(Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN)

Please remember to inform the church office of any address or phone number changes to insure you keep receiving your monthly copy of the Tidings and to help keep our records up to date.

10 Worship Assistants



December: Melinda Braulick, Joleen Dittbenner
January: Sarah Lendt, Mary Renberg



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 12/4 Brayden Heiderscheidt
- 12/11 Jacob Fullmer
- 12/18 Gavin Fischer
- 12/24 Christmas Eve 4 pm Megan Sellner
- 12/25 Carson Uecker

Readers

- 12/4 Larry Baumgardt
- 12/11 Children's Program
- 12/18 Sandy Beito
- 12/25 Doug Domeier

Sound Techs

Russ Sorensen

Communion Assistants

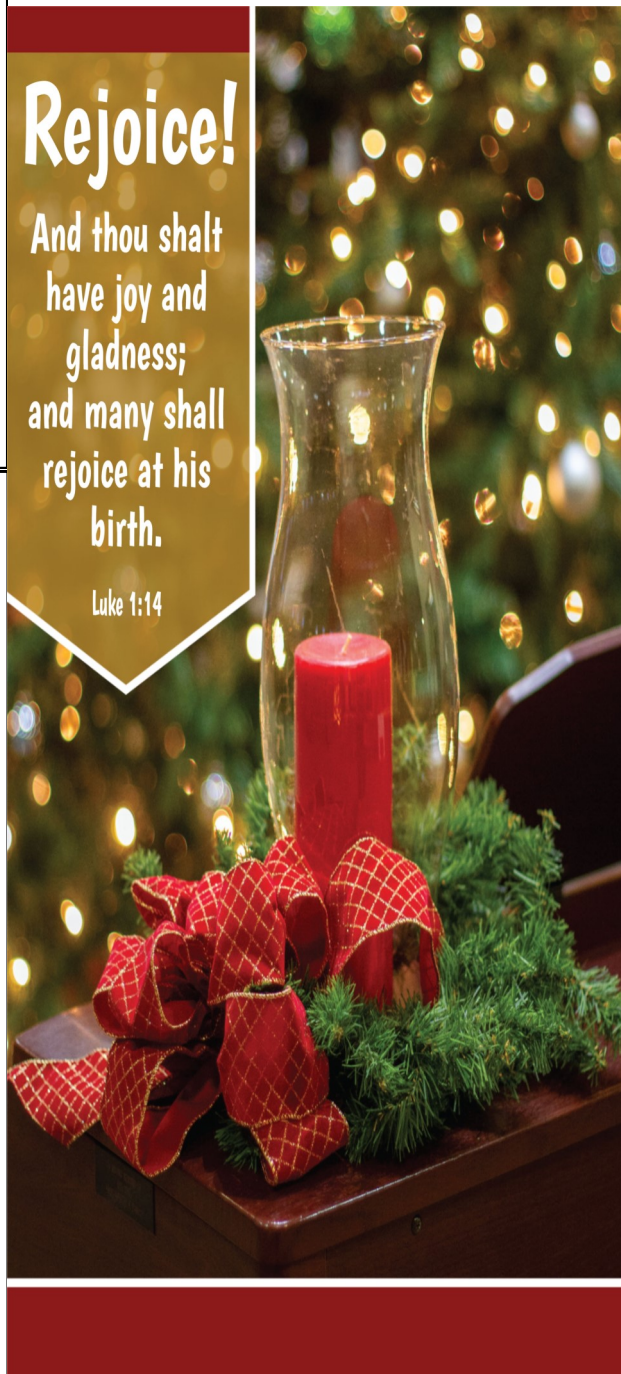
- 12/4 Larry Baumgardt, Mark Miller, Neil Neidt
- 12/24 at 4 pm Isaac & Lee Johnson
Darlene Brummund
- 12/25 Brian Polesky, Lee Wahlborg, Sue Pedersen

December Ushers

Eric & Juliann Wahlborg

December Greeter

Harold & Bonnie Pettis



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 1/1 Destiny Dittbenner
- 1/8 Kaden Klein
- 1/15 Hunter Mertz
- 1/22 Kali Nachreiner
- 1/29 Samantha Price

Readers

- 1/1 Diane Evers
- 1/8 Phyllis Kleven
- 1/15 Sarah Lendt
- 1/22 Neil Neidt
- 1/29 Cheryl Neidt

Communion Assistants

- 1/1 Larry Baumgardt, Mark Miller, Neil Neidt
- 1/15 Lee & Isaac Johnson, Brian Polesky

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

January Ushers

Keith Lendt, Ed Ecker

January Greeters

Brian & Carol Poleski



The Light shines
in the Darkness...

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9 am- am-Holy Communion 10:00 am Education Hour 	5 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting 4-8 pm 5:30 pm AI anon	6 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA	7 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	8 3 pm Maples	9	10
11 9 am Worship 10-11 am The Story of Advent 5-8 pm Live Nativity at Sportsman's Park	12 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI anon Sioux Trail District	13 7am-Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 3 pm Ross Park 3-5 pm Prokindship for Kids 6:30 pm AA	14 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir No Confirmation	15	16	17
18 9 am Worship 10:00 am Education Hour 	19 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making 5:30 pm AI anon	20 7 am-Men's Bible Study Noon Staff Meeting 6:30 pm AA Pastor Tim Back Tidings Articles Due	21 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	22 3 pm Maples 3-5 pm Prokindship for Kids	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship 4:00 pm
25 Holy Communion Christmas Day 9 AM Worship Service	26 Office Closed 9 am Quilting 5:30 pm AI anon	27 7 am-Men's Bible Study 3 pm Ross Park 6:30 pm AA	28	29	30 2 pm St. John's 	31 New Year's EVE



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December
Worship
Schedule

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:00 AM



Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 PM
Christmas Day Service at 9:00 AM