

The Trinity Tidings

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

How much have you thought about the story about the visit of the Magi? These Astrologer/Astronomers from “the East,” are rather mysterious figures. Their gifts for, “a baby,” are just as mysterious. If the Magi were women, I think they would have brought fresh diapers, a weeks worth of hot-dish, and lots of formula... but the Magi were men, and therefore they chose gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What does a baby, or even Joseph and Mary going to do with gold, frankincense, and myrrh? These are rather exotic and extremely valuable gifts, but rather than spices, I think good baby powder would have been much more useful. But, as Luke usually does, he is giving us a view into the future and a vital clue as to who Jesus really is, and what God will accomplish with this little baby. Let’s assume the Magi-men were thinking “long-term.”

As we come into the end of 2021, let us also think about the gifts we will offer our church. Right now, we have immediate needs AND long term needs. I think we need to think about the phrase, “Bakers Dozen.” I actually remember the first time I purchased donuts, when I brought my *dozen* donuts to give to friends, I was delighted to find that the baker had given me THIRTEEN donuts! I received an extra donut at no cost to me... **but it must have cost the baker.** I felt blessed and thankful for the baker’s generosity. And frankly, I believe the Baker also felt blessed with the fact that she/he was able to share from his/her abundance something to share with his/her neighbor, *which happened to be me!* This year, I would like for us to all think of our monthly offering not as just *twelve* opportunities for giving, but instead add a month, like my donut, of your annual offering like a “Bakers Dozen.” After hearing this wonderful idea of, “The Bakers Dozen,” I immediately wrote my extra month of offering and gave it with a real feeling of satisfaction and joy... maybe like my neighborhood baker...

Oh, what a joy and blessing our church, Trinity Lutheran Church, has been for so many. As we see ourselves as a means of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus and holy vessels in which God serves all people in our immediate area and around the globe, let us continue to open our eyes, ears and hearts to God’s Calling to serve and to love.

Grace and peace to all,





In the Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter, a sta - ble place suf - ficed,
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Read the Bible in a Year



Week of January 2

Su	James 3:13-18
M	Luke 8:16-21
Tu	Acts 7:44-53
W	Luke 5:33-39
Th	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
F	1 Corinthians 2:1-10
Sa	1 Corinthians 2:11-16

Week of January 9

Su	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
M	Ephesians 6:10-17
Tu	1 John 5:13-21
W	Luke 11:33-36
Th	Acts 8:18-24
F	1 Corinthians 7:1-7
Sa	Luke 11:14-23

Week of January 16

Su	John 2:1-11
M	Romans 12:9-21
Tu	Romans 12:1-8
W	Ephesians 4:17-5:1
Th	Ephesians 5:15-20
F	Luke 1:67-79
Sa	Luke 2:39-52

Week of January 23

Su	Luke 4: 14-21
M	1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Tu	2 Corinthians 7:2-12
W	Luke 4:38-44
Th	Acts 10:44-48
F	Acts 19:1-10
Sa	John 1:43-51

Week of January 30

Su	Luke 4:21-30
M	1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Tu	1 Corinthians 14:13-25
W	Luke 19:41-44
Th	Acts 9:19b-25
F	Acts 9:26-231
Sa	Luke 4:42-44

Cut this out and use as a bookmark in your Bible. Remember to read your love letter from God each and every day.

Women of the ELCA



Thank You!

Great thanks to all who have worked to make our Advent season a blessing for our community. If you helped with the Children's Christmas Worship, baked or bought Cookies (we raised over \$1400.00 for those in need!), watched or participated in the Live Nativity, packed a Holiday box, or cooked or delivered Meals that Matter....thank you. It all works together to do God's work in our world. May we all continue to work together in the future as we help as we can this season and always. Together we can make a difference-we do make a difference.



Blood Drive Sleepy Eye Event Center

110 12th Ave NE
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

Tuesday, January 4, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Sleepy Eye to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass®

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to schedule an appointment.



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Who's Minding the Children?

Giving Magazine

In their efforts to shape children's values advertisers spend about \$17 billion a year and use the latest brain science. "All of these people understand something that is very basic and logical, that if you own this child at an early age, you can own this child for years to come...companies are saying, 'Hey I want to own this kid younger and younger and younger.'" (Mike Searle, former president of Kids' 'R' Us)

The apostle Paul writes to the Corinthians: "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind" (2 Cor.9:7). But what if someone is trying to make up your mind for you?

Research suggests it may be possible to cultivate the brain's neural pathways - to sow seeds early in the springtime of a child's young brain - with an eye toward reaping the fruit of that sowing for a lifetime. Knowing this, creative, skilled marketing people are hard at work to teach children what to value, what to need, where to belong. They spend billions studying children in order to instill in them a hunger that cannot be satisfied.

"Advertising at its best is making people feel that without your product they're a loser, and it's very easy to do with kids, because they are emotionally vulnerable." says Nancy Shalek, former president of Grey Advertising.

Doctors and counselors often see young people who are suffering from the fallout of years of this kind of marketing strategy. Recently a team of medical and mental health professionals and youth counselors asked, "What's going on? Why are our waiting rooms filled with young people who are crying out, depressed, anxious, abusing themselves with dangerous substances, and at serious risk of violence and suicide?" After studying the latest brain research, human behaviors, and social trends, they sounded an alarm in their report, which is titled *Hardwired to Connect: The New Scientific Case for Authoritative Communities*.

Children and youth they discovered, may be surviving but they are not thriving. They say it's because human brains are "hardwired" for close nurturing relationships and deeper connections with religious communities. Kids today need more of both.

Next month: What Can We Do?

Many thanks to the generous donors at Trinity. Oftentimes, we compare our tithes and gifts during the month of December to see if we will meet budget needs. This year through December 26th, receipts for the general fund have totaled \$43,892.00. Last year the December receipts were \$43,634.14. The total receipts for the year have been \$284,139.14 as of this writing. Total expenses are projected to be around \$313,000.00.

Offering envelopes for 2022 were placed in the narthex mailboxes during the month of December. Please pick them up and since the mailbox only holds two packets, check in the church office for additional ones for your family including confirmed youth. Sunday School children will find their envelope packets in the classroom.

The **noisy offering** during January will be designated for the local food shelf. It will be saved until March when donations have typically been doubled. At the present time, a large canister is located on the table at the back of the church for your coins and bills. Other months that will have a special emphasis are May, July and October since they also have five Sundays.

Trinity offers the convenience of **automatic giving** through a program called "Simply Giving." One can sign up at any time during the year as well as make changes at any time. Everyone received a form with the eleventh month statement.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings during the year. Continue to remember the financial needs of the church in your prayers.

Board of Stewardship





Children, Youth and Family

We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas, and we look forward to seeing what 2022 has in store for us – happy New Year!

As it always does, the month of December flew by far too quickly and once again we move into a new year – full of fresh starts and possibilities! We are so thankful for the wonderful youth, families, teachers and fellow staff here at Trinity. With this amazing team of people, we were able to put on another lovely Christmas program on December 12th, as well as our first ever Live Nativity. Thank you ALL for your efforts and assistance – we couldn't do it without you!

January is “camp month” here at Trinity as we begin to promote our summer camp opportunities. We are so excited to share our love of Green Lake Bible Camp with all of our youth and families, so keep an eye out for some fun additions to our usual programming and décor around the building! This year we will be sending home camp registration forms with all of our Sunday school and confirmation students, as well as have forms available at our special Camp Sunday worship service on January 9th. If your child(ren) are interested in going to camp this summer, please do your best to get to this service as we have a representative from Green Lake coming down to lead us in a “summer camp” style worship and tell us about all that GLLM has to offer!

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Kelliagh Peterson, Nicole Stevermer
and Trista Barka



JANUARY:

- Jan. 2: NO Sunday School
- Jan. 5: Confirmation class #8
- Jan. 9: Camp Sunday worship;
Green Lake registration sent home!
Sunday school resumes
- Jan. 12: Confirmation service night
- Jan. 19: Confirmation class #9
- Jan. 26: Confirmation class

Happy birthday this month to...

Aaliyah Fuchs, Amelia Konkol, Brody Helget, Callie Evers,
Jade Sellner, & Jon Baures!

Did we miss you? Let us know so we can update our files.







We are thankful to God for being with us during these trying times, for helping and guiding us.

We rejoice some restrictions have been lifted, and that we can safely join together in one place for worship again.

According to the CDC, it is **safe for vaccinated people to gather for worship** and we invite you to return to worship in person. If you have not yet been vaccinated, we encourage you to do so, for your own health and that of others. Having had covid-19 previously **does not protect you** from new disease variants as effectively as a vaccination does.

Face coverings and physical distancing at worship at Trinity are recommended. If you have been fully vaccinated, you need not wear a mask or practice physical distancing. Those who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask and to continue physical distancing.

The option of **live-streamed worship services** will continue to be offered for those who are unable to attend worship in person. Check Trinity's web page at www.trinitysleepyeye.org.

Regular Holy Communion is available, although the single-serving communion cups will remain for use by those who prefer them.

For those who wish to continue to **physically distance**, one-quarter of the space in the sanctuary will continue to be roped off in an every-other pew fashion. Seating restrictions have been removed from the other pews.

Worshippers will continue to be **greeted and sign-in** as before, and a photo of the congregation will be taken.

Worship guidelines will continue to be revisited at upcoming Lay Ministry meetings, as we continue to return to a new normal.

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Tidings* will be in mailboxes February 1st. **Please have items for the newsletter to Darlene by the 20th of each month.**

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!



THIS & THAT

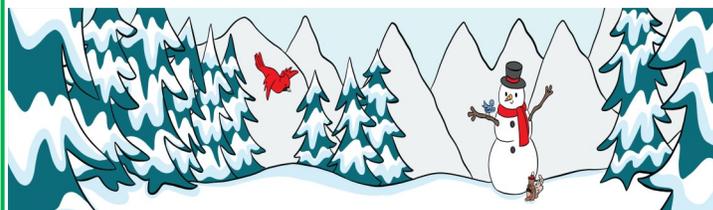


Thank You!

The Board of Social Ministry would like to thank all of the people who volunteered to assemble Meals That Matter. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for anyone to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event - illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... Be the hands of Jesus!

Thank you to those families that filled a Holiday Box for our weekend food program. The families were so appreciative! The boxes included food and a gift certificate for meat and produce at the grocery store. The FFA provided a Christmas ornament and personal care products. This year we also were able to provide a game and a book for each family. We received \$250 from Thrivent for this activity. Thank you for your help in being the hands of Jesus!



FOR TRADE WE ARE SELLING COFFEE AT REDUCED PRICE AS MARKED.

The coffee is packaged in vacuum sealed bags, so even if it is past the expiration date it still is good. Because we never have sold the coffee for much of a mark-up, all the prices are less than we paid for the coffee. Everyone who buys the coffee will be getting the coffee for less than we paid for it.

10 Worship Assistants



JANUARY

2022



January: Sarah Lendt, Mary Renberg

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 1/2 Blaine Arneson
- 1/9 Kaden Braun
- 1/16 Shea Evers
- 1/23 Nora Coulson
- 1/30 Jacob Fulmer

Readers

- 1/2 Diane Evers
- 1/9 Sarah Lendt
- 1/16 Mark Miller
- 1/23 Cheryl Neidt
- 1/30 Mike Petersen

Communion Assistants

- 1/2 Harold & Bonnie Pettis, Karen Voge
- 1/16 Larry Baumgardt, Neil Neidt, Donna Augustin

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

January Ushers

Ed Ecker, Mark Miller

January Greeters

Larry & Sherry Baumgardt

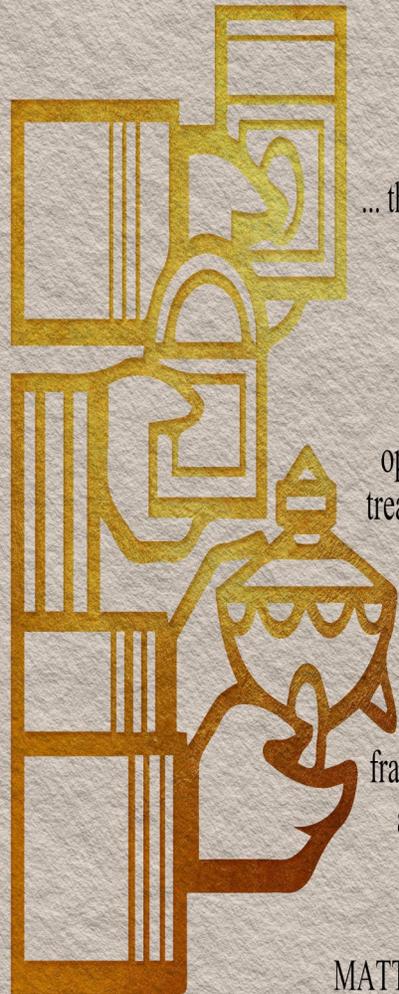
Hope in God;
 FOR I SHALL AGAIN PRAISE HIM,
 MY HELP AND MY GOD.



PSALM 42:1



EPIPHANY



... they bowed down and worshiped him, Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

MATTHEW 2:11

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 2/6 Brayden Heiderscheidt
- 2/13 Kaden Braun
- 2/20 Bodi Parker
- 2/27 Megan Sellner

Readers

- 2/6 Susie Pedersen
- 2/13 Harold Pettis
- 2/20 Bonnie Pettis
- 2/27 Pat Stevermer

Communion Assistants

- 2/6 Harold & Bonnie Pettis, Sue Pedersen
- 2/20 Karen Voge, Larry Baumgardt, Neil Neidt

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

February Ushers

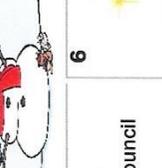
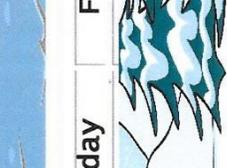
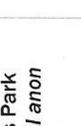
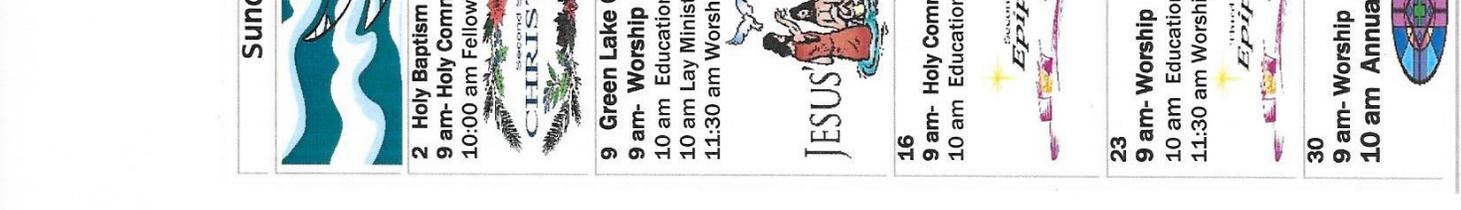
Lee & Isaac Johnson

February Greeters

Connie Johnson, Sue Pedersen



JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Holy Baptism</p> <p>9 am- Holy Communion 10:00 am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>Second Sunday of CHRISTMAS</p> 	<p>3 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 5:30 pm AI anon</p>	<p>4 11 am Staff Meeting 12:30 pm WELCA 2 pm Maples Bible Study 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>5 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Parish Planning Council 6:00 pm Trinity Choir 7 pm Confirmation</p> 	<p>6 Epiphany</p> 	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p> 
<p>9 Green Lake Camp Day</p> <p>9 am- Worship 10 am Education Hour 10 am Lay Ministry Board 11:30 am Worship at Sundown</p> <p>JESUS' BAPTISM</p> 	<p>10 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 2 pm Ross Park 5:30 pm AI anon</p>  <p>Annual Reports Due ~ All Boards</p>	<p>11 11 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>12 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Trinity Choir 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>13 10 am Countryside Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Education Hour</p> <p>Special Sunday of Epiphany</p> 	<p>17 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 5:30 pm AI anon</p>  <p>Martin Luther King Jr. DAY</p>	<p>18 11 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Maples Bible Study 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>19 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Trinity Choir 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>20 9:00 am Conference Pastor's Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9 am- Worship 10 am Education Hour 11:30 am Worship at Sundown</p> <p>Third Sunday of Epiphany</p> 	<p>24 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 2 pm Ross Park 5:30 pm AI anon</p>	<p>25 11 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>26 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Trinity Choir 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>27 Tidings Articles Due</p> <p>2 pm Countryside Bible Study</p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9 am- Worship 10 am Annual Meeting</p> 	<p>31 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 5:30 pm AI anon</p>					



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Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:10 Am

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TRINTYSLEEPYEYE.ORG

See the front cover for contact numbers.

Office hours are 9:00-3:00 PM
Monday-Thursday

May God bless and keep us all.