



# The Trinity Tidings

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"Meals that Matter" are available downstairs.



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.*

ARISE, SHINE, FOR  
**YOUR LIGHT  
HAS COME,**  
and the glory of the  
Lord rises upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1





# From Pastor Tim...

When thinking about the act of worship and community embedded in the Hope and Mercy of the Holy Spirit, one word comes to my mind to describe the experience and that is, “Transformative.” I remind our confirmation students that WORSHIP is THE central activity of our faith community. Everything we say and do as a church is inspired and birthed from God’s Call for us to the Act of Worship. During our week, God is always with us, but it is during worship that we put ourselves in the position to be encountered by the person of Jesus Christ in the act of worship. We see the works of God in the beauty all around us, but it is during worship, we hear that we are Forgiven, we are strengthened by the Holy Meal and then we are Sent out to share the same Good News through our lives. Think about all the people who were “ENCOUNTERED” by Jesus, The Gerasene Demoniac (Luke 8:26-39), Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-11), The woman at the well (John 4:1-30), Jesus Heals and Feeds Many (Matthew 15:21-38); in each of these texts Jesus comes to people, addresses their needs and they were “Transformed.” Not only were they healed, *but they responded to the mercy of Jesus with the desire to follow Jesus and become one of His disciples.* Jesus would lovingly send them back to their hometowns so that they could tell the story of their transformative encounter with Jesus. In doing this, the Word of God spread throughout the land.

As we journey into 2023, I want us to meditate on the concept of being transformed through worship, prayer, study, fellowship and service. Listen and participate in worship with new ears, a new and more receptive heart, an eager desire to share our talents. I am excited about this year because I am searching for ways to open my heart to new ways to allow the Holy Spirit to Transform my faith and spirit each and every day. Let the Spirit gather us all together for worship in our beautiful sanctuary and let us praise God with one strong and transformed voice. Alleluia!

See you all in Church,

Pastor Tim







# Children, Youth and Family

Happy New Year everyone! I hope everyone had a great Christmas, I can't wait to see what 2023 has in store for us. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the Christmas Program, the kids did a great job. Also thank you to the Confirmation Class for working December 11th out at the Holiday Lights and Motion with the Live Nativity. Thank you to Mike and Trista Rademacher for letting us use their animals and Lee and Issac Johnson for letting us use their fencing for the animals.

On January 15th there will be a representative from Green Lake Bible Camp coming to talk during the service and then talking with the kids after the service and will be able to answer any questions you may have. I will start handing out registration forms on the 8th but I will have more to hand out on the 15th. If your child is interested in going to camp this summer I definitely recommend everyone to do their best at making it to church this day!



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We would this month to... Aaliyah Fuchs, Brody Helget, and Amelia Konkol.

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

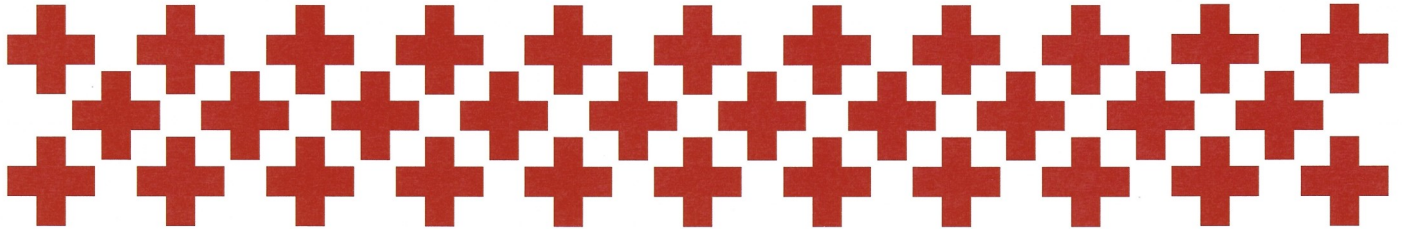
Save the Date: January 1: No Sunday School  
January 8: Resume Sunday School  
January 15: Representative from Green Lake Bible Camp





# American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



## **Sleepy Eye Blood Drive Event Center**

110 12th Ave NE  
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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



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



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App



## The Epiphany of our Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

“Epiphany” is a church-word that, ironically, has provided little insight to most people, so a definition might help: Disctionary.com has as its third meaning “a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.”

God uses a star, or the movements of planets, to tip off Gentile astrologers to the coming of the King of the Jews. How generous of God not to keep that a secret from these bystanders, who, just by doing their ordinary jobs, discover the entry of God into the world in the birth of Jesus. It would have been far safer for Jesus, and for the other boy babies of Bethlehem, to have kept a lid on that information. Of course, generosity can be dangerous. Maybe not life and death dangerous, as it is here, but any time a person gives generously there is a loss of what that resource or asset could have done for the giver, if only he or she had not given it away. God assumes the risk of generously revealing God’s presence in Jesus over and over again—this is only an early epiphany. Eventually, the risk is proven to be read and Jesus is put to death, but God has always seen it as a risk worth taking.

The magi respond with generosity—how could they do otherwise? They have an inkling that this child will have an impact on the world that they cannot imagine, so they generously give their time in travel, their honor in homage, and their gifts in worship.

Prepared by Rev. Gary Hedding, Bethlehem Lutheran, Cedar Falls, IA

Thank you, generous stewards at Trinity Lutheran Church!. The last six weeks of this year has seen monetary gifts of over \$55,000! That is less that we provided in 2021 but is still significant. There are still a few days left to add donations to this total as contribution for 2022 will be accepted until January 8 since the holidays fell on Sunday and we had a blizzard right before Christmas. Statements for 2022 will not be available until January 15th.

Remember to stop by church and pick up your packet of **offering envelopes** as that will save a lot in postage which by the way will be going up mid-January. Youth will receive a packet of envelopes in their Sunday School classrooms in January. Only two packets fit in the narthex mailboxes.

**Noisy offering** will again be held on the months where there are five Sundays and that includes January. We will be collecting for the local Food Shelf.

Thank you for the many prayers offered for Trinity Lutheran Church. The Parish Planning Council will be meeting in early January to finalize a budget for 2023 that will be presented to the congregation on January 29th at the annual meeting for a vote.

Board of Stewardship



# THIS & THAT



**EPIPHANY**

## Week of January 1

Su Luke 2:15-21  
 M Hebrews 11:1-12  
 Tu Hebrews 11:13-22  
 W Hebrews 11:23-31  
 Th Hebrews 11:32-12:2  
 F Matthew 2:1-12  
 Sa Acts 9:19b-31

## Week of January 8

Su Matthew 3:13-17  
 M Acts 10:44-48  
 Tu Acts 8:4-13  
 W Matthew 12:15-21  
 Th Galatians 1:6-12  
 F Acts 1:1-5  
 Sa Luke 5:1-11

## Week of January 15

Su John 1:29-42  
 M Acts 8:26-40  
 Tu Hebrews 10:1-4  
 W Matthew 9:14-17  
 Th Galatians 1:11-24  
 F Galatians 2:1-10  
 Sa Luke 5:27-32

## Week of January 22

Su Matthew 4:12-23  
 M Ephesians 5:6-14  
 Tu Philippians 2:12-18  
 W Luke 1:67-79  
 Th 1 Peter 3:8-12  
 F 1 Timothy 5:17-24  
 Sa John 13:31-35

## Week of January 29

Su Matthew 5:1-12  
 M Philemon 1-25  
 Tu James 5:1-6  
 W Luke 6:17-26  
 Th 1 John 5:1-5  
 F James 3:13-18  
 Sa Mark 7:1-8

**Read the  
 Bible  
 in a Year**



On January 6 Christians celebrate Epiphany, when the Magi came to worship baby Jesus. Epiphany, which means an appearance or manifestation, symbolizes the first recognition of the Savior by non-Jews. Because Epiphany also is a reminder that Jesus came as the light of the whole world, its symbols include light, candles and a star.

How did the wise men know — and how do we know — that Jesus is the light of the world? As preacher George Buttrick said, "It would little avail to ask how we know. That would be like asking how we know that Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy' is joyous. If a man were to say, 'It is not joyous to me,' he would not condemn the music; he would tell only his morbidity. There is no logic to establish an axiom, for an axiom is the basis of all logic; and the soul of Jesus has axiomatic truth. Jesus is light, and there is no proof for light except light itself."

## Another year for God

Another year is dawning; dear Father, let it be,  
 in working or in waiting, another year with thee....

Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
 another year of proving thy presence all the days.

Another year of service, of witness for thy love;  
 another year of training for holier work above.

Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be,  
 on earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.

—Frances Ridley Havergal



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.

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!*





# DECEMBER

# PARISH REPORT



### Worship Services Week of...

Date	Attendance
12/4	91
12/11	123
12/18	67
12/25	167

### Offering

Date	Offering
12/4	\$11,571.14
12/11	\$3045.36
12/18	\$6180.92
12/25	\$15,433.92



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

MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

Monetary gift given to the Endowment Fund in memory of John Roeser, uncle of Juliann Wahlborg.

Monetary gift in memory of John Mangen from a friend.

Monetary gift given in memory of Virgene Stauffer's parents and her husband, Tom.



Thank you for the cards, prayers, and especially Pastor Tim for the visits during our illnesses. Trinity is family.

Jerry & Linda Schueller



### WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO GRIEVE THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES...

Especially Deb Joramo and her family in the loss of her mother, **Marian Tragner**, sister of Alice Mae Hinderman and Ivan Groff. Marian passed away on Christmas Day and was laid to rest December 30th with mass at St. George's Catholic Church

May God's Spirit comfort and assure these families, and all who grieve. We believe in the promise of our Lord to bring us and those we love together in a new heaven and a new earth where crying, pain and death are no more.



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.

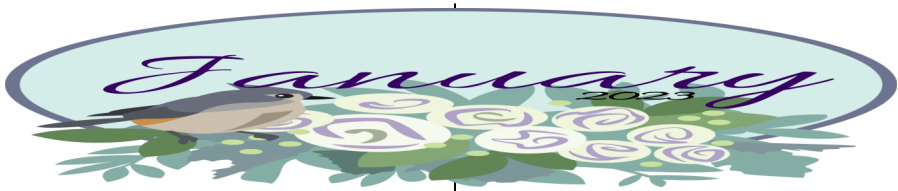
Send an email to the church office at [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email !!

WATCH OUR SERVICES ON TRINITY'S WEBPAGE ANYTIME [www.trinitysleepyeye.org](http://www.trinitysleepyeye.org)

THE TRINITY TIDINGS NEWSLETTER IS NOW ALSO POSTED ON [WWW.SLEEPYEYEONLINE.COM](http://WWW.SLEEPYEYEONLINE.COM) WATCH THIS SITE FOR COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS.

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

# 10 Worship Assistants



## Sunday 9:00 a.m.

### Acolytes

- 1/1 Megan Sellner
- 1/8 Samantha Price
- 1/15 Hunter Mertz
- 1/22 Kali Nachreiner
- 1/29 Kaden Klein

### 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

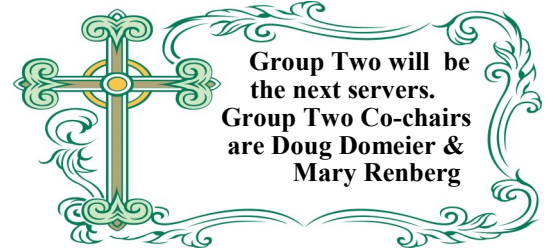
### January Greeters

Brian & Carol Polesky



The Light shines  
in the Darkness...

January: Sarah Lendt, Mary Renberg



Group Two will be  
the next servers.  
Group Two Co-chairs  
are Doug Domeier &  
Mary Renberg



## Sunday 9:00 a.m.

### Acolytes

- 2/5 Blaine Arneson
- 2/12 Kaden Braun
- 2/19 Shea Evers
- 2/22 Hayden Domeier Ash Wednesday
- 2/26 Gavin Fischer

### Readers

- 2/5 Terry Newgord
- 2/12 Susie Pedersen
- 2/19 Mike Petersen
- 2/22 Bonnie Pettis Ash Wednesday
- 2/26 Karen Voge

### Communion Assistants

- 2/5 Lee & Isaac Johnson, Mark Miller
- 2/19 Larry Baumgardt, Neil Neidt, Brian Polesky
- 2/22 Harold & Bonnie Pettis, Darlene Brummund

### Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

### February Ushers

Dennis Mangen, Sue Pedersen

### February Greeters

Eric & Juliann Wahlborg














For God so  
loved the world,  
that he gave his only Son,  
that *whoever*  
believes in him should  
not perish but have  
eternal life.

John 3:16



# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship 	<b>2</b> The Church Office  <b>Will Be Closed:</b>	<b>3</b> 7am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA	<b>4</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 4:00 pm Trinity Choir 4:00 pm Evangelism Board 5:00 pm Parish Planning Council  6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>5</b> 3 pm Maples Bible Study	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9 am- Worship 10:00 am Education Hour 11:30 am Worship at Sundown 	<b>9</b> 9 am Quilting Noon WELCA 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI anon  <b>Annual Reports Due ~ All Boards</b>	<b>10</b> 7am-Men's Bible Study Noon to 6 pm Blood Mobile ~Event Center 3 pm Ross Park 6:30 pm AA 	<b>11</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>12</b> 10 am Countryside Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Education Hour 	<b>16</b> 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI anon 	<b>17</b> 7am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA	<b>18</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>19</b> 3 pm Maples Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>Tidings Articles Due</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9 am- Worship 10 am Education Hour 11:30 am Worship at Sundown	<b>23</b> 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI anon	<b>24</b> 7am-Men's Bible Study 3 pm Ross Park 6:30 pm AA	<b>25</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>26</b> 10 am Countryside Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9 am- Worship Congregational Meeting 10 am Education Hour 	<b>30</b> 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI anon	<b>31</b> 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA				



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# Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 AM

WORSHIP ON LINE  
ANYTIME at [TRINTYSLEEPYEYE.ORG](http://TRINTYSLEEPYEYE.ORG)