

**Happy  
New Year!**

**January  
2022**

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**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

**Worship**  
Sundays, 10 am

**Sunday School**  
Oct. 19th—May 23rd  
9-9:45 am

**Bible Study**  
Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 am

**Interim Pastor:**  
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**Office Staff:**  
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Hours: 9 am-3 pm, M-Th  
9 am-12 pm, Fri.

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Kaneia Kinney

**Offerings Secretary:**  
Karen Magnuson

**Custodians:**  
Jerry & Michelle Dahl

# Trinity "Tidings"



Glory to God! Peace on earth! Merry Christmas! While much of the culture has moved on to New Year's and even making shelves ready for Valentine's Day merchandise, the Church dwells the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh, *evermore and evermore*.

This birth, the incarnation of God demands more than a day, more than some carols and a candlelit silent night.

We begin here *away in a manger* in the *little town of Bethlehem*, where *herald angels* have told shepherds their Savior, Messiah, and Lord lays wrapped in bands of cloth. We marvel with Mary at this birth and the arrival of shepherds to worship this child who radiates light into the *silent night*. *Glorias* fill the *midnight clear*, and *midnight starts* make bright the skies.

But this *Father's love begotten* will not leave us unchanged. It may still be a *bleak midwinter* as Omicron rages across the country overwhelming healthcare professionals and leaving us with little energy to *go tell it on the mountain* or go anywhere really. Nevertheless, *love has come—a light in the darkness!* *What child is this?* This is the Christ child born for you! This is grace for you and all the world in human flesh and bone.

For twelve full days the Church abides in this grace made manifest in flesh. In this pandemic and all of life's struggles Christ is born for you. Amid all the insecurities of life and uncertainties in life, Christ is born for you. On the margins, God found favor with the lowly, and unbeknownst to the powers that be Christ was born to a young unwed couple. The birth announcement arrived with angelic fanfare to shepherds tending their sheep.

Now that announcement has come again to us. We have been to *David's royal city* that great house of bread. Now we return with the shepherds to the flocks and fields of our lives, renewed in hope, filled with joy. By God's grace revealed in this holy child we have been made into herald angels singing God's praise and announcing this good news of peace for all the earth. And whatever we would do for the Christ-child, we do now for our neighbor, because this Saviour, Messiah, and Lord is born for us and for all. Our Savior's face shines now not from the manger bed, but through the face of every neighbor in all the earth. As Howard Thurman writes the work of Christmas begins.

## 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 flock,  
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 others,  
To make music in the heart.

*O Come, All Ye Faithful, O Come, All Ye Faithful*, the work of Christmas has begun. In this work, through this witness, we live into the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh, and there is *joy to the world!*

## **IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:**

Marleen Pytlik, Sean Buck (knee surgery), Grace Hansen (Ave Maria, Jmstn), Linda Westby, Pat Beil, Phil Krentz (Debbie Magnuson's dad), Kate Lehr (Pat Beil's grandniece); **Others in need/tragedies**; our SYNOD /Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth; our ELCA /Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton; our missionaries; military men/women; **OUR SYNOD PARTNERS: Central African Republic/Alaska; PEACE (Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine, C.A.R.)**



*Thank You!*

**"Thank You" to those serving on the Transition team @ TLC:** Sharon Anundson, Amy Anderson, Jennifer Jenness, Nicole Olson, and Jeannie Wobbema.



**...Also, special "Thanks!" goes to Jerry & Julie Yokom for serving as ushers every Sunday during this last year! We so appreciate your willingness & volunteering to serve!**

While they will continue to assist with ushering the second Sunday of every month, we would like to give them some much deserved time off from their ushering responsibilities. If you are willing to volunteer a certain Sunday every month, or even just a Sunday every now and then, please contact Rochelle in the church office (845-3837) or sign up at the back Sanctuary table. Thank you so much!

**thrivent** **SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**Sun., Jan. 16th, 2022**  
**11 a.m. @ TLC**

Mark your calendar for an after service "Power of Membership" educational presentation in the TLC dining room, to learn about Thrivent member programs and how you can make an impact in communities where you live, work, and worship. From helping you be wise with money, to supporting your desire to live generously, Thrivent is here to guide you on your journey.

Presentation will be given by Dan Vinje and Scott Wilmes.

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!  
Hosted by Dakota Prairie Associates.

## **A Message from TLC Council President...**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Trinity Family,

Our season of Christmas has begun and it is wonderful to be surrounded by the golds and whites. Let us remember the true reason for the season "Unto Us a Child is Born".

Our MSP (Ministry Site Profile) has been finished and approved by council. We are now awaiting approval by Bishop Tessa. I would like to thank our transition team of Jennifer Jenness, Amy Anderson, Jeannie Wobbema, Sharon Anundson, and Nicole Olson. They put in many hours and did a wonderful job on the profile.

Our call committee has been formed and will have an organizational meeting sometime in January. Our committee members are Tracey Zaun, Rebecca Westman, Kathy Hoefs, Alex Wittenberg, Al Adams, Sue Martin, Emma Langemo, and Kellen Westman. Thank each one of you for agreeing to serve on this important committee in our search for a new Pastor. Please hold this committee in your hearts and prayers.

Be assured that the call process is well underway. We are grateful to have Pastor Robert with us during this transition. It's really an opportunity for us to look at our congregation; identify areas to strengthen; and work together for the mission of our church. "Love God...Love Others."

You are all valuable members of this congregation. We miss you when you're not able to worship with us. Please keep Trinity in your prayers as we continue to embark on this journey together.

God goes with you....Go with God!  
Diane Kracht, Council President

## **"God's Work. Our Hands."**

### **November 2021 Financial**

Beginning Balance (as of 11/01/21):	\$26,628.94
Income:	\$10,631.00
Expenses:	\$15,880.77
Ending Balance (as of 11/30/21):	\$21,379.17

### **December 2021 Worship Attendance:**

Dec. 5: <b>42</b>	Dec. 24/Christmas Eve: <b>157</b>
Dec. 12: <b>95</b>	Dec. 26: <b>42</b>
Dec. 19: <b>44</b>	

**Pick up your 2022 Offering booklets, located at back of Sanctuary on table next to sound system.**



### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Thank you to all of our students, parents, and teachers for a wonderful Christmas Program. The students did a **WONDERFUL** job sharing the Christmas story!

We will be gearing up for the second half of our Sunday school year and resuming classes on January 9<sup>th</sup>. See the Youth newsletter article below, for information on a special event taking place in January!

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday school is in session



**"Birthday party for Jesus!!!"**

Sun., Jan. 9th

1-3 p.m. @ TLC

Youth ages PreK-gr. 6

Cupcakes & games to celebrate Jesus' birth!

Please RSVP (via email) by Jan. 7th:

christianedt|c@bektel.com

***Be prepared for fun!!***

### **December 2021 Memorials**

#### PEW CUSHIONS

In memory of **Mick Pytlik**

Given by Woody & Rose Wendt, Bruce & Diane Kracht

In memory of **Marlene Bischoff**

Given by Woody & Rose Wendt

In memory of **Herb Hoff**

Given by Jerry & Julie Yokom

In memory of **Wyatt Hatcher**

Given by Carol Olson

In memory of **Courtney Nelson**

Given by Robert & Dee Nelson

In memory of **Erma Anderson**

Given by Carol Olson

In memory of **Charles Olson**

Given by Carol Olson

In memory of **Loved Ones**

Given by Carol Olson

#### MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Marlene Bischoff**

Given by Michael & LuAnn Siekas, Pam Burchill, Naomi & Jeffrey Bancraft



### **Confirmation Corner – January 2022**

Confirmation class schedule for Wednesdays,  
3:30-5:30 p.m. basement Fellowship room

Jan. 12th, 19th & 26th: Gr. 7-9

\*Just a reminder that all grades will now meet together. A schedule for the remainder of meetings will be handed out on Jan. 12th.

Sunday Coffee fellowship sign up:

\*Please plan on providing 3 doz. goodies (homemade OR store purchased), and serving after Worship in Gathering Area.

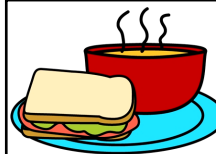
Jan. 2nd: Kellen Westman family

Jan. 9th: Mara Crowe family

Jan. 16th: Sadie Olson family

Jan. 30th: Carson Johnson family

***Just a reminder to students to complete their Worship notes & service projects!***



### **Soup & Sandwich fundraiser**

**for TLC Youth attending  
2022 ELCA Youth Gathering**

**Sunday, Jan. 23rd, following  
Worship/Annual Meeting**

Please consider joining us or taking a to-go meal home and supporting the youth (Georgia Zaun, Carson Johnson, Kellen Westman) that are attending the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July. A free will donation will be taken.

#### BUILDING FUND

In memory of **Marlene Bischoff**

Given by Ruth Triebold

In memory of **Mick Pytlik**

Given by Ruth Triebold

#### RADIO MINISTRY

In memory of **Mick Pytlik**

Given by Tom & Karen Overn

#### WELCA

In memory of **Mick Pytlik**

Given by MaryEtta Moore

#### CASA DE FE

In memory of **Mick Pytlik**

Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walters

In memory of **Marge Jorissen**

Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walters

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2022:**

**Council President:** Diane Kracht

**Vice Pres.:** Randy Ladbury

**Secretary:** Linda Anderson

**Other members:** Jennifer Jenness, Russ Larson, Gene Langemo, Patti Angeles, Rodney Moore, Linda Westby

### **December 2021 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Present:** Diane Kracht, Kaneia Kinney, Linda Anderson, Randy Ladbury, Rodney Moore, Russ Larson, Pr. Robert

**Absent:** Linda Westby, Jennifer Jenness, Gene Langemo

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Diane Kracht

**II. DEVOTION / PRAYER** – Pastor Robert; Luke 1:50-53

**III. CORRESPONDENCE** – Thank you from Bev Reich



**IV. AGENDA REVIEW/ADDITIONS** – Russ made a motion to approve the Agenda with adding D to New Business; seconded by Linda A, approved by Council.

**V. MINUTES of Last Meeting** – Randy made a motion to approve the November minutes; seconded by Rodney, approved by Council.

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT** – Rodney made a motion to approve the November Treasurer's report; seconded by Randy, approved by Council.

**VII. PASTOR'S REPORT** – Getting acquainted with other church leaders in the community. Will be leading communion at Rudolph Square on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Christian Education/Diane:** We are still in need of substitute Sunday school teachers. Sunday school program was on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> during church. Sunday school and confirmation classes will pick up again in January.

**2. Endowment/Randy:** \$500 was donated to the TLC General Fund. Next meeting is April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

**3. Global Missions/Jennifer:** nothing to report

**4. Outreach/Diane & Gene:** Thanksgiving baskets and the bill. The offering plate will be passed around December 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> for those that were devastated by tornados.

**5. Property/Russ & Gene:** When will the carpet be installed in the Sanctuary? Parsonage: bathroom & garages lights are in; flooring will be installed after the drywall is done in the bathroom; Terry Gilbertson has been doing the framing in bathroom; new sheetrock will be installed in garage. Keith's were out/advised that the west bank heating is good.

**6. Stewardship/Linda A:** nothing to report at this time.

**7. Worship-Music/Diane:** Christmas Eve service will be at 4pm. Ushers are needed.

**8. Youth/TLC Kids Club-Rodney:** nothing to report

**9. WELCA (Women of ELCA)/Linda W:** 3 more bake sales for the holidays have went well.

### **IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Custodian Job Description: Motion made by Russ, seconded by Randy to approve the Job description for Custodian. Approved by council.

B. Call Committee has been put together: Tracey Zaun, Rebecca Westman, Kathy Hoefs, Emma Langemo, Kellen Westman, Sue Martin, Alex Wittenberg, Royce Kinney & Al Adams.

### **X. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. MSP Profile: Russ made a motion to approve the MSP Profile; seconded by Rodney, approved by Council.

B. 2022 Budget : Russ made a motion to approve the 2022 budget; seconded by Rodney, approved by Council.

C. Annual Meeting Date: January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

1. Agenda

2. 2022 Budget

3. Nominating Committee – 3 Position are up: Linda Anderson, Linda Westby, Patti Angeles.

4. Auditing Committee – Sue Martin, Karen Ladbury, Rose Wendt

D. Microphone – Russ made a motion to have the microphone in the Sanctuary looked at; seconded by Rodney, approved by Council.

### **XI. OTHER:**

**XII. TLC "Wish List"** – Pew cushions

**XIII. Next meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm.**

A motion was made by Rodney to adjourn meeting, seconded by Randy; approved by Council.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.