



Trinity Update 2 WEEK EDITION

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Dear Beloved of Trinity ,

The tags were all taken off the Giving Tree, gifts were purchased then sorted, followed by the days of pick up. I want to pass on the thank you I heard from the families. So thank you to those of you who participated in the Giving Tree. In the spirit of Christmas, you provided joy to children who otherwise might not have gotten gifts.

I write this as Christmas fast approaches. Planning the Christmas Eve services with the special music is such a joy. I love the interspersion of scripture and carols. We hear the familiar story of the angel coming to Mary, announcing that she would give birth to the savior of the world. Joseph and Mary are required to travel to Bethlehem to be counted in the census. Upon their arrival, Mary's labor has progressed and it is time for Jesus' birth.

Can you imagine being a shepherd sitting on a hillside in the quiet evening watching the sheep peacefully graze? The peaceful evening is woken up by the appearance of an angel then more angels announcing the glorious birth. So they take off running to see for themselves. They look for the sign...a babe wrapped in swaddling clothing and sure enough, it's just as the angles said. Jesus was laid in a manger. What awe and wonder they must have felt!

This year as you hear the readings from Luke, may your ears be open to something new, perhaps something you haven't heard before. What wonder is God placing before you? What will the new year bring for you? What is God up to in the world and how will He use you?

2022 is a gift. ...unwrap it...see what's inside. You are a beloved child of God and He will guide your footsteps to a bright future.

I look forward to continuing ministry with you.

Peace ,

Deacon Christie

**Attendance: Wednesday (12/15) 6:30pm—No worship service due to bad weather
Sunday (12/19) 8am—72 & 10:30am—125**

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of December 19

\$10,625

Total Operating Expenses

\$ 9,795

Actual Total Giving

\$ 830

This one number represents all expenses including staff costs, benevolences, supplies, outreach, and our mortgage payment. If you have questions regarding the budget, please contact Tommy Pollema at 321-3057. **Ways to Give:** Online Giving: <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online>
Text Giving: (605) 777-7223 Envelopes: In-person or mail to the church

Our December Globe offering goes to Lutheran Social Services

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec 26—Worship 9am; No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study due to the holiday

Monday, Dec 27—Church office closed due to the holiday

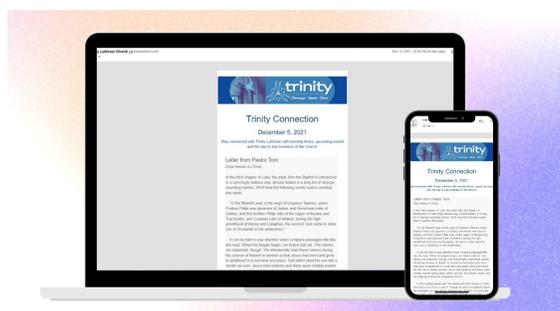
Tuesday, Dec 28—6:30am Men's Breakfast; 9:30am Blood Pressure Checks; 10am Over 55 Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 29—No worship or youth activities due to the holiday

Thursday, Dec 30—5:30pm TOPS

Friday, Dec 31—Church office closed due to the holiday

Sunday, Jan 2—Worship 8am & 10:30am; 10:30am Online worship, 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Kindergarten Milestone; No Sunday School



NEW NEWSLETTER LAYOUT COMING SOON!

A new look is coming to our weekly newsletter! You will notice an updated look to your weekly emails as well to the printed copies. The new look will allow for all the information in one place and no more attachments to download. You will still see a letter from the ministers, weekly attendance, financials, upcoming events, prayer list, links to information about the ELCA and much more! We welcome any feedback.



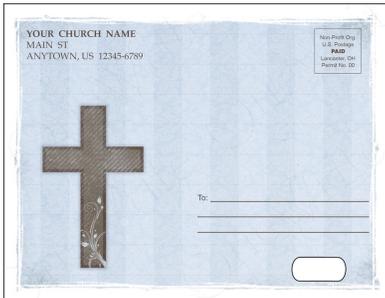
OVER 55 GROUP

Tuesday, Dec. 28

9:30 am Blood pressure checks

10:00 am Meeting

We will be having a White Elephant gift exchange, please bring you gift wrapped. Lunch will be provided but if you would like to bring Christmas goodies to share we will have those for dessert.



2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2022 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the Gathering Space. If you don't have one or if you no longer want yours, please contact the business office.



YEAR END GENEROUS GIFT

We recently received a very generous gift to the church in the amount of \$100,000. We are so grateful! With the donor's permission, we'd like to challenge you to think about your church family and give a gift at the end of the year. Some of you can give an extra \$5 or \$10 dollars and some of you can give much more. We thank you in advance for your generosity. Give what is appropriate for you.



Kindergarten Milestone — Learning to Pray

Lesson #1—Sunday, January 2

Lesson #2 — Sunday, January 9

Celebration — Sunday, January 23

Meet Deacon Christie in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am.

Prayer requests for members and friends of our congregation:

- Marie Karnof
- Steve Jelen's dad – Gene
- Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth
- Melissa Jelen's dad – Greg Myrmoe
- Doug DeYoung
- Jeff Olinger's grandmother – Diane Spear
- Shirley Oltmann's sister—Linda Goulet
- Judy Junke's son-in-law—Laverle Stratman and daughter—Tara Davis
- Delores Wells' friend – Joretta Harms
- Carla Oschner's mom — Nancy Peterson