



## TRINITY CONNECTION

DECEMBER 30, 2022

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

Happy New Year! What a blessing it is to begin another new year with you. As a congregation, we have weathered trials and shared joys. I give God thanks and look forward to the experiences and connections we will share in 2023.

This week in scripture we hear the story of the wisemen, told only in the Gospel of Matthew. What curious visitors they were who arrived from the east. We're they astrologers...philosophers...royalty? We may not know a lot about these travelers but we do know they were seekers. Seekers of the divine. We know they heeded their gut feelings about pursuing the intriguing star. Is this what they'd been waiting for? Or was it an anomaly that they couldn't resist researching further?

Whatever their reason for traveling the arduous trek, they acted. They didn't just observe, they went, they followed it to the Christ Child...a journey of faith.

What can we learn from the wisemen, the Magi of long ago?

As you look at the new year, what are you seeking? What brings you closer to the divine? What action will you take?

I'm not a New Year resolution maker but I do set attainable, measurable goals for myself. I look for ways to make deeper connections to the divine and to those around me.

From our Generation to Generation series, receive this blessing:

Like the Magi, may you seek the divine and be willing to journey closer to God.

This new year and every year to come, may you keep seeking- wisdom, justice and a better world.

Peace be with you, my friends  
Deacon Christie

## Church Calendar

### Tuesday, January 3

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast  
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)

### Wednesday, January 4

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)  
9:00 am: Quilting Group  
5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal  
6:30 pm: Worship  
7:15 pm: Me's Wednesday Night Bible Study, KFC-All, Confirmation, High School Youth,

### Thursday, January 5

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)  
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery  
5:30 pm: TOPS

### Friday, January 6

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

### Sunday, January 8

8:00 am: Worship  
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies, Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Kindergarten Milestone, Budget Information Meeting  
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person)  
11:30 am: Executive Board Meeting

### Monday, January 9

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

### Tuesday, January 10

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast  
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)  
6:30 pm: Church Board Meetings  
7:30 pm: Church Council Meeting

### Upcoming Important Dates

Jan. 16: Church office closed due to the holiday  
Jan 29: Trinity's Annual Meeting

## Attendance

### Wednesday, December 21

6:30 pm: No service due to holiday

### Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

3:00 pm: 319 5:00 pm: 369 6:30 pm: 81

### Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

9:00 am: 87

## Church Finances

### Week of December 25, 2022

**Total Operating Cost:** \$11,735

**Actual Total Giving:** \$16,347

**Difference of:** \$4,612

Total operating cost 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:** [www.teatrinity.org/give](http://www.teatrinity.org/give)

**Text Giving:** (605) 777-7223

**Envelopes:** In-person or  
Mail to the church

## January Globe Offering

### LUTHERAN OUTDOORS

## Prayer Requests

- Greg Myrmoe ▪ Ray Kelly
- Chad Hindberg
- Melva Hilmoe's brother and Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Michael Schmidt's uncle Larry Schmidt
- Jami Atkin's dad Kevin Roth
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl Fritz
- Delmer Otten's mom, Delores Otten
- Delores Wells' brother & brother-in-law, Roy Wells and Jerry Boellaard
- Sare Brech's dad, Dale Kremer
- Amy Kuhnert's family member, Jeremy Josephson
- Rick and Lois Munzke's nephew, Chris Munzke
- Donna Southern's friend, Phillip Caslin



## Quilters Group

Wednesday, Jan. 4

9:00 am

in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we continue to work on putting together more quilts together for Lutheran World Relief. No sewing or quilting experience is necessary. All are welcome.

## First Wednesday Men's Bible Study

First Wednesday of the Month

Wednesday, Jan. 4

7:15—8:15 pm

in the Connections Room

Calling all Men! Pastor Tom will be hosting a "First Wednesday Men's Bible Study". Whether this is the first Bible Study you've ever attended, or you just want to know a little more about the Bible and get to meet some new people, feel free to check this out.

## Milestone Ministry

Kindergarten Milestone—Learning to Pray

Sunday, Jan. 8, 9:15 am - Lesson #1 | Sunday, Jan. 22, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

Celebration: Sunday, Jan. 29 at 8:00 or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 pm

Join Deacon Christie and learn about how prayer is essential for a faith life. Come learn how to pray for our own needs and the needs of others!

## Budget Information Meeting & Annual Meeting

Budget Information Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 8

9:15 am

in the Gathering Space

Trinity's Annual Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 29

11:30 am

in the Sanctuary



## Trinity Lutheran Preschool registration now open!

3 & 4 year olds

Tuesday/Thursday

8:30 - 11:00 am

4 & 5 year olds (Pre-K)

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8:30 - 11:30 am

Trinity Lutheran Preschool 2023-2024 registration is now available. We are a Christ-centered preschool with play based learning program. Our themed lessons and virtue focus will enrich the whole child by incorporating all learning styles and senses. Learning outcomes will enhance a child's spiritual, social-emotional, physical and intellectual development.

Call the church office for more information or to register.



## Under This Roof Update

**Roof Replacement Goal: \$75,000**  
**Amount Raised: \$20,220**

This past spring our roof received significant damage from the two wind/hail storms that came through the area. For this reason, we are needing to raise funds to replace the roof, join us in the **UNDER THIS ROOF** campaign. The estimate for replacing the roof is \$190,000, the insurance company has paid \$115,000. We are needing to raise \$75,000. Any funds raised above and beyond the expense of the roof repairs will be used for improvements around the church. Your gift, no matter how big or small, makes a difference! To donate, contact the church office.



## 2023 Offering Envelopes

**Offering envelopes are available to pickup  
in the Gathering Space.**

If you are not able to pick up your offering envelopes and we can mail it to you. Please contact the church office to arrange this.

## Thank you to everyone who donated to the Giving Tree!

I am so proud...as proud as a Lutheran can be...of the generosity of this congregation. When there is a need, you step up. Thank you for helping others have a good Christmas. Your help provides presents for kids who would normally not receive anything.

Here are some comments I received from recipients.

*"Just wanted to say thank you again for the amazingly thoughtful gifts for my daughter/our home. She's going to love them. Thank you so much! God is so good. Merry Christmas!"*

*"Your gifts have given my daughter the best day ever! She cannot believe what she received!"*

*"Thank you for the Christmas gifts. My kids and I will have a wonderful Christmas hanks to you and Trinity Church."*

Galatians 6:2 says, "Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."

Thank you, family of faith, Deacon Christie



## Winter Coats Available and Accepting Donations

Board of Outreach is collecting new and gently used cold weather gear in the east entrance of the church and is available to the public. We are currently collecting coats, jackets, snow pants, hats, gloves, and boots that will be made available to our neighbors in the community. Used items are accepted, but please launder before you drop them off. We accept new items as well. Simply drop off the items in the Gathering Space bin at church.

## January Food Pantry Donation: Cookies (non-bakery)

Due to the raising cost of food the Food Pantry has seen an increase in clients in the past few months. We are featuring a monthly collection item. Feel free to pick up an extra item or two when out shopping to help those in need! In the month of January we will be collecting cookies (non-bakery). Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space. If you have questions or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact the church office or call Ruth at 605-321-7325.

## Sunday School Service Project Night was a great success!

We packed 50 health care kits and over 15 laundry baskets with cleaning supplies.

