



## Trinity Update

December 17, 2021

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Dear friends in Christ,

Wednesday, the weathercaster looked confused. The fog rolled in. A summerlike downpour fell on ten inches of snow already on the ground. Dogs hid under the bed for fear of thunder. And a tornado touched down in Minnesota. Welcome to the middle of December? Wow!

It felt eerie to have such an unseasonal weather event so close to home, and it prompted me to say another prayer for the people in Kentucky who experienced the devastating tornados last week. When disaster strikes prayer and physical action go hand in hand. Lutherans understand this and have put years of skill, energy, and financial resources into building a highly respected and effective disaster response organization.

Lutheran Disaster Response is often one of the first agencies in and one of the last to leave. If you are reading this through the email newsletter, here is a link to the tornado response for Kentucky.

[www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/US-Tornadoes](http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/US-Tornadoes)

While you are on their website, please take a few minutes to read about their important ministry.

I give thanks to God for all those who are called to serve in disaster response ministry. May God continue to bless their work and heal all those going through deep and sudden loss.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Opoien



Attendance: Wednesday (12/8) 6:30pm—106; Sunday (12/12) 8am—62 & 10:30am—392

## CHURCH FINANCES

Week of December 12

\$10,625

Total Operating Expenses

\$13,884

Actual Total Giving

\$ 3,259

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**

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, Dec 19—Worship 8am & 10:30am; 10:30am Online worship, 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School**

**Monday, Dec 20—8:30am Preschool**

**Tuesday, Dec 21—6:30am Men's Breakfast**

**Wednesday, Dec 22—8:30am Preschool; 10:30 Preschool Christmas Program; No Worship or Youth Activities due to the holiday**

**Thursday, Dec 23—5:30pm TOPS**

**Friday, Dec 24—3:00pm, 5:00pm & 6:30pm Christmas Eve Services**

**Sunday, Dec 25—Worship 9am; 9am Online worship; No Adult Bible Study & Sunday School**

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YOU

## FANTASTIC BLOOD DRIVE

Trinity Lutheran had a fantastic blood drive, thank you to all that donated blood! The total number of donations was 43, which will help save the lives of 129 people.

*Christmas Eve Services*

December 24  
3:00, 5:00, 6:30 pm



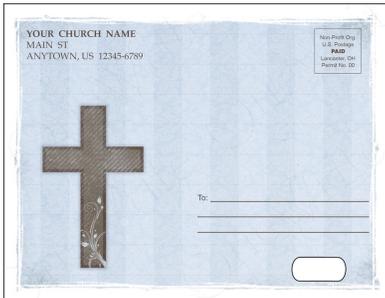
## OVER 55 GROUP

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.



## PRESCHOOL SPECIAL GUEST

This week Trinity Lutheran Preschool had a special guest, Marlys Bergjord. Marlys read a few books to the children, including one about Norway! Also, if any kids from Sunday School or the church want to drop off a letter to Santa, there is a red mailbox outside the preschool room!

## 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