



Trinity Update

December 5, 2021

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Dear friends in Christ,

In the third chapter of Luke, the adult John the Baptist is introduced in a seemingly tedious way, almost hidden in a long list of strange sounding names. We'll hear the following words read in worship this week.

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and this brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness."

It can be hard to pay attention when scripture passages like this are read. When the begats begin, our brains bail out. The names are important, though. We intentionally read these names during the season of Advent to remind us that Jesus was born and grew to adulthood in a real time and place. God didn't send his son into a sterile vacuum. Jesus had relatives and there were notable events taking place within families, the political world, and the religious institutions throughout his life.

In the coming weeks we'll be reading the birth stories of John and Jesus from Luke 1 and 2. Though located immediately before the passage you read above, the first two chapters of Luke take place thirty years earlier when a young woman named Mary and her much older cousin Elizabeth, both find themselves unexpectedly pregnant. In those birth stories we hear of another emperor and another Herod who make that world a dangerous place to have babies. These baby cousins will grow up to be John the Baptist and Jesus the Messiah.

So, the lists of names hold treasures. These stories of light, hope, and life are set in complex times, and they are for each of us. As we walk through our own times this Advent, may these names and their stories surround us with hope.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Opoien

Attendance: Wednesday (11/17) 6:30pm—107; Sunday (11/21) 8am—69 & 10:30am—323

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of November 21

\$10,625

Total Operating Expenses

\$ 8,391

Actual Total Giving

\$ 2,234

Attendance: Wednesday (11/24) 6:30pm—no service; Sunday (11/28) 8am—50 & 10:30am—139

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of November 28

\$10,625

Total Operating Expenses

\$14,385

Actual Total Giving

\$ 3,760

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 5— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 10:30am Online worship; 7:30-11:45 am Silent Pie Auction; 9-11:45 am Holiday Bake Sale; 9:15am Adult Sunday School & Sunday School; 4pm Trinity Christmas Program

Monday, Dec 6—8:30am Preschool, 6:30pm Youth & Family Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 7—6:30am Men's Breakfast, 8pm Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 8—8:30am Preschool; 5:45pm Band Rehearsal; 6:30pm Worship, 7:15pm KFC-6th Grade, Confirmation, High School Youth

Thursday, Dec 9—5:30pm TOPS

Friday, Dec 10—8:30am Preschool

Saturday, Dec 11—10:30am Christmas Program Rehearsal for Sunday School

Sunday, Dec 12— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 10:30am Online worship, Sunday School Christmas Program; 9:15am Adult Sunday School, Sunday School



**Thank you for all the greetings and cards for my birthday.
They are very much appreciated.**

Luella DeJong



WINTER COATS AND GLOVES DONATIONS NEEDED

Trinity has been collecting winter gear but is very low on women's coats and gloves for both adults and kids! Simply drop off the items in the marked basket in The Gathering Space at church.



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE, SILENT PIE AUCTION & CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 5

Silent Pie Auction: 7:30 –11:45 am

Baked Goods Sale: 9-11:45 am

Concert: 4pm

The Youth & Family Board is having a holiday bake sale and silent pie auction. All proceeds will go to the senior high youth to help them get to Minneapolis in July for the National Youth Gathering. Followed by an afternoon filled with holiday cheer and a combination of voices of all ages along with our very own bells choir! If you would like to donate baked goods, signup is online:

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=FQRX8641&v=16d00ec132>

FAREWAY & HY-VEE GROCERY SCRIP CARDS



Everyone needs groceries! Why not use your weekly, bi-weekly or monthly trip to Hy-Vee or Fareway to help fund your camp account. How it works: 5% of your purchase will go into your camp account. For example, you purchase \$100 gift card, you will receive a \$100 gift card and \$5 will go in your camp account. Scrip cards are available upon request or during business hours Monday - Friday in the church office. Grandparents/Family members/Friends? YOU can still help. Just buy your grocery gift cards from the church and assign your profits to your favorite family or youth's account.

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
- Sympathy extended to the Bergjords in the death Gordon's nephew, John Van Oort