

The Epistle

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Trinity Lutheran Church is a place to gather, refresh the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel

January 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

This year we get two Sundays in the Christmas Season, two Sundays to dwell on the miracle of the incarnation, God come to dwell among us in the person of Jesus.

Christmas gifts and decorations have filled stores since at least mid-fall, but it will all be gone soon, too soon in my humble opinion. When Christmas final comes, can we not enjoy it for the short but actual Christmas Season? Christmas lasts a full twelve days--all the way through Jan. 5 so make the most of the season. Read from the beginning chapters of Matthew, Luke, and even John. Revisit the art on your Christmas Cards. And absolutely listen to more Christmas hymns.

The sanctuary will be open for a few hours on Epiphany, Jan. 6. Then we will settle in for a long Season after the Epiphany, which is full of various manifestations. Each gospel story manifests or reveals something about Jesus, from his baptism at the Jordan, the wedding at Cana, his inaugural address, the calling of the first disciples, the beginning of the sermon on the plain, and finally the trip up to the Mountain of Transfiguration. We learn more and more about this Jesus, and we get glimpses of what it means to follow him. And all along, the Holy Spirit is present too, both in Jesus' ministry and in our lives. As always, I am grateful to be on this journey with you.

Peace, Pastor Meggan



residents. This service provides free food for those in need.

December's Noisy Offering on Sunday, December 26th will be for *The Traveling Table*. The Traveling Table Mobile Food Pantry serves north Nampa



utility and medical bills and for food from our food pantry. This fund affords her the chance to assist others when needed. Thanks for your generosity!

January's Noisy Offering on Sunday, January 30th will be for the *Trinity Emergency Fund*. Pastor Meggan has requests for gas vouchers, for help with



Epiphany Stations

The sanctuary will be open Thursday, Jan. 6 from 5-7 PM. You can: pick up a **star word** for 2022 (as the magi were guided by a star to the infant Jesus, so you can be guided by a star), **light a candle** by the font for someone or some place (we will celebrate Baptism of Our Lord Jan. 9) and hang your intentions or hopes for 2022 on our **tree** (trees are powerful symbols throughout scripture, from Eden to Jesus' death on a tree, to the tree for the healing of the nations in *Revelation*). You can also take some time on Epiphany to simply sit and enjoy the stillness of the sanctuary.



Monday Morning Study- 10:00 a.m.

Richard Rohr's "The Universal Christ"



Sunday Adult Forum

Coming in January: *Love Big* by Rozella H. White



STAR WORDS for 2022 - will be available at our Epiphany event on January 6th. Now is a good time to think about the impact of your 2021 Star Word! How did it guide you or influence your journey?

2022 Budget Q and A

On Zoom at 7 PM Jan. 20

In person after worship Jan. 23

Camp Sunday



Luther Heights Executive Director Kelly Preboski will be with us for Sunday School and Worship Jan. 30 (annual meeting Sunday). Bring all your questions about youth and family camp, volunteer weekends, employment, and more.



Calling all Singers: The congregation is going to learn a **new liturgy** (Setting 12 from the new hymnal supplement All Creation Sings) during Lent, starting March 6. If you would like to help lead the congregation in this new liturgy, join us in the sanctuary after worship service beginning **Feb. 6**. Ask Pastor Meggan about **sheet music and recordings in mid-January**.



President

Sarah Henthorn (21)

Vice-President

Jerry Armbrust (23) (21 as VP)

Secretary

Penelope Smith (22) (21 Sec.)

Treasurer

Lloyd Kellar (end Dec 31)

Karissa Armbrust (begin Jan 1st)

Financial Secretary

Kristina Radke (renewable)

Accounts Payable Coordinator

Karissa Armbrust (renewable)

Council Team Assignments

Christian Education/Youth: Sandy Blom (23)

Church in Community: Mwajuma Dusabe (22)

Communication: TBD (22)

Gospel and Growth: Penelope Smith (22)

Hospitality: Amanda Hanson (22)

Property: Tom Friddle (21)

Stewardship: Sarah Henthorn (21)

Trinity New Hope: Carl Radke (23)

Worship & Music: Caitlin McHugh (21)

Congregational Committee Assignments

Audit: Julie Ward (21) Tami Robinson (23),

Emily Bentley (22)

Endowment: Larry Mills (21), Lisa Harker (22),

Edith Hannett (23)

Memorial: Ardelle O'Bryan (21), Craig Olsen (23),

Andrew Hanson (23)

Nominating: Jennifer Metz, Tim McHugh, Tom Friddle,

Sarah Henthorn

Mutual Ministry: Sharon Jones, Jerry Armbrust, Tammy

Torrey, Steve Ward

Synod Assembly Voting Members: Jerry & Karissa

Armbrust

Luther Heights Representatives: Janet Metzger &

Cathy Winwood



Women's Luncheon

The **December** Women's Luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. at *Bob's Restaurant*, 1411 Shilo Dr., Nampa. Bring a white elephant for gift exchange if you would like to participate. RSVP to Sandy Cosgrove or Judy Kiellar.

The **January** Women's Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 25th at *TBD*.



Trinity New Hope Wish List

- Two New (Metal/Rubber) Wrap Picnic Tables
- Two New Outdoor Barbeques
- One Large Outdoor Trash Can (Park Style)
- A Tree in front yards of units missing them.
- Perma-bark (rock) in the garden areas of the units instead of blow in wood bark that just deteriorates.
- New Sprinkler System

Confirmation Schedule

January 8-9th - Retreat at Immanuel (starts 1:30 p.m.)

February 6- 1:30-3:30 p.m. @ Hope

March 13- 1:30-3:30 p.m. @ Hope

April 9-10- Retreat at Trinity

May 21- Confirmation Dinner at KoG

May 22- Confirmation Sunday



Getting Ready for the Gathering

January 2 at KoG, 12:30-3:00 p.m.

February 27, 12-2:30 p.m.

April 3, 12-2:30 p.m.

June 5, 12-2:30 p.m.



Statistical Comparison For December

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
11/29/20	?	\$ 3,333.88
11/28/21	47	2,610.50
12/6/20	?	2,715.00
12/5/21	58	2,772.42
12/13/20	78	2,800.00
12/12/21	71	4,172.00
12/20/20	?	6,231.07
12/19/21	46	5,376.29
12/27/20	?	3,582.00
12/26/21	(not available at time of printing)	
November Automatic Giving:		\$1,514.48
December Automatic Giving (through 12/20):	unavailable	

Faithful Families - Zoom Series

Mondays Jan 17 - Feb 7 at 8:00 p.m.



We will discuss Traci Smith's book- *Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home* for participants. Sessions will be around 8PM one

night a week for four weeks.



The **Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge** is presented annually by Home Partnership

Foundation, a 501(c)3 created by Idaho Housing and Finance Association in 2005. The goal of the Avenues for Hope campaign is to strengthen housing-related nonprofits throughout Idaho by encouraging individual donations to help prevent homelessness and improve affordable housing options. To make a gift to **Trinity New Hope (affordable housing)**, please check back between 8 a.m. **December 9th and midnight December 31st** to make your donation: bit.ly/tnhA4H. This year's campaign for TNH will help with landscaping around the houses, helping us preserve foundations for years to come. Grading and excavating total raised as of printing date is \$9,870.00.



Congregation Council
Meeting for **December**
Team Reports for 12/14/21

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pr. Meggan Manlove

Cluster: Dec. 4 around 20 people from five congregations gathered at Hope Lutheran with facilitator Alicia Griffith. She led us through a four-hour Action Planning Session. At the end of the morning, we had broken into planning groups around five different items. Alicia will continue to coach/guide us through June 2022. Please talk to Trinity participants Sandy Blom, Sarah Henthorn, Penelope Smith, or Pastor Meggan if you want to hear more about the process and where we are headed.

Experimentation: I am excited for our first Longest Night outdoor worship Dec. 21 and to do Epiphany Stations for a second year Jan. 6. Thanks to a Thrivent Action Team we can purchase books for many of our families with kids and have an online Zoom discussion group in January about building faith practices in the homes.

Camp and Synod: Luther Heights Director Kelly Preboski will be with us at Trinity Jan. 30. In place of synod assembly this year, we will have three Regional Gatherings. The closest one to us will be in Twin Falls Saturday, May 14. Our speaker will be Linda Staats. Cost is \$300 per congregation and \$10 for each person. Our cluster may charter a bus.

Volunteers/You! A preview of my annual report--from Thanksgiving Food Boxes to Advent devotionals, Christmas Program to weekly altar guild duties, donations to ELCA World Hunger and Avenues for Hope to monthly giving to the congregation annual fund, learning new technology and helping lead worship, so many of you have you given faithfully of yourselves this year. It is inspiring and humbling to be your pastor.

CHURCH IN COMMUNITY: Mwajuma Dusabe/JB

Equal Exchange: coffee/chocolate /tea sales. Please enjoy some delicious Fellowship Blend for \$7/lb. or Sister's Blend for \$8/lb. Other great EE products are also on sale and available for great gifts! Call Steve or Renee VanAtter who will either deliver your order or leave it at the church for you. Sales are also available after church services most Sundays. We truly appreciate your kind support.

Noisy Offerings: 11/28 Women's and Children's Shelter/Lighthouse Mission for Men; socks, mittens, hats, gloves \$95.90. Thanks for all your wonderful support! Both shelters were so appreciate of your gifts. 12/26 The Traveling Table Mobile Food Pantry services north Nampa residents. This service provides free food for those in need. Many thanks for your overwhelming support of our many Noisy Offering projects. You are truly givers who care for others. Thanks for your suggestions of new and favorite projects to do next year. We are compiling our list and will start the new year with the *Trinity Emergency Fund* 1/30.

Service projects completed: 11/21 Thanksgiving Food Boxes X6; 12/12 Trinity New Hope Christmas TotesX6; 12/19 Christmas Food Boxes X6 assembled and delivered. Thanks again for your worthy contributions and your time.

GOSPEL AND GROWTH: Penelope Smith

is not meeting in December. 116 regular and 3 large print copies of the Advent Daily Devotional booklets have been printed, with 6 remaining. In addition, many are reading the devotion on their computers and/or listening to Pastor Meggan read the devotions on Facebook. The committee delayed making a decision on Monday Midwinter Movies, waiting to see how the COVID numbers develop in December and early January.

STEWARDSHIP: Penelope Smith

is not meeting in December. Advent Conspiracy activities were done in November/December, including discussions on Zoom and at Adult Forum on some Advent questions, handing out activity packets to households with children, and placing the "bingo game" as the first page in the Advent Daily Devotional booklet. December Year-Round-Stewardship relates to Inner Calm, with prompts in each Sunday bulletin and as table tents at Soup Suppers. 38 pledge cards for 2022 have been received, with a revised total pledged of \$101,020.00. 12 households requested small colored offering envelopes for 2022; this compares with 24 households using envelopes in recent years. Most people who said "no" to envelopes going forward cited liking the return envelopes sent out

in the church's monthly mailings. 2022 envelope packets have been assembled and placed in church mailboxes. Those not picked up will be delivered between Christmas and New Years.

YOUTH: Sandy Blom

Christmas Program: Dec. 12, Thanks to Amanda and Emily.

ELCA Youth Gathering: Plane tickets for Minneapolis are purchased. Treasure Valley Cluster Getting Ready Session Jan. 2 at King of Glory.

Luther Heights: Summer Calendar is posted online.

Play for Peace joining us for Intergenerational Sunday School Jan. 23.

Four Zoom sessions planned for January--families will discuss the book Faithful Families:

Creating Sacred Movement at Home.

Confirmation Overnight at Immanuel Jan. 8-9.



**Trinity Lutheran Church
College Scholarship
Description and Application
2021 Graduates**

The Trinity Lutheran Church College Scholarship is for graduating high school seniors who are active+ members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Nampa, Idaho. This scholarship must be used at a two-year or four-year accredited college or university or an accredited trade school within the academic year following their high school graduation. It is to be used for tuition, books or other education related fees. This scholarship is supported by the Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) congregation and the TLC Youth Program. The monetary value* funded by TLC for this scholarship will total \$500. This will be given out or divided between one or more students recommended to the church council by the youth committee for final approval based on their Trinity Lutheran Church College Scholarship Application. Scholarship applications will be available to download on the TLC website- www.nampatrinity.org Applicants must complete the application form and return it to the church office before February 15 of their graduating year. Criteria for award selection will be based on completed application and 2 letters of recommendation. Applicants will be notified by mail in April if they are to receive the award [whole or partial]. Recipients will be recognized at the High School Graduate Recognition Sunday in May.

Church Campout!!! it's just six months until the annual Trinity Lutheran Church CampOut at Donnelly. After carefully looking at members' commitments to be at Luther Heights and at the



youth gathering in Minneapolis, we think the weekend of **June 24th - 26th** is our best option. And the probability (statistically speaking) of green algae in Lake Cascade, of temperatures in the 100s, and of smoke from wildfires is lower in June. So please mark this event on your calendar now, before it starts filling with other outings. There is plenty of room for RVs and tents. Come for the weekend; come just for Saturday. Questions? Talk to Steve and Julie Ward.



Stewardship of Inner Calm - During December (using words in the church bulletins, the Advent Daily Devotional booklet, and table tents at Soup

Suppers) we encouraged you to use your five senses to infuse your holiday season with moments of calm. We hope you have let the sights, sounds, aromas, flavors and textures of the season to help you pause and find moments of rest. And, if that has worked well for you, there's no reason why you cannot continue this practice into the new year!



The **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation will be Sunday, **January 30th**.

Committee Reports are due to the office no later than Sunday, **January 2nd**. (you may email them to churchbiz@msn.com or bring them in).



Save the Date
Winter Retreat with Luther Heights
hosted by Camp Perkins-
February 11-17
<https://lutherheights.org/>



It's Not Your Grandmother's Canning Anymore!

Would you like to learn or refresh your food preservation skills? The University of Idaho Extension Faculty will be offering a Master Food Safety Advisor program in 2022. Participants will learn hands-on how to safely preserve food products. Trinity Lutheran Church has three Master Food Safety Advisors who help present a hands-on workshop at Trinity each year (Covid willing). We are looking for a couple of volunteers to take this training and help us provide the workshop to the community. If you are willing to do this Trinity will pay the \$95.00 registration fee for 2-3 people. You will be responsible to complete the required instruction hours and the volunteer hours once you finish the course. Our workshop will give you enough hours to fulfill that requirement. Ask Judy or Lloyd Kellar or Tami Robinson for more information or pick up a request for a registration form. Tami Robinson 208-681-1480, please leave a message if I don't answer.

DATES:

Weekly on Tuesdays

Virtual – February 1st to March 15th – 9:00 am to Noon
In-Person – March 22nd – March 29th – 9:00 am to 3 pm

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

January 21, 2022

LOCATION:

University of Idaho
Owyhee County Extension
238 8th Ave W
Marsing, ID 83639



Trinity Lutheran Classes in January

Want to learn more about Trinity Lutheran Church, the ELCA, and Lutheranism? Join us after worship Jan. 9, 16, and 23 in the Koinonia Room/Blue Room.

2022 ANNUAL BUDGET PLEDGE DRIVE

Our thanks to each household that made a financial commitment to

Trinity for 2022! Your generosity during 2021 is deeply appreciated, as is your continued support of our ministries in the coming year.

2022 Offering Envelopes - for the dozen or so households that requested these, are in your mailboxes at church. Those not picked up soon will be hand-delivered, so you can start using them in January.



The **sign-up sheets** for Church Cleaning (east end of the Fellowship Hall) and Fellowship Time (in the narthex) for 2022 are posted. The Eternal Candle and Wine sign-up sheets for 2022 on the window by the entrance. Sign up now to get those dates you've always wanted before they are gone.



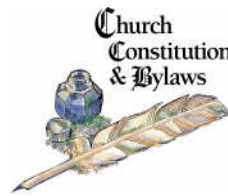
The **Annual Meeting of Trinity New Hope, Inc.** will be Wednesday, February 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Interested congregation members welcome to attend.



The Eternal Candle, Wine, and Flower sign-up charts for 2022 are now on the bulletin board in the long hallway. Sign up now for those favorite dates.

The new **servants lists** for the next four months will be created in January. Please let Pr. Meggan or Bob know if there are certain dates you will not be able to serve.



Annual Meeting Agenda Item - Size of Council

Our congregational constitution reads as follows:

C12:01 The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor(s), the deacon(s), the officers of the congregation, and not fewer than 10 members of this congregation, one of whom may be a youth and one of whom may be a young adult....

Since Trinity's council elects its officers, rather than them being elected by the entire congregation, we have always interpreted this section to mean that the council consists of no less than 10 members plus the pastor. According to C11:01, the council appoints our treasurer, who has voice but not vote at council meetings.

Our current council is proposing that we **reduce the size of the council by two members**. We believe this will lead to council members being a more appropriate ratio of active members. We realize this means some council members may need to be liaisons to more than one team/committee, but we think that is a workable change.

So, if approved at the **annual meeting Jan. 30**, C12:01 will read: *The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor(s), the deacon(s), the officers of the congregation, and not fewer than 8 members of this congregation, one of whom may be a youth and one of whom may be a young adult....*

Play for Peace comes to Trinity

Play for Peace, a part of Learning Peace: A Camp for Kids, will lead games for all ages as part of Intergenerational Sunday School before worship, Jan. 23. Adults and youth of all ages are invited to join together at 8:45 for an hour of games, story, and crafts.






Trinity Servants For January 2022

δουλος [*doulos*] is the New Testament Greek word for servant.

	<u>January 2</u>	<u>January 9</u>	<u>January 16</u>	<u>January 23</u>	<u>January 30</u>
Assisting Minister	Kim Mills	Steve VanAtter	Steve VanAtter	Mary Braudrick	Mary Braudrick
Organist	Wendy Quarve	Patricia Bishop	Karissa Armbrust	Patricia Bishop	Karissa Armbrust
Lector	Kristina Radke	Tami Robinson	Tammy Torrey	Celia Wolff	Penelope Smith
January Lessons	<i>Jeremiah 31: 7-14 Psalm 147: 12-20 Ephesians 1: 3-14 John 1: 1-18</i>	<i>Isaiah 43: 1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22</i>	<i>Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 36: 5-10 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11</i>	<i>Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21</i>	<i>Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Psalm 71: 1-6 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 Luke 4: 21-30</i>
Acolyte	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Crucifer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Communion Asst.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ushers	The Ziemer Family	Jeff & Nancy Henderson	Lloyd & Judy Kellar	Sandy Cosgrove & Tami McHugh	Penelope Smith & Carl Radke
Greeters	Jeff & Nancy Henderson	Joyce Becht & Sandy Blom	Sandy Cosgrove & Tammy Torrey	The Hanson Family	Edith Hannett & Helen Hatton
Nursery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Church Cleaning	-	TBD	-	TBD	-
Altar Guild	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Fellowship Time	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Offering Counters	Jerry Armbrust & TBD	Sandy Blom & TBD	Sandy Blom & TBD	TBD	TBD
Flowers/Greens	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Eternal Candle: George & Sharon Hurd; **Wine:** George & Sharon Hurd; **Council Devotions:** TBD.
Communion Bread: TBD.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALENDAR FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 2022**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!
2 Second Sunday of Christmas Hymns & Readings 8:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Committee Reports for Annual Meeting Due Cluster Getting Ready	3 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study	4 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	5 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 7:00 p.m. COVID Task Force	6 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Epiphany 5-7 p.m. Sanctuary open for Epiphany stations 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	7 Office Closed	8 ---Confirmation Retreat---
9 Baptism of Our Lord First Sunday after Epiphany New Member Sunday 8:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion -----at Immanuel-----	10 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study	11 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. WAGM 	12 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Stewardship	13 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 1:00 p.m. Learning Peace 1:30 p.m. Gospel & Growth 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	14 Office Closed 	15
16 Second Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	17 (Office Closed) Martin Luther King Jr. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study 8:00 p.m. Faithful Families on Zoom	18 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Church Council	19 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	20 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon 7:00 p.m. Budget Q&A via Zoom	21 Office Closed	22
23 Third Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Budget Q&A ----- 30 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Annual Meeting of the Congregation	24 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Epistle Articles Due 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study 8:00 p.m. Faithful Families on Zoom 31 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study 8:00 p.m. Faithful Families on Zoom	25 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Women's Luncheon 7:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry	26 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 	27 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	28 Office Closed	29 

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Pr. Erik Wilson Weiberg (Ballard First Lutheran, Seattle- recovering from two recent surgeries and MRSA infection and wife Kristin recovering from recent accident), Ed McCauley Family (Aulda Long's brother-in-law- health issues), Clifton Topp (biopsy of pancreas), Dave Mangum (Mary Braudrick's brother- prostate cancer), Linda Dombeck (healing for her knee following a fall), Kaylynn (Randy & Cathy Winwood's daughter- treatable post-delivery complications), The Friddle Family (Tom's mother, Peggy, recently passed away), Cindy Payne in Texas (From Mary Leininger- brain tumor, undergoing chemotherapy), Rick Lingle (Dianne Siewert's cousin- health issues), Brad Young and Family (friends of Leon & Aulda Long- brain tumor), Sylvia Ward (rehabilitation from a broken femur), Colton (Fran & Elwood Webb's grandson- brain tumor), Bob Henderson (from Terry & Sandy Blom- strokes), Di Seba (cancer treatments), Virginia Gabel (from Emily Carpenter- kidney tumor), Our government (from Sharon Jones), Vickie Caldwell (from Terry & Sandy Blom- cancer and chemotherapy), Bob Smith (Julie Ward's uncle- recurring cancer), Jerry Gaines (from Emily Carpenter- degenerative spinal cord disease), John & Sarah Klahn (as they try to conceive), Logan (Kelly Family nephew- pancreatitis), Jen Brossart (from Amanda Hanson- cancer), Aspen (Kelly Family niece- fighting leukemia), Kim Edwards (Perry's wife- health), Letha (Jennifer Metz' mother- tumor in knee), Mona Lisa Regier (parkinsons).

People in the Armed Services: Ben Rogers (The Vanatters' nephew), Christopher Blohowiak (George & Helen Collins' great-grandson- Army), Brett Collins (grandson of Helen Collins- Marines), John C. Collins II (Helen Collins' grandson- Navy SEAL), Bill MacDonald (Navy).

Those in need of continuing prayer: Doyle Budd (nephew of Trisha Bishop and Di Seba- for peace and healing and guidance for doctors and family), Lorena Ellis - Cru Campus Ministry National/Headquarters. John Steele (friend of Karissa Armbrust- cancer).

Join us for Advent and Christmas

A Longest Night Gathering for a Blue Christmas

Tuesday, December 21 at 7 pm

Christmas Eve with Holy Communion

Friday, December 24 4:00 p.m. Family Service and 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

First Sunday in Christmas

Sunday, December 26th

Hymns and Readings

Sunday, January 2nd

The **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation will be Sunday, **January 30th** following the service. We will meet in the sanctuary AND in person. Members can also participate from the Koinonia Room and Nursery. Ushers will collect votes. Watch for more in our January letter to the congregation. **Committee Reports** are due to the office no later than Sunday, **January 2nd**. (you may email them to churchbiz@msn.com or bring them in).

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