

The Epistle

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-Our Mission Statement-

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 2023



Dear Friends in Christ,

This column will be published as we continue the Advent journey to celebrate the infant Jesus' birth. At Christmas we will celebrate Emmanuel, God with us. We will celebrate Christmas for a whole season, including two Sundays! The Epiphany of our Lord (celebrating the visit of the magi) is January 6 and begins a series of epiphanies or manifestations of Jesus. Meanwhile, several events at Trinity in January will focus on community. There will be Monday Midweek Movies, two women's luncheons, Confirmation Co-op mini retreat at Immanuel, and a cluster meeting at Hope. At the end of the month, we will have our congregational annual meeting. Why do we have an annual meeting? A simple answer is that we are required to by law and by our own constitution. A better answer might look at our typical agenda; we do it so we can elect people to positions of leadership, adopt a budget, and adopt changes to our constitution (recommended at last summer's churchwide assembly). An annual meeting is also a place to review our collective story from the last year, to celebrate how the Holy Spirit has been alive among and through us, and to look ahead and dream about what God might be up to next. This has been a year of transitions, probably the theme of my annual report, which can include bumps but also new life. And transitions and transformation are a necessary part of life, whether we are considering a person or congregation. Please plan to attend the annual meeting after worship Jan. 29. In the middle of the Season after Epiphany (Jan. 8-Feb. 19) we will pause together and celebrate God manifest in our life together. In the meantime, please look for printed and online annual reports and our proposed budget, read them, mark them up, circle your questions, attend budget Q and As. Come ready to ponder how we will continue living out our mission: "Trinity Lutheran is a place to gather, refresh, the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel." Peace,
Pastor Meggan



December's Noisy Offering will be going to *Trinity New Hope* to get a new solar lamp post for the Trinity New Hope mail boxes. This will provide a security light for when the residents pick up their mail after dark.



January's Noisy Offering on Sunday, January 29th will be for the *Trinity Emergency Fund*. Pastor Meggan has requests for gas vouchers, for help with 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!

Blue Christmas: A Service of Night Prayer for the Longest Night

The winter solstice is the longest night and the beginning of winter in the northern hemisphere. Come celebrate that God's love for us goes deep and does not fade or change with the seasons. It is richer and more plentiful than the darkness of night, blazing brighter than the noonday sun of late June. And if the business and flurry of the holidays brings you down or bring grief to the surface, come be reminded of the abiding truth that God seeks to be with us, even when we are "blue." **This service will be on our patio, or not, weather permitting, so grab that headlamp and bundle up. Campfires and hot cider will be provided.**



PJs welcome Christmas & New Year's

Once in a while, both Christmas Day and New Year's Day land on Sundays. We will be holding Sunday worship, but you are invited to come as you are, even wear your pajamas to worship those days. Christmas Day worship will be (scripture) Readings and (Christmas) carols service, though we will celebrate Holy Communion. New Year's Day is also the festival of the Name of Jesus, celebrating when Jesus was brought to the Temple the first time. This service will include a sermon but will also include more Christmas hymns. See you in worship!



Monday Morning Study- 10:00 a.m.

Katie Langston's *Sealed: An Unexpected Journey into the Heart of Grace.*

2023 Budget Q and A

After worship Jan. 15 & 22



Margretta Spady would like to thank everyone for the birthday wishes.

OFFICERS/COMMITTEE LIAISONS- 2022

President

Jerry Armbrust (23) (22 as President)

Vice-President

Carl Radke (23) (22 as VP)

Secretary

Penelope Smith (22)

Treasurer and Accounts Payable Coordinator

Karissa Armbrust (renewable)

Financial Secretary

Kristina Radke (renewable)

Council Team Assignments

Christian Education/Youth: Amanda Hanson (22)

Church in Community: Mwajuma Dusabe (22)

Communication: Dean Metzger (24)

Gospel and Growth: Penelope Smith (22),
Edith Hannett (24)

Hospitality: Sandy Blom (23)

Property: Jerry Armbrust (23)

Stewardship: David Sheriff (24)

Trinity New Hope: Carl Radke (23)

Worship & Music: David Sheriff (24)

Congregational Committee Assignments

Audit: Tammy Torrey (24) Tami Robinson (23),
Emily Bentley (22)

Endowment: Larry Mills (24), Lisa Harker (22),
Edith Hannett (23)

Memorial: Craig Olsen (23), Andrew Hanson (22),
Lloyd Kellar (24)

Nominating: Mary Braudrick, Amanda Hanson,
Penelope Smith, Sarah Henthorn

Mutual Ministry: Carl Radke, Sharon Jones,
Tammy Torrey, Steve Ward

Synod Assembly Voting Members: N/A

Luther Heights Representatives: Janet Metzger &
Cathy Winwood



Statistical Comparison For December

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
11/28/21	47	\$ 2,610.56
11/27/22	29	813.50
12/1/21 (Advent 1)	25	
11/30/22 (Advent 1)	27	
12/5/21	58	2,772.42
12/4/22	44	3,515.69
12/8/21 (Advent 2)	53	
12/7/22 (Advent 2)	23	
12/12/21	71	4,172.00
12/11/22	51	6,041.51
12/15/21 (Advent 3)	32	
12/14/22 (Advent 3)	27	
12/19/21	46	5,376.29
12/18/22	70	8,310.30
12/21/21 (longest night)	31	
12/21/22 (longest night)	(not available at time of printing)	
12/24/21 (early)	36 (late) 38	121.00
12/24/22 (early)	(late) (not available at time of printing)	
12/26/21	29	2,311.00
12/25/22	(not available at time of printing)	
November Automatic Giving:		\$ 3,813.96



Women's Luncheon

There will not be a Women's Luncheon in December, However, to celebrate the 12 days of Christmas, Women's Luncheon will meet 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023 at the church for a potluck lunch and a white elephant gift exchange. No RSVP necessary.

The **January** Women's Luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 31st, location has yet to be determined.

Youth Calendar

Jan 7- Mini-Confirmation Retreat at Immanuel 10-4PM

Feb 12- Confirmation @ Hope

Mar 12- Confirmation @ Hope

8th-12th Grade Youth

Dec 18- Cluster High School party at Hope

Jan 22- Lunch and Bible Study noon at pastor's

Mar 26- Lunch and Bible Study noon at pastor's

Buying Books for Kids



Did you know that our national church's publishing house has a great children's illustrated books imprint? Beaming Books publishes high-quality children's books that help kids thrive in every part of who they are—emotionally, socially, and spiritually. With topics ranging from self-esteem to kindness, ethics, and faith, the books are designed to spark the imagination and equip kids and families to live full and flourishing lives, together. Beaming Books is an imprint of 1517 Media, whose other imprints include Augsburg Fortress, Fortress Press, and Sparkhouse. Visit www.beamingbooks.com.

Support Trinity New Hope



Make a gift to Trinity New Hope (affordable housing), between Dec.12 and midnight Dec. 31st. Support us in

the annual Avenues for Hope statewide campaign by giving at: <https://bit.ly/tnhA4H>. If you send a check, please have it to Trinity by Dec 22. This year's campaign for TNH will help with landscaping around the houses as well as preparing to replace furnaces and/or AC units. 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.



Stewardship of Our Gifts and Passions -

Coming up in January will be your opportunity to sign up as a Trinity Lutheran volunteer. There are just so very many ways that you could serve. Some involve a weekly time commitment, some monthly, some several times a year, some yearly. The obvious roles are those that we see on Sunday morning - acolyte, crucifer, lector, altar guild, sound tech, greeter, usher, "coffee hour", church cleaning, paying for wine or the eternal candle - and the list goes on. Other roles are less visible but crucial to our ministries. If you are a long-time Trinity volunteer, you might consider trying something different for the year. If you are newer, we welcome you in whatever capacity dovetails with your own personal interests, gifts and schedule.



Congregation Council
Meeting for November
Team Reports for 12/20/22

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pr. Meggan Manlove
Confirmation Co-op - We're getting ready for the January retreat at Immanuel. Thanks to all the families for prioritizing Confirmation. It's been fun to have Gospel and Growth emphasize at Trinity the faith practices we are teaching in Confirmation.

LDS Gratitude Lunch: I attended this luncheon at the West Stake on Roosevelt in late November. It was fun to celebrate the various wards who have partnered with Trinity or its partners in the last several years: rebuilding Trinity Community Garden beds, providing lunch for Peace Camp, painting Trinity New Hope doors.

Midland Corridor Zoom: Dec. 16, I sat in on a video conference meeting with city of Nampa staff, consultants, and TNH property manager about the Midland Corridor.

Vacation and Cont Ed: I will be in AZ with my mom after Christmas. I will be at the Southern Lights Conference in GA later in January—super excited for this event! Thanks to our mutual ministry team for helping me decide on a few cont ed options through Boise State University's extended studies.

GOSPEL AND GROWTH: Tami Robinson
Our committee met on December 13, 2022, at 2:00 pm. Pastor Meggan opened the meeting with a reading by Meta Herrick Carlson, followed by a prayer. We printed 105 regular print and 4 large print hard copy versions of the Advent Daily Devotion plus the copies for the Christmas boxes. The E-version is on the church website and it was emailed to the church email list. Pastor Meggan is reading each devotion daily on Facebook. We continue to discuss Monthly Spiritual Practices and in January we will be working on "shaping communities." The Monday Midwinter Movies will begin On January 9 and run through February 13, 2023. They will be held at the home of Tami Robinson unless a change occurs. The summer Camp Out has been scheduled for June 23-25, 2023. Mark your calendars!

STEWARDSHIP: Penelope Smith
completed the fall financial appeal. We celebrated this on 12/4, the Advent Daily Devotional booklet on 12/11, and our children on 12/18. On 12/25 our plan is to celebrate our Altar Guild volunteers who, among other things, decorate our sanctuary. Offering Envelopes for those who requested them have been distributed. For 2023, in January we will focus on ways we can use our Gifts and Passions to support Trinity ministries.

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be Sunday, January 29th.

Committee Reports are due to the office no later than Sunday, **January 1st.** (you may email them to churchbiz@msn.com or bring them in).

Our thanks to each of our **ADVENT DAILY DEVOTION** authors for their willingness to share with us their personal stories and their insights into Advent. We are also grateful to Mary Braudrick for the amazing cover art, and to Pastor Meggan for sharing these words with the world, reading each day's devotion on Facebook. We hope that, reading these, you might share parts of YOUR own story - the ways your faith intersects with your daily life? God has been present in your story; other people will be encouraged to hear that.



The Flower sign-up chart is on the bulletin board in the long hallway.
Sign-up before it's too late.



The sign-up sheets for Church Cleaning (east end of the Fellowship Hall), Fellowship Time (in the narthex), Eternal Candle, and Wine for 2023 in the long hallway.



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.



Monday Mid-Winter Movies - are returning after a COVID19-hiatus. Tami Robinson, 208-681-1480, will host at her home at **818 W. Oakmont Avenue**, located just off Iowa, midway between Midland and 12th. We will gather on each of the Mondays between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday, with films starting at 6:30 pm. This year, we felt in need of some laughter, so will show a succession of comedies released over a period of six decades. These include: 1/9 - Arsenic and Old Lace - 1944; 1/16 - The Long, Long Trailer - 1954; 1/23 - Yours, Mine and Ours - 1968; 1/30 - What's Up, Doc? - 1972; 2/6 - Tootsie - 1982; 2/13 - Sister Act - 1992. We are very flexible. Your schedule and your interests may allow you to join us for one film or for many of them. That's fine. No reservations require. No tickets to purchase. Just show up. And, FYI, we do tend to have snacks to eat before, during and after. Somehow, plenty of food always manages to show up, without using a formal "sign-up sheet". And, on January 9th we will serve elderberry wine which (we promise) is NOT laced with arsenic!!



Trinity Hosting Powerful Tools for Caregivers!

2023 brings new class times Free of Charge. Registration is now open. Classes will be at Trinity on Wednesdays, Jan 18 and 25 and Feb 1, 8, 15, and 22 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call Karen (208) 947-4283 or go to www.agingstrong.org to register. Past participants from Trinity: Julie Haugen, Tami Robinson, David Sheriff, and a few others.



Trinity Church Campout - is on the calendar! We will gather at Steve and Julie Ward's property in Donnelly on the weekend of **June 23rd - June 25th**. Some of us will be in tents or sleep in hammocks between trees. Some will have campers or travel trailers. Some will arrive from off-site, staying at their own Valley County vacation homes or local motels. Some will make a day-trip on Saturday. Some will plan to arrive earlier in the week or stay after others have left on Sunday. Whatever your schedule permits, we'd love to have you be amongst the over 40 people who participate in this annual event!



A Season of Celebration - and we do have much to celebrate. On December 4th, we celebrated our fall financial appeal, where 38 households pledged over \$120,000 toward Trinity ministries in 2023. On the 11th, we celebrated the amazing stories shared by those who authored our Advent Daily Devotional booklet - and the beautiful cover art from Mary Braudrick. On the 18th, just in time for the Christmas Program, we celebrated our children. And on the 25th, we celebrate our Altar Guild, which has treated us to a lovely, well-decorated sanctuary throughout the year.



Trinity Lutheran Church College Scholarship Description and Application 2022 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.

Trinity New Hope Wish List

1. Volunteers to help Steve remove all the extra unused coax cables from each unit.
2. Install a tree in front yards of units missing them.
-\$1200 donations received; we will not use this season due to early irrigation shutoff.
3. Paint garage doors to match front & back doors
4. Two New (Metal/Rubber) Wrapped Picnic Tables (No wood tables)
5. Two New Outdoor Barbeques
6. One Large Outdoor Trash Can (Park Style)
7. NEW SPRINKLER SYSTEM

End of Year Giving Opportunies

- If you would like to make a special year-end gift to Trinity Lutheran Church, here are two options that can improve your tax situation as well as benefit the ministry of our congregation:

1. **Donate Stocks or Mutual Funds** - Contributing securities to Trinity Lutheran Church offers valuable financial and tax benefits:

-Donors may deduct the entire value of the securities as a charitable donation, and

-Donors avoid paying capital gains tax on any increased value of the securities.

If you are interested in making an end-of-year gift to Trinity via stocks or mutual funds, it is important that you not sell the securities first. Please contact the church office for more information.

2. **Charitable IRA Rollover** (QCD - Qualified Charitable Distribution) Many Trinity members have already discovered the benefits of making gifts using their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA). If you are 70½ or older, you may be interested in this way to make a significant gift while lowering the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. This is arranged through your financial advisor or brokerage company.

Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover:

-Donors avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to Trinity;

-Donors satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year;



-The gift reduces the donor's taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions;

-A charitable IRA rollover is not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts;

and

-You make a real difference in the ministry of Trinity

“Not Your Granny’s Canning Anymore!” Was A Success!

The “Not Your Grandmother’s Canning Anymore!” 2022 workshop was another successful event. What does that mean for Trinity? It means that we brought 15 people into the church that had never been here before and when they left, they had learned how to safely preserve 10 different foods and they knew that this church welcomes everyone into our space. These people will now spread the word to their friends and family about our programs and our community. This is why we want to keep doing these workshops. However, it is becoming harder to do because we are short on volunteers. We need to have 15 volunteers for the canning workshop. Yes, we do need 1 or 2 more people to commit to taking the course to become a Master Food Safety Advisor and this requires more time. We currently have 3 Trinity members who have the certification and we are required to be certified to teach one of the canning lesson labs. We have a person who is planning to take the course this year but we could use 1 or 2 more. We have been able to pull some certified volunteers from the Owyhee County Extension, but we cannot rely on them all the time as they are needed at other events also. We use 8-10 certified trainers for each workshop. Please keep reading!

We also need people who are willing to help just for the setup day and/or the canning day. We need people for the registration table, to work in the kitchen during the workshop and to help make, serve, and clean up the lunch we offer. This program provides a service to our local community by helping them learn how to safely preserve foods from the summer abundance that will help them put good food on the table all winter long.

If you would like to know more about this program, please check out the information on the bulletin board in the hallway, on the website, or call Tami Robinson, or Judy and Lloyd Kellar. The deadline to register for the class is **January 20, 2023**. We would love to talk about it! You can also contact:

Surine Greenway
University of Idaho
Owyhee County Extension
238 8th Ave W, PO Box 400
Marsing, ID 83639
Owyhee@uidaho.edu



to Trinity members many will be much warmer this winter with November's Noisy Offering monies/purchases for kid's pjs 29; hats 11; 2 scarves, 42 pairs of socks; 17 gloves. For women, 30 hats; 13 scarves; 59 pairs of socks; 18 gloves; 14 underwear; 4 winter coats. Aren't these numbers amazing! Thanks so much to all the generous people who donated!!- Church in Community

AND to everyone who helped pack and deliver the Thrivent/New Hope Project last Sunday! What fun to see the faces of surprised people as the goodie bags were delivered!

Trinity Servants For January 2023

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

	<u>January 1</u>	<u>January 8</u>	<u>January 15</u>	<u>January 22</u>	<u>January 29</u>
Assisting Minister	Kim Mills & Mary Braudrick	Kim Mills	Mary Braudrick	Steve VanAtter	Steve VanAtter
Lector	Kristina Radke	Amanda Hanson	Celia Wolff	Jeff Henderson	Sierra Armbrust
Accompanist	Karissa Armbrust	Kaiti Walton	Karissa Armbrust	Kaiti Walton	Wendy Quarve
January Lessons	<i>Numbers 6: 22-27</i> <i>Psalm 8</i> <i>Galatians 4: 4-7</i> <i>Luke 2: 15-21</i>	<i>Isaiah 42: 1-9</i> <i>Psalm 29</i> <i>Acts 10: 34-43</i> <i>Matthew 3: 13-17</i>	<i>Isaiah 49: 1-7</i> <i>Psalm 40: 1-11</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1: 1-9</i> <i>John 1: 29-42</i>	<i>Isaiah 9: 1-4</i> <i>Psalm 27: 1, 4-9</i> <i>1 Cor.1:10-18</i> <i>Matthew 4: 12-13</i>	<i>Micah 6: 1-8</i> <i>Psalm 15</i> <i>1 Cor. 1: 18-31</i> <i>Matthew 5: 1-12</i>
Acolyte	Luke Floyd	Karson Hanson	Pearl Hilger	Karson Hanson	Abigail Radke
Crucifer	Alexa Ward	Cedar Hilger	Aldwin Kellar	Diane Irankundu	Kevin Mills
Ushers	Steve & Renee VanAtter	Pat & Donna Benoit	Kim Mills & Tami McHugh	Jeff & Nancy Henderson	Caarl Radke & Penelope Smith
Greeters	Sharon Jones & Steve Ward	The Ziemer Family	Gail & Mary Helen Leininger	The Hanson Family	Tami McHugh & Tami Robinson
Streaming/Sound	Larry & Jason Mills	Bryce Quarve & Elizabeth Schnabel	Bryce Quarve & Andrew Hanson	Bryce Quarve & Sarah Henthorn	Bryce Quarve & Jason Mills
Church Cleaning	-	TBD	-	TBD	-
Altar Guild	Cathy Winwood	Judy Kellar	Tammy Torrey & Beth Rasgorshek	Kim Mills	Cathy Winwood & Lisa Ludwig
Fellowship Time	Karson Hanson & Family	Joyce Becht & Edith Hannett	Kristina Radke	Kim Mills	N/A Annual Meeting
Offering Counters	Sandy Blom & TBD	TBD	Sandy Blom & Penelope Smith	Sandy Blom & TBD	TBD
Flowers/Greens	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Eternal Candle: Julie Haugen; **Wine:** Julie Haugen; **Council Devotions:** TBD.
Communion Bread: Judy Kellar.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALENDAR FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 First Sunday of Christmas New Year's Day No Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time Committee Annual Reports Due to church office	2 Office 9 a.m-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study	3 Office 9 a.m-1 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Women's Luncheon @ Trinity	4 Office 9 a.m-1 p.m. 	5 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	6 Office Closed Epiphany of Our Lord	7 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mini Confirmation Retreat @ Immanuel
8 Baptism of Our Lord First Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time	9 Office 9 a.m-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study 6:30 p.m. Stewardship for All Seasons 6:30 p.m. Movie Night	10 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	11 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. -----Pastor-----	12 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon -----Meggan's-----	13 Office Closed -----Continuing-----	14  -----Education-----
15 Second Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Budget Q & A -----in-----	16 Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study 6:30 p.m. Movie Night -----Georgia-----	17 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Church Council 	18 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Powerful Tools for Caregivers @ Trinity	19 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Learning Peace Meeting 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon 7:00 p.m. Stewardship	20 Office Closed	21 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Cluster Meeting @ Hope Lutheran
22 Third Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time Budget Q & A Noon- Youth @ Pastor's house	23 Office 9 a.m-1 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Epistle Articles Due 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study 6:30 p.m. Movie Night	24 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	25 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Powerful Tools for Caregivers @ Trinity 6:30 p.m. WAGM	26 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	27 Office Closed	28
29 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany :45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time Noisy Offering Annual Meeting of the Congregation	30 Office 9 a.m-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study 6:30 p.m. Movie Night	31 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Women's Luncheon				

Join us for Advent and Christmas
Wednesday, December 21st, 7:00 p.m.
Blue Christmas/Longest Night

Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion-
4:00 p.m. (Family Service) & 10:00 p.m. (Candlelight Service)

Sunday, December 25th
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Readings and Carols

Sunday, January 1st
10:00 a.m. Name of Jesus
(with more Christmas hymns)

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The Spiritual Practice of Forgiveness - Did you have fun with our Forgiveness Playlist in December? Did you click on the YouTube links and listen to songs about forgiveness? Did you stream one of the excellent films dealing with forgiveness, or read an article or listen to a podcast. Forgiveness is core to what it means to be Christian. It's God forgiving you (and you accepting that He has done so - and forgiving yourself). And it's (in the words of Jesus from Matthew 18) forgiving your brother or sister not just a handful of times (7) but extensively (70 times 7). Not easy to do! But we hope, as you approach what is supposed to be a joyful Christmas season, you have been able to identify areas where adding a bit more forgiveness has provided you a more peaceful soul.

The Spiritual Practice of Shaping Communities - is the stewardship focus for January. People can show up at the same place and time, year after year, but never feel part of that community. The extroverts have an easier time merging; the introverts have to dig a bit deeper. We tend to think that somehow community just organically happens - but research shows that this is not the case. Shaping communities occurs when people connect with intention. It's reaching out, listening, asking questions, expressing concern, drawing people in.

Trinity is a "faith community". In January we will explore ways of proactively shaping our community. One of those ways is to spend casual social time with others of the community. For example, take time to participate in "coffee hour" after church, but sit and talk with someone that you don't know well. Or attending one of the Monday Mid-Winter Movies each week; there's plenty of time to interact before and after the film. Watch for more in the Sunday bulletins.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Michelle E. (from The Floyd Family- for strength in recovery), Steve Cawood (Julie Ward's boss- medical issues), Peggy Miller (recovering from heart surgery), Darrel Miller (continued healing), Penelope Smith (comfort and healing), Sharon Stanger & Steve McNearney (from Randy & Martha Miller), Martha Miller, Karissa Armbrust, Lauren & Hunt Carpenter (Carl Radke's cousin- for pregnancy without complications), People looking for housing and to pay for it (from Elizabeth Schnabel), Rev. Karen Hunter (priest at Grace Episcopal Church- clots in the brain), Hope's Call Process (from Diane McGeoch), Sharon Jones' niece- alzheimers, Brooke Goodner (friend of Kristina Radke- two brain tumors, surgery 8/15), Don Tiller (Tami Robinson's brother- looking for affordable apartment that allows dogs), Jony (Linda Dombek's son- health), Kim Edwards (from Sharon Jones), Steve (Fran Webb's brother-in-law- cancer), Maren Greytak (Carl Radke's aunt- battling dementia), Lily Dombek (Linda Dombek's daughter-in-law- severe health issues), Monica Perez (friend of Edith Hannett- in need of a kidney), Kathy Stats (Friend of Sarah Henthorn- brain tumor), Dave Mangum (Mary Braudrick's brother- prostate cancer), Cindy Payne in Texas (From Mary Leininger- brain tumor, undergoing chemotherapy), Colton (Fran & Elwood Webb's grandson- brain tumor), Di Seba (cancer treatments), John & Sarah Klahn (as they try to conceive), 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: Lorena Ellis - Cru Campus Ministry National/Headquarters. John Steele (friend of Karissa Armbrust- cancer).

LISTENING WITH THE EAR OF MY HEART



WEDNESDAYS from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
January 25th and February 8th
In 2023 - - - On ZOOM

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We live in a world where people long to be heard by compassionate listeners, those to whom they can speak their truths aloud – receiving no defensiveness, no judgment, no advice. The goal of this workshop is that participants enhance their ability to listen with empathy.

Topics covered: 1) Defining Empathetic Listening. 2) When and Where Can This Be Used? 3) What Prevents Empathetic Listening from Happening? 4) Techniques Used in Empathetic Listening.

This is a two-part experiential workshop where participants have opportunity during class to practice what they have learned, plus apply it to their own unique real-life situations (with family and friends, at work, at church, as they serve in their communities.)

Past attendees note, “This workshop changed the way I listen to others. I am really trying to be aware that *they* should be in charge, not me.” “I was surprised in that, even when I know the concepts, it is tough not to offer help or advice.” One attendee, during conversations with weekend houseguests, marveled at how much *more* they opened up when she used techniques learned in the workshop.

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