

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

February 2023



Dear Friends in Christ,

The church is now in the Time after Epiphany, celebrating manifestations of God's glory and learning what it means to follow Jesus. While our gospel texts come from Matthew and include such iconic passages as the Beatitudes, our Epistle lessons should not be overlooked. Each week we are reading from First Corinthians. First Corinthians offers a window on a congregation and preacher (Paul) trying to sort out the real-life implications of the gospel. How should Christians live in a culture at odds with their confession of faith? What commitments and practices enable Christians to honor one another in the midst of differences of opinion? The letter explores themes of Christian unity, ethics, and hope from the perspective of those upon "whom the ends of the ages have come" (1 Corinthians 10:11).

Many of the issues dealt with in 1 Corinthians concern physical human bodies. Paul's way of addressing all of these body issues is to move from a focus on individual human bodies to the implications of each person's actions for the corporate body of believers. He identifies those to whom he writes as the body of Christ, and writes, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12). And most of us will recall that another key theme in 1 Corinthians is love. The Corinthians had placed high value on knowledge and on spiritual gifts such as speaking in tongues and prophesying. In 1 Corinthians, Paul urges the Corinthians to strive for love over all other things. As he describes love, it is more concerned with the other than with oneself. First Corinthians was written for a specific community long ago, and yet it has much to offer us in 2023. Read the text and let your imagination play. What hope and encouragement do you read in the text itself or between the lines?

Pastor Meggan



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!



February's Noisy Offering on Sunday, February 26th will be for *Trinity Community Gardens*. Trinity Community Gardens is managed by Paulette Blaseg at the Phocas and Trinity Garden sites along with volunteers. They are in charge of planning, planting, weeding, fertilizing & harvesting as well as delivering to sites in Ada and Canyon County. We will also be supporting the **Souper Bowl of Caring** with this Noisy Offering



Trinity New Hope Housing Annual Meeting

Will be Wednesday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Everyone is invited. Thanks for supporting this work!

February's Scripture Food Pantry Item

A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven- *Matthew 5:13-20*

Please bring a canned vegetable any time during the month of February

WANTED

CROP Walk Liaison for Trinity Lutheran Church with Canyon County Cropwalk. See Steve

VanAtter for more information.



Monday Morning Study- 10:00 a.m.

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

Coming Next: A deep dive into Matthew's Gospel

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



Women's Luncheon

The **January** Women's Luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 31st at *Shari's* in Nampa. Contact Edith Hannett to RSVP.

The **February** Women's Luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 28th, location has yet to be determined. Contact Sandy Cosgrove for more information.

Youth Calendar

Feb 10-12 Winter Retreat

Mar 12- Confirmation @ Hope

Apr 22- Mini-Retreat at King of Glory

May 20- 5:30 p.m. Dinner @ Trinity for 9th graders and families

May 21- Confirmation Sunday

8th-12th Grade Youth

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

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



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.



How can we TACKLE HUNGER here at Trinity? Did you know that 1 in 5 children in the US are food insecure? Did you know over 24 million households in America live without enough food? So... what if everyone watching the

Super Bowl game on Feb 12th gave just \$1.00 to help solve hunger issues? THAT WOULD BE A GAME CHANGER. So on Sunday, February 12th bring either a can of soup or \$1 to help put food in Trinity's food pantry. Thanks- Church in Community

Statistical Comparison For January

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
12/21/21 (longest night)	31
12/21/22 (longest night)	26
12/24/21 (early) 36 (late)	38
12/24/22 (early) 36 (late)	14
12/26/21	29
12/25/22	15
1/2/22	36
1/1/23	33
1/9/22	34
1/8/23	47
1/16/22	38
1/15/23	45
1/23/22	36
1/22/23	41
1/30/22	38
1/29/23	(not available at time of printing)

Financial Statements

Please check your church mailbox for your giving statement.



Congregation Council
Meeting for **January**
Team Reports for 1/17/23

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pr. Meggan Manlove
Pastoral Care: There were a lot of health issues in our congregation the last few months. We are, for the most part, on the other side of many of them but some recoveries will be long and there is still a lot weighing on everyone. Thanks for caring for one another in small and large ways.

Community: Thanks also for caring for the larger community through Christmas Food Boxes, the Avenues for Hope campaign, noisy offerings, and the many ways you love your neighbors, friends, strangers, and co-workers.

Youth: We had a wonderful Christmas Program. Thanks to all who made it possible. We have already started implementing our faith formation ministry initiative with resources for our families.

Luther Heights: Registration for the Feb. 10-12 Winter Retreat is open and summer camp registration will open Feb. 5.

GOSPEL AND GROWTH: Penelope Smith met, reflecting on the 2022 Advent Daily Devotional booklet and the "Forgiveness Playlist). The major current project is Monday MidWinter Movies, a set of 6 comedies, each released in different decades. Our thanks to Tami Robinson for hosting. And we look ahead to the annual church CampOut June 23 - 25 at the Ward property in Donnelly.

STEWARDSHIP: Penelope Smith
We spent time having a "Season of Celebration" following the annual financial appeal. 37 households submitted statement of intent cards, with a total of \$120,912.00 committed to our 2023 ministries. This is an increase in commitments of 19.7% over what was pledged for 2022, with 29 households pledging to increase their average weekly offerings to Trinity in 2023. Stewardship is now concentrating on volunteer recruitment, with distribution of Passions and Gifts sign up sheets during January. We will also participate in a four-session online workshop through our relationship with GSB consultants.



St. Patty's Day Potluck Dinner & Game Night

Mark your calendars

When Friday, March 17, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Where Trinity Fellowship Hall

Who Your family (all ages) or come single.

Bring A dish to share and your favorite game

Questions Edith Hannett call (510) 673- 5872
Sign-up sheet in narthex



The **Flower sign-up chart** is on the bulletin board in the long hallway.

Bring flowers in memory or honor of someone. Share the bounty of your garden. Beautify the sanctuary.



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.



LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE - especially at the end of a long day! We watched the crazy nephew race up the staircase, blowing a bugle and yelling *CHARGE* in "Arsenic and Old Lace". We gasped as Desi Arnaz tried to maneuver a travel trailer on a harrowing stretch of the Sierra Nevada highway in "The Long, Long Trailer." And we did this together, sipping elderberry wine, eating snacks, and swapping stories of thankfulness that our OWN personal trailer-towing disasters didn't end up in divorce or a murder conviction!

But wait - there's more! Our **MONDAY MIDWINTER MOVIES** series, held at Tami Robinson's house, 818 W Oakmont, starting each Monday night at 6:30 pm continues until the beginning of Lent. Come laugh with us, courtesy of actors like Lucille Ball, Dustin Hoffman and Whoopie Goldberg as they deal with blended families, misdirected suitcases and witness protection program challenges. Films include: Yours, Mine and Ours, What's Up Doc?, Tootsie, and Sister Act. And they are so much more fun when we watch them together.



Summer Getaway - is what we all long for as January drags into February! Relax around a campfire; learn to kayak or paddleboard; gaze into a fire or up at the stars. And do all of those things with people from your church family, who love you and want to get to know you better. That, plus some amazing food, time to relax and a unique chance to worship God in an outdoor setting (sometimes with deer joining us) - - those are just a few reasons for you to put **June 23 - 25** on your calendars and plan to be a part of the **2023 Trinity Church CampOut** at the Ward's property in Donnelly. Bring your RV or tent, rent a room in a nearby motel, stay at your own Valley County home, or drive up for the day on Saturday. Do whatever works for you! There's room for everyone, and we'd love to have you join us.



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



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. Install a tree in front yards of units missing them.
2. Two New (Metal/Rubber) Wrapped Picnic Tables
(No wood tables)
3. Two New Outdoor Barbeques
4. One Large Outdoor Trash Can (Park Style)
5. NEW SPRINKLER SYSTEM

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.

IT MATTERS! - Here are just a few examples of how the gifts of **YOUR** volunteer time make a difference in the lives of others. **"I write a \$15 check for eternal candle."** - which brings comfort to those sitting alone in the sanctuary during the week, seeking a quiet moment where they can sense the presence of God in a confusing world. **"I help with audiovisual streaming of church on Sunday."** - bringing worship to those trapped at home by age or health, to those traveling, and to grandparents living in the MidWest who are delighted to watch their teenage granddaughter read the lesson. **"I am a greeter."** - whose handshake and eye contact may be the only personal touch that week to those living alone, plus it conveys to folks nervous about showing up at church for the first time (or the first time recently) that they will find welcome here.

There are dozens of ways that a volunteer organization like Trinity can use your time and abilities to carry out the ministries important to God and our world. You'll find some of those listed on the **2023 Gifts and Passions** forms. These are available at church during January and also by email soon. Please consider how you might participate this year, complete your form (1 per person), and return it to the box on the narthex table.



THANK YOU for your faithful generosity during 2022. Your spiritual practice of financial stewardship might involve stuffing cash into little yellow envelopes, or writing checks, or using the PayPal app on your smart phone, or arranging for donations sent directly from your financial institution. But sometime during the year, thoughts of inflation and uncertainty might have caused you to pause and wonder, "can the commitment I made to Trinity in November 2021 really be met?" As it turns out, as members of a faith community working together, the answer is YES! Of the households who made financial commitments for 2022, about 25% gave the amount they had indicated; another 25% fell a bit short; and 50% far exceeded what they had initially indicated.....by a net total of over \$17,000. This, plus support from other donors, allowed Trinity's ministries to be accomplished. Thanks to you. And thanks be to God.

Trinity Servants For February 2023

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

	<u>February 5</u>	<u>February 12</u>	<u>February 19</u>	<u>February 26</u>
Assisting Minister	Steve VanAtter	Mary Braudrick	David Sheriff	David Sheriff
Organist	Wendy Quarve	Karissa Armbrust	Karissa Armbrust	Kaiti Walton
Lector	Jeff Henderson	Sierra Armbrust	Celia Wolff	Kristina Radke
February Lessons	<i>Isaiah 58: 1-12</i> <i>Psalm 112: 1-10</i> <i>1 Cor. 2: 1-16</i> <i>Matthew 5: 13-20</i>	<i>Deut. 30: 15-20</i> <i>Psalm 119: 1-8</i> <i>1 Corinthians 3: 1-9</i> <i>Matthew 5: 21-37</i>	<i>Exodus 24: 12-18</i> <i>Psalm 2</i> <i>2 Peter 1: 16-21</i> <i>Matthew 17: 1-9</i>	<i>Gen. 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7</i> <i>Psalm 22</i> <i>Romans 5: 12-19</i> <i>Matthew 4: 1-11</i>
Acolyte	Karson Hanson	Luke Floyd	Aldwin Kellar	Dot Readmond
Crucifer	Diane Irankunda	Caleb Floyd	Kevin Mills	Alexa Ward
Sound/Streaming	Bryce Quarve & Elizabeth Schnabel	Larry & Jason Mills	Bryce Quarve & Andrew Hanson	Bryce Quarve & Sarah Henthorn
Ushers	Pat & Donna Benoit	Steve & Renee VanAtter	Lloyd & Judy Kellar	Jeff & Nancy Henderson
Greeters	The Ziemer Family	Edith Hannett & Sharon Jones	The Hanson Family	Joyce Becht & Steven Ward
Church Cleaning	Randy & Martha Miller *	N/A	TBD	N/A
Altar Guild	Kristina Radke	Judy Kellar	Tammy Torrey	Cathy Winwood & Beth Rasgorshek
Fellowship Time	TBD	Kristina Radke	TBD	TBD
Offering Counters	Edith Hannett & Amanda Hanson	Edith Hannett & TBD	Edith Hannett & TBD	Edith Hannett & TBD
Flowers/Greens	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Eternal Candle; Randy & Martha Miller; **Wine:** Randy & Martha Miller; **Council Devotions:** TBD
Communion Bread: TBD.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Powerful Tools for Caregivers	2 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	3 Office Closed	4
5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time Christian Ed. & Youth	6 Office 9 a.m-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study 6:30 p.m. Movie Night	7 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	8 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Powerful Tools for Caregivers @ Trinity	9 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	10 Office Closed  -----Winter-----	11 -----Retreat-----
12 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Souper Bowl of Caring 9:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Confirmation @ Camp -----with Luther Heights-----	13 Office 9 a.m-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study 6:30 p.m. Movie Night	14 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 	15 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Powerful Tools for Caregivers @ Trinity 6:00 p.m. Trinity New Hope Annual Meeting	16 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Learning Peace Meeting 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	17 Office Closed	18
19 Transfiguration of Our Lord Last Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time	20 Office 9 a.m-1 p.m. Presidents Day 9:00 a.m. Epistle Articles Due 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study	21 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Church Council	22 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Ash Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Powerful Tools for Caregivers @ Trinity 4-6 p.m. Ashes on the Go 7:00 p.m. Worship	23 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	24 Office Closed	25 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Garden Class 9:00 a.m. – Noon in Sanctuary- Draft Day with Leadership
26 First Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time Noisy Offering	27 Office 9 a.m-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study 6:30 p.m. Stewardship for All Seasons	28 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive @ Trinity 11:30 a.m. Women's Luncheon				

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

David Akers Family (Di Seba's cousin- recently died), Peace (from Sharon Jones), 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 (from Randy & 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 Dombeck'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 Dombeck (Linda Dombeck'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).

The **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation
will be Sunday, **January 29th** following the service.
Annual Meeting Agenda Items –Elections -2023 Budget

Souper Bowl of Caring
Sunday, February 12th, 2023

The “Souper Bowl of Caring” is an annual national event that has a local impact. We’re inviting you to join us in helping the families and people of our area who need food assistance. On the weekend of the Big Game, we will gather non-perishable food items for those who are in need. The food given will then be used to stock the Trinity Food Pantry to feed our neighbors in need.
Please bring a can of soup or \$1. Many Thanks!

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