

# TRINITY TIDINGS

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God's Love-Our Hearts-God's Work-Our Hands

#### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOSH...



The days grow short, the nights grow long, and the end of another year is upon us. But before the year ends we have one more celebration to attend to. Because the long nights and cold weather are signs that Christmas is coming, and it is time again to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. During this season of Advent, we long and wait, not as people without hope, but as people who know a promise is about to be fulfilled. For we know that in a few short weeks, the world will rejoice again at Jesus birth.

"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!" ~~Dr. Seuss

Already stores have begun to play Christmas music. Lights are strung, food is prepared, The Kriskindlmarkt has opened, and the world has begun to enjoy the season. The youth are preparing for their Christmas bake sale. The choir is singing joyful songs. The decorating committee is preparing to deck the halls (and anywhere else they can think of). I hope that you have a blessed December, filled with song and laughter.

But as we enjoy this time, may we be reminded why it is that we celebrate: because on a cold dark night so long ago, a child was born in Bethlehem. Wrapped in cloth, laid in a manger, and accompanied only by those on the outside of society, he brought to earth peace, and hope, and salvation.

# "Christmas is built upon a beautiful and intentional paradox; that the birth of the homeless should be celebrated in every home." ~~G. K. Chesterton

As we celebrate let us remember those for whom this season is not bright. Offering prayers of peace and comfort for all who are struggling.

For peace in Israel and Palestine and throughout the world.

For those who have lost loved ones.

For those who do not have access to adequate food or shelter.

For those who live with depression and anxiety in these long dark days.

For all who are in need in any way.

Bless them O Lord and will their hearts with the light of your Son who comes to us again.

Amen.

This Christmas may you be blessed and be a blessing in the name of the one who comes to bring us peace and joy.



#### MISSION MOMENT



**ELCA Good Gifts Program** 







\*By shopping the ELCA Good Gifts catalog this Christmas, you can choose meaningful gifts in honor of loved ones while sharing the love of Christmas with those in need.

#### \*What are ELCA Good Gifts?

ELCA Good Gifts are a creative, meaningful way to support the ministries of the ELCA. The items in the ELCA Good Gifts catalog lift up examples of work being done in different projects and programs currently supported through ELCA churchwide ministries: the ELCA Fund for Leaders, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, ELCA New Congregations, ELCA Vision for Mission, ELCA World Hunger, Disability Ministries and Lutheran Disaster Response.

#### \*How does this work?

When you give an ELCA Good Gift you are supporting work within a specific category of ministry. For example, when you give a gift to "stock a health clinic," your donation goes on to support the health care ministries of ELCA World Hunger where needed most. This allows our global companions to determine how these funds can make the biggest impact in their local contexts, and ensure that our work is sustainable.

#### 1. CHOOSE YOUR GIFT

Browse the catalog and select from more than 50 gift-giving options. Choose the gifts that mean the most to you or choose gifts in honor of friends or loved ones. Online ELCA.org/goodgifts

#### 2. ANNOUNCE YOUR GIFT

If you give online, you can print, mail, or download a card to share with your loved one at Christmas.

Your gift makes a difference in their lives and in the world. Your donations support long-term, sustainable solutions that ensure that these good gifts last for more than a couple of days or weeks. They keep on giving for years to come.

Learn more at www.ELCA.org/goodgifts

\*Check out the Good Gifts tree in the hallway by the church office. Feel free to take ornaments or cards if you have given online.



#### Trinity Lutheran Church Report of the Treasurer 10/31/2023

Average giving per week this month: \$6,657.21

Annual Budget: \$414711; needed each week to

meet budgeted expenses: \$7975.21

 General fund:
 \$1,945.51

 Balance 9/30/2023
 \$1,945.51

 October Giving
 \$33,286.05

 October Disbursements
 (\$29,507.70)

 Misc entries
 (\$69.22)

 Balance 10/31/2023
 \$5,654.64

Total Giving:	BUDGET	Non-budget	
October	\$33,286	.05 \$188.36	
Total	\$33,286	.05 \$188.36	

1st Community Credit Union:

 Loan balance 9/30/2023
 \$14,790.15

 October principal
 (\$1,503.69)

 October interest
 \$51.06

 New loan balance 10/31/2023
 \$13,286.46

Designated Funds: Balances as of 10/31/2023:

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Total Withholding	\$1,967.04
Total Pass-through Amounts	\$2,578.33
Prepaid pledges	\$2,593.70
General Fund	\$5,654.64
Money Market Savings Account	\$13,311.20
Helping Hands Fund	\$1,511.30
Building Capital Fund	\$5,040.00
Memorial	\$3,058.02
Endowment	\$1,297.93
Restricted Estate Fund Balance	\$26,650.45
Unrestricted Estate Fund Balance	\$49,474.46
Contingency Reserve Balance	\$20,000.00
Misc Undesignated Fund	\$1,402.50
Youth Checking	\$825.00
Worship & Music	\$4,838.25
Education Ministry	\$6,727.48
Fellowship & Outreach	\$3,419.01
Building General Expenses	\$6,317.73
Thrivent Choice Fund	\$5,834.96
Community Outreach	\$1,692.46
Sabbatical Fund	\$6,295.99
Total Fund balances	\$170,490.45

#### Needed Weekly to Meet Budgeted Mission—\$7975.21

#### October 22, 2023

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$7477.50

Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$528.00

#### October 29, 2023

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$3190.51

Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$58.00

#### **November 5, 2023**

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$9797.00

Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$1027.50

#### **November 12, 2023**

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$5335.91

Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$423.75

May the blessing of joy abide within you; May the blessing of peace rest upon you; May the blessing of love flow out through you; May all the blessings of the Lord be yours at Christmas and in the new year.





Tammy Barclay, Treasurer

#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Did you know...Trinity's original church building was located in the area of the present day Morrow Home. It was built in 1886 and called the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church. In 2009, the Benrud family acquired the church from the Morrow Home Community. The chapel was moved to Norskedalen and restored with the help of the Benrud family and the Friends of Norskedalen.

We would like to thank those of you who have returned your Intent Cards and Time & Talent forms. We would like to remind those who have not, to please return them at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Stewardship Committee

Peace

love

Joy

#### ALL ARE WELCOME at the table!



# Fellowship Meal

#### JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!!!

AAW (All Are Welcome) meals are looking for more teams to continue to serve these weekly meals. Our hope is to create these teams within our Trinity family that would be willing to host a meal. It can be a family partnering with another family, a group of friends, church committees/teams/circles, council, etc. Funding for these meals is available, & we are looking for people willing to cook, serve, or clean up. We would like to get into some type of cycle with the meals (taco boats, pizza, BBQ, hot dogs/Mac & cheese, soup), & then keep them going on a rotating basis. Our hope is to bring our Trinity family together fellowship around the table at these weekly meals. Please reach out to Pastor Josh or Michelle if you if you are interested in building a team, becoming a part of this ministry, or have any additional questions. Let's feed people the way Jesus did!

Here is our schedule for November & December:

Wed., 11/29: Open – Taco Boats

Wed., 12/6: Open—Hot Dogs & Mac & Cheese

Wed., 12/13: Youth—Potluck (TBA)





#### TRINITY LUTHERAN MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

At our recent meeting we voted to distribute funds as follows:

\$750 for Trinity Lutheran Church's 150<sup>th</sup> celebration

\$250 to Lutheran Disaster Response

\$250 to St. Clare Health Mission

\$250 to Sparta Ministerial Association

Only the interest and dividends are distributed from The Fund. Thank you to Trinity's members for your generosity.

Jeremiah Erickson is a new member appointed to the committee since Tom Schauer moved out of the area. We thank Tom for his work as treasurer.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**



The Trinity Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 17 during the 9am worship. There will be no Sunday School following the program, however, Sunday School will be hosting Coffee Hour so join us for some festive treats after the program!



#### OFFICE CLOSED

December 22nd Closing at 11:00 am

December 25th

Closed all day

January 1st

Closed all day

Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year

#### LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

#### **Upcoming loose change recipients:**

December: Sunday School Fund for purchasing

Good Gifts

January: **Brighter Tomorrows** 





#### YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY





# Who Doesn't Love a Bake Sale? SAVE THE DATES!! Sunday, December 10 & Sunday, December 17



Our Youth Gathering Team will be hosting a Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser on Sunday, December 10 & Sunday, December 17. It will be held each Sunday after 9:00 a.m. worship in the hallway outside of the main office as well as the Youth Room. Come check out the variety of goodies & snacks. If you would like to donate any goodies for the Bake Sale, please let Michelle know. We are asking that everything be pre-packaged on plates of 6 or 12 items. Thank you for your continued support!

### Trinity Cares Giving Tree God's Love—Our Hearts. God's Work—Our Hands.

Our annual tradition of our "Trinity Cares" Christmas Giving tree will be going up on Sunday, November 26th. This special tree will be full of nativity scene tags representing families in our community that could use a "hand up" this Christmas season. They are also symbolic as a reminder of the true meaning of the beautiful miracle of Jesus' birth! How can we all become more like Jesus? How can we keep our light shining for Him?

Please be kind, take one or more tags, & enjoy the feeling of being a blessing to shop for the item(s) requested. Return it—UNWRAPPED—to the tree area. Not a shopper? Feel free to drop off a monetary donation, & let our Trinity Youth do the shopping for you. There are tags that request gifts cards, & those should be returned to the main office.

Please be sure to attach the original tag with your gift for easier sorting. In order to give our youth time for wrapping presents to get them out for delivery before Christmas, we would appreciate ALL gifts to be returned by Sunday, December 17th. Thank you for reaching out with loving hearts & helping hands to model Jesus & His love for all of us!





#### YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



#### **Coins Because We Care**

Several years ago, our JAM kids started a tradition of filling a stocking with coins between Thanksgiving & Christmas. We would then collect the stockings full of change to buy groceries & toiletries to help families in our community. We'd like to continue this special project, & ALL are invited to be a part of it. Check out Ella's cool sign outside of the main office, and if you are able, grab a stocking off the line starting on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, on your way in or out from our "All Are Welcome meal". Fill the stocking of ONLY coins with help from family & friends, looking in the couch cushions, etc. Return your stocking by Sunday, December 17th. Remember that each coin makes a BIG difference as we reach out working together to love & take care of ALL of God's beloved and precious children!

FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 7-9) DECEMER SCHEDULE					
Sunday, 12/3	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00	Wednesday, 12/20	NO Faith Formation		
Wednesday, 12/6	7:00-8:15 pm	Sunday, 12/24	Worship @ 9:00 NO 4G Christmas Eve Worship @ 3:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.		
Sunday, 12/10	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00	Monday, 12/25	Christmas Day Worship at 9:00 a.m. Happy Birthday, Jesus! Merry Christmas!		
Wednesday, 12/13	Christmas Celebration (TBA)	Wednesday, 12/27	NO Faith Formation		
Sunday, 12/17	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00	Sunday, 12/31	Worship @ 9:00 NO 4G		

#### **K-LOVE ROCKS!! Positive, Encouraging**

Tune in at 100.1, or get the app on your phone! I promise listening to it will make your day better! In our highs & lows, this Christian, positive & encouraging radio station is the BEST!! After you listen, please let Michelle know what has become one of your favorite songs. We'd like to start incorporating some of them into various happenings here at Trinity!

K-LOVE Challenges each week: **GO MAD Monday** – Go out and Make a Difference for Someone! How are you going to show kindness? **Feel Good Friday** – How has someone made you feel better? How can you make someone's life better?

#### YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY—DECEMBER DEVO



#### **D365.org** – Learning to Love

#### pause

Who am I that the King of the world Would give one single thought about my broken heart? Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face and says, "Come as you are"?

-Matthew West in "Me On Your Mind" (check it out on YouTube)

#### listen

"Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law? He replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands." -Matthew 22: 36-40

#### think

Who is the most favorite teacher or coach you ever had?

Take the next several seconds and remember them. Close your eyes and see their face, if you like. Try to recall an experience you had with them. What did they teach you? Maybe it was how to count to ten, how to shoot a jump shoot, algebra, or advanced physics. Perhaps they taught you how to play or how to dance. It could have been a new language. Or a skill like changing a tire or a craft such as knitting. Jesus was called teacher, and He is also our ultimate coach in this game called life. Jesus taught and still teaches us how to love. This is the greatest lesson any person can teach and learn. Likely, the favorite teacher or coach you were thinking about was like Jesus and taught you something about how to love. How to love a subject, skill, or talent. How to love learning. How to share what you love with others. Teachers and coaches teach learners, and learners become teachers and coaches. So, who will you teach? How will you help others learn something new about how to love? What have you been learning lately about how to love?

#### pray

God, thank You for those who have taught me. Guide me to people who can teach me new ways to do things and new ways to love. Give me the ability to teach others about love. Amen.

#### go

Just knowing you're mindful of me Just knowing you call me your child It's flooding my soul with unspeakable hope Thank you, Lord, that it's me on your mind -Matthew West in "Me On Your Mind"



#### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

We will be ordering poinsettias for the upcoming Christmas season. We are asking individuals or families to consider purchasing the plants for our enjoyment throughout this special season. If you purchase a poinsettia, we kindly ask that you take it home with you after the 9:00 am worship service on Christmas Day. Thank you!

#### **Order Form**

Name
Envelope No
# of Poinsettias (6" pot) (\$16.50 each) \$
Due to grower shortage again this year, colors of poinsettias will be what they have on hand at the time they receive our order.
In Honor/In Memory of (please circle one)
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OR
Monetary donation for the local food pantry \$
In Honor/In Memory of (please circle one)

Please bring order form and payment to the church office by no later than
Friday, December 15th.
\*\*Only plants that are paid for will be ordered!\*\*

Thank You

The congregation wishes to thank
Tootie Bernett for her generous
donation of a two stage
snowblower for use on the
church sidewalks.

In Loving Memory of Charles Amundson Jr.: from:

Judy Schure (Endowment Fund)

Sharon Amundson (Building Debt Retirement)

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

Revelation 21:4



#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY...



December 3

9:00 am worship with communion

#### December 10

9:00 am worship with communion

#### December 17

9:00 am Sunday School Program (no communion)

#### December 24

9:00 am worship (no communion) 3:00 pm Christmas Eve with communion 9:00 pm Christmas Eve with communion

#### December 25

9:00 am worship (no communion)

#### December 31

9:00 am worship (Lessons & Carols) (no communion)



December 3— Joiene Breitenfield

December 10—Peterson families in

memory of Camilla Rose

December 17—AI & Jan Jenkins in honor

December 17—AI & Jan Jenkins in honor of Matt Jenkins

December 24—Julee Hopkins

December 31—Tootie Bernett



We are still in need of servers. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. If you can help, sign up on a Sunday that works with your schedule.

Thank you.

Servers for the month of December are:

December 3—Matt & Brittany Michalski December 10—Opportunity to serve December 17—Sunday School Families December 24—Opportunity to serve December 31—Opportunity to serve

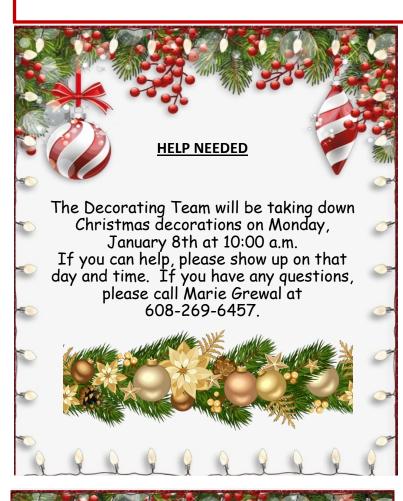


It's that time again...our Annual Meeting is fast approaching. The office is going to need reports for the Annual Report **by no later than December 29, 2023.** 

If you have questions, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!

The annual meeting will be on **Sunday, January 28, 2024.** 

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY...









Thanks everyone for your help in this project.

#### SUGAR CREEK-ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

An Advent Drive-Thru Event at Sugar Creek Bible Camp

# Road to Bethlehem

Saturday, December 2, 2:00-5:00 pm



Begin your Advent journey with a census, live animals, angels, and manger scene.

The Christmas story and caroling will guide you through.

Join us in the Manna Center for Advent crafts as well as coffee, hot chocolate and cookies to warm you up.

There is no cost, but we invite you to consider a free will offering to benefit the ministry and mission of Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

We will also be collecting canned goods for a local food pantry.

www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org (608)734-3113 13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd Ferryville, WI 54628

#### **WOMEN'S CIRCLES**

#### **MARY CIRCLE**

Mary Circle will meet Monday,
December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 for their
Christmas Party at Kathy Peterson's
house, 1208 Conrad Circle. Bring a
dish to pass. We will resume our
book study of *Liturgy of the*Ordinary by Tish Harrison Warren in
January. New people are always
welcome to Mary Circle! Contact
Barb Moorhead (487-3721) with
questions.

#### SHALOM CIRCLE

Thursday, December 14th, at 1:30 pm at MaryCrest Contact Adell Morton with questions (608-269-7039)



#### **JOY CIRCLE**

Thursday, December 14th, at 10:00 am

in the Shalom Room

Contact Julee Hopkins with questions

(608-269-2808)

#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

## Birthday Blessings

12/01Jolene Breitenfield, Brenda Degenhardt, Cincy O'Neil12/05Mick Siver, Gene Von Ruden12/06Robbie Dockerty, Alec Von Ruden12/07Connie Lietzau, Kadon Milne, Isabelle Schultz12/08Cindy Cable, Gregg Kenyon12/09Katelyn Scholze12/10Stefhanie Greenwell12/11Emily Woodworth12/12Steve Brandau Jr., Kolby Leis, Timothy Steivang12/13Jean Hays, Mary Herrman12/14Clair Mobley, Paul Sagehorn12/15Kara Jenkins12/16Dulce Everson12/19Dan Amundson, Judy Bernett, Phil Dammen, Ashley Jaeger12/20Anje Schmitz, Cruz Thurow, Amanda Woodworth12/22Stacie Burke-Giraud, David Olson, Madelyn Sprain, Logan Walley12/23Isaac Larson, Noah Markuson, Philip Schulz, Lee Sprain, Gary Zimmerman12/24Chuck Amundson Sr., Jakob Larson, Carol Olson12/25Joshua Smith, JESUS12/26Aaron Weibel12/27Jo Ellen Siver12/29Gail Baltz, Erik Drake, Meghan Perry, Valerie Ruedy, Dan Theirl12/30Paul Larsen12/31Blaine Markuson, Ethan Oppriecht				
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#### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

# Anniversary Blessings

12/04	Bob & Joyce Emery
12/09	Kevin & Sarah Nelson
12/10	Bob & Jenny Lydon
12/17	Paul & Cheryl Nelson
12/31	Ron & Becky Anderson



Happy Birthday & Anniversary Wishes

Wishing you an amazing year filled with love & joy!

God Bless you!

If you do not see your name on the birthday/anniversary list, it means that your information is not inputted in our church software system. Please contact Myrt in the church office to add this information if your name is not listed and your birthday and/or anniversary is in the month of December. On the other hand, if you see someone on this list and it is not accurate, could you also contact Myrt and let her know so that she can make any necessary changes in our system. Thank you!

#### UPCOMING SERVING SCHEDULES

**GREETERS** 

December 3: Bonnie & Dan Amundson

December 10: Sharon Amundson December 17: Ray & Donna Boland

December 24: TBD

December 31: Joanne Benning



#### **PEW RESTOCKING**

December—Looking for volunteer



**READERS** 

December 3: Joel Oppriecht December 10: Pete Perkins

December 17: Christmas Program

December 24: TBD

December 31: Joyce Putman



**MONEY COUNTING** 

December 4: Carol Glaman-Michelle Clark-Kelly Funk December 11: Rita Bernette-Bill McClain-Alton Ask

December 18: Linda Winterton-Dave Olson-Diane Dammen December 26: Fred Olsen-Nancy Oswald-Gail Baltz

Audrey Zebell (looking for 2 more volunteers)



**COMMUNION SERVERS** 

December 3: M. Hyatt-D. Dengel-C. Hogan December 10: Gary Haskins & Stacey Markuson

December 17: No communion

December 24: 9:00 am-No communion

3:00 pm-TBD 9:00 pm-TBD

December 25: No communion December 31: No communion



#### **NURSING HOME BULLETIN DELIVERY**

Morrow Home: **Rolling Hills:** Date: Carol Thorsen Sharon Nelson Dec. 1 Dec. 8 Jonelle Intihar Karen Wall Dec. 15 Larry & Lana Zwiefel Jonelle Intihar Dec. 22 Evelyn Rust Carol Thorsen

Dec. 29 Edie Habhegger Gary & Betty Peterson



**MUSIC** 

Accompanist **Special Music:** Alleluia Choir

Dec. 3: Adell Morton Dec. 10: Wyatt Tripp

Dec. 17: Adell Morton (Sunday School Program)

Dec. 24: Adell Morton (9 am)

Adell Morton (3 pm) Alleluia Choir

Virginia Bolin (9 pm)

Dec. 25: Virginia Bolin Dec. 31: Adell Morton



#### **FOOD PANTRY**

December 6: Les & Linda Mull

December 13: Les Stanley, Sharon Nelson, and

Judy Bernett

December 20: Mary Herrman & Sheila Bernett

December 26: Diane Dammen & Jolene Breitenfield December 27: Donna Boland & Anita Jensen



#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

December—Phil & Diane Dammen

Pick up every Friday at Sparta Floral anytime and deliver to the church before 1:30 p.m.





December—Mary Herrman & Cynthia Lockington



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FRIDAY Sebsit	1	∞	15	22 TIDINGS TEAM TO ASSEMBLE JANUARY TIDINGS	29 ARTICLES DUE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT	
THURSDAY		7 8:30 am-Quilting-FH 5:00 pm-LOL Meal-FH 5-6 pm-NA Meeting-HR 6:15 pm-Troop Meeting Adults and Parents 6:30 pm-Music & Worship Meeting-SR	14 9:00 am-Prayer Shawl-HR 10:00 am-150th Committee Meeting-Narthex 10:00 am-Joy Circle-SR 1:30 pm-Shalom Circle at MaryCrest 5:00 pm-LOL Meal-FH 5-6 pm-NA Meeting-HR	21 5:00 pm-LOL Meal-FH 5-6 pm-NA Meeting-HR	28 5:00 pm-LOL Meal-FH 5-6 pm-NA Meeting-HR	
WEDNESDAY THURSDAY		6 10:00 am-Food Pantry 1:45 pm-Rolling Hills Worship/Communion 5:30 pm-AAW Meal-FH 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm- Faith Formation 7:00 pm-Alleluia Choir	13 2:00 am—Food Pantry 2:00 pm-Morrow Home Worship/Communion 5:30 pm-AAW Meal-FH 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Alleluia Choir	20 10:00 am-Food Pantry 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Alleluia Choir	27 10:00 am-Food Pantry 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Alleluia Choir	
TUESDAY		5 9:00 am-Ladies Breakfast at Don's Restaurant 5:00 pm-Personnel Meeting 5-6 pm-NA Meeting-HR 6:30 pm-Adult with Scouts Meeting	12 5-6 pm-NA Meeting-HR 6-7 pm-Pack 67 Den Meeting 6-8 pm-Boy Scout Troop 67-FH 6:30 pm-Church Council-SR	19 5-6 pm-NA Meeting-HR 6-7 pm-Pack 67 Pack Meeting TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER	26 5-6 pm-NA Meeting-HR 6-7 pm-Pack 67 Cub Scouts 6-8 pm-Boy Scout Troop 67-FH	
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SUNDAY		3 9:00 am-Worship with communion 10:00 am-Sunday School 10:00 am-4G-YR 10:30 am-Advent Book Discussion-SR	10 9:00 am-Worship with Communion (Youth Bake Sale) 10:00am-Sunday School	17 9:00 am-Sunday School Christmas Program (Loose Change Offering) (Youth Bake Sale) 10:00 am-4G-YR	24 9:00 am-Worship –4th Sunday in Advent 3:00 pm-Christmas Eve Worship 9:00 pm-Christmas Eve Worship	31 9:00 am-Worship (Lessons & Carols) 51



Wishing you the Spirit of Christmas
which is PEACE
The Blessing of Christmas
which is Hope
From the Heart of Christmas
which is Christ