



# TRINITY TIDINGS

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



### CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our quest for a new minister at Trinity has slowed down with no new candidates. The holiday season is fast approaching which also slows down the availability of candidates. We ask for your prayers of support, guidance patience and peace for the present and into the future months.



### NOMINATION COMMITTEE UPDATE



Nominating Committee

The nomination committee would like to **THANK** church members who have stepped forward to fill many vital leadership roles for Trinity Lutheran. We will share the slate of candidates in January. The nomination committee is close to having the roster filled. Presently, we are looking for a female and male synod representative.

### INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONGREGATION

One of our important Lutheran principles is that God speaks when Christians gather to discuss and vote on issues and leaders. It is so important to vote in our congregational elections and on items presented at our annual congregational meeting on January 29, 2023 in order to have a voice on how our congregation moves forward in fulfilling its Christian mission.

In order to be a voting member of Trinity's congregation, a person must be a confirmed member with at least one donation of record in the year and at least one documented participation in communion. For new members who don't yet have a giving number, they can donate by using an envelope from the pew rack and filling out their name and address on the lines on the envelope or by donating electronically. It is expected that members who have giving numbers will use their envelopes to make their donations.

In order to document participation in communion, a yellow communion card needs to be filled out at least once per year. Include first and last names of all family members in order to insure that the information is entered correctly into our data base. Indicate changes in address or phone numbers on these cards also. They can also be used to communicate needs to the pastor.

This information is being shared so that members who currently don't meet the requirements for being a voting member can take the necessary steps to insure that their voice may be heard at the annual meeting to be held on January 29, 2023. If you have questions about this information, please contact Jan Jenkins at (608) 633-0512.



## MISSION MOMENT UPDATE

La Crosse Welcome Circle  
Sponsor Ukraine Refugees



The La Crosse Welcome Circle (LWC) has been organized to assist Ukrainians who wish to temporarily resettle in our part of Wisconsin. Many will return to their homeland when that becomes possible, but this local group is offering peace and hope to them in the meantime. LWC is a project of the Interfaith Leaders Coalition, *Note, Pastor Kvale and English Lutheran are leaders in this coalition.*

The LWC is a member of HIAS, an international resettlement organization started in 1881. Most recently, HIAS aided Afghans in their resettlement all over the U.S. With its guidance, the LWC can assist Ukrainian newcomers in navigating their environment, including government programs, social services, and finding jobs and housing. The goal of LWV is to ensure newcomers are settled and on their own, including financially, within six months. Currently, Ukrainians have a two-year limit in the United States. LWC expects the first refugees to arrive in November.

LWC has teamed with Couleecap, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, to receive donations and to disburse funds. This ensures that all donations are tax deductible, and all expenses are carefully audited.

- To donate by check, please make it payable to Couleecap, Inc. and write LWC on the memo line. Mail checks to: Couleecap, Inc. Attn: LWC, 201 Melby Street, Westby, WI 54667.
- To donate online, find a donation button on the Interfaith Coalition website <https://www.interfaithleaders.org/la-crosse-welcome-circle.html>

In-Kind Gifts - The Ukrainian newcomers arrive with little more than what they can carry. Gift cards, identified as for LWC, can be sent to the Couleecap mailing address or emailed to [lacrossewelcomecircle@gmail.com](mailto:lacrossewelcomecircle@gmail.com). Please consider gift cards to Target, Festival, Walmart, Woodman's Foods, Hy-Vee, Kwik Trip, etc.

Volunteer - As the Welcome Circle goes forward, it will be seeking volunteers to help with everything from school registration, to signing up for social services, to setting up housing and more. We will be asking for experts in the fields of education, health care, including mental health, employment, and other areas. Some volunteer opportunities will be as simple as providing a ride to the grocery store or doctor's office, while others will require more time and expertise.

For further information, see the LWC website above or send an e-mail to [lacrossewelcomecircle@gmail.com](mailto:lacrossewelcomecircle@gmail.com)





## A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR, JIM SCAIFE

Notice the “5 Guiding Lights” on the following page. This is a common process for Christian decision making whether it be for an individual or a Christian community. As Christians we all long to bring God into our decisions, but it is not always easy. The question is how does God guide our decisions? God seldom gives anyone a blinding flash of exactly what to do.

One answer to this question is: God guides us through the guiding lights of prayer, Scripture, circumstances, judgement and counsel. In this process, as it would be used in a church, a group of Christians meet together and consider how these guiding lights are leading them to a decision. When all 5 lights point the same way—the group goes that way. If any of the lights do not point in the same way, the group waits.

In last month’s article, prayer was the topic. Prayer is an important light. In this sense prayer is simply mulling over an issue with God in mind and a teachable heart. The focus is more on the procedure than the outcome. The ones praying are asking God to show them their own anxieties that may affect the issues and to help them clarify issues.

The guiding light for this month is Scripture. Here again, the mistake is to seek primarily a Scripture that focuses on the outcome. This is important on some decisions. However, in most church decisions the guiding light of Scriptures focuses, like prayer, on the process and clarifying the issues.

Scriptures come to mind as people pray and discuss a situation. When a Bible passage comes to mind, it is shared with others. The group is guided by that light. Most of time the light of Scripture has a lot to say about the process—is the process moving forward with peace, love, forgiveness?—lots of Bible passages about this. Remember, it is usually the case that God cares less about an outcome and more that Christians treat each other well in the process.

Sometimes the guidance of Scripture is more focused on a Biblical idea or theme than it is on a single verse. It is important for Christians not to bog down in thinking they need to have in mind a specific chapter and verse to be guided by Scripture. Scriptural themes guide as well.

As the light of Scripture is added to prayer, counsel, circumstances, and judgement, “the way becomes clear” as our Quaker brothers and sisters say.





## A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR, JIM SCAIFE

### Seeking God's Direction The Five Guiding Lights Acts 15—The Council at Jerusalem

When all 5 lights point the same way...  
Go that Direction!

#### **Circumstances (vs. 1-2)**

Where do we find ourselves at this moment?  
What is different from the past?  
What is likely to arise in the future?  
What forces are moving us to change?

#### **Counsel (vs 7, 12)**

Who has wisdom and insight for us? To whom should we listen at this time of change?

#### **Scripture (vs 14-18)**

What Scriptures have shaped our faith?  
What Scriptures call us to action and worship?  
What Scriptures guide us at this particular moment?

#### **Judgement (vs 19)**

What wisdom from our education and experience has God given us to face the current situation?

#### **Whispers of the Spirit (vs 28)**

When we turn to God in prayer with open, listening hearts, what thoughts and insights come to us for our situation?





## A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

### God's Love – Our Hearts

### God's Work – Our Hands

Trinity Church Council Actions of Note from Tuesday October 11, 2022 meeting:

- Michelle's hours will be increased from 30 to 35 hours per week beginning with new year.
- Council okayed a Personnel Committee recommendation of a 4% pay raise for lay staff in 2023.
- The council approved Fellowship Hall rules regarding the responsibilities of groups using Fellowship Hall. These rules will be on display in Fellowship Hall. Please follow the recommendations regarding configuration and clean up.

We look ahead:

- Council will complete the 2023 budget workup in December to be approved at the Annual Meeting on January 29.
- The Nominating Committee will be publishing the list of candidates for Council, constitutional committees, endowment committee, and synod assembly at mid-month. A prayerful thank you to all who have come forward to serve the missions and ministries of Trinity.

The December Council meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday the 13th.

Les Stanley  
President  
Trinity Lutheran Church





## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



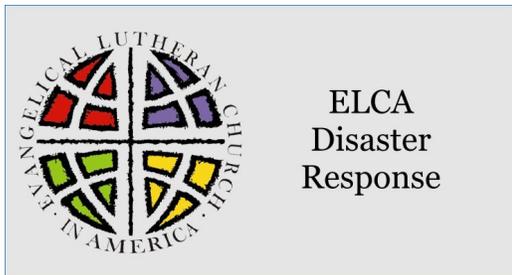
### Help make Trinity “A Place to Gather and Grow in Christ”.

The 2023 Trinity Appeal is in full swing. In plain language the goal is: “**Come back to Trinity and experience God’s Love.**” Your Time, Talents and Treasures are vital to fulfil our mission of **God’s Love, Our Hearts. God’s Work, Our Hands.**

Please return your **Time & Talent brochure** and **Intent Card** in one of the following ways: 1) Mail them to the church office at 612 N. Water St. Sparta, WI 54656, 2) Drop them in the secure drop box near the front door, or 3) Take a picture of them and email to [office@TLCSparta.org](mailto:office@TLCSparta.org). Extra forms are available at church and on Trinity’s website – [www.tlcsparta.org](http://www.tlcsparta.org). Thank you for sharing God’s Love.

**Trinity Stewardship Committee:** Michael Bonello, Karen Edwards, Kelly Funk, Christin Gasner, Vanessa Gavilan, Bill Herrman, Kira Markuson, Les Stanley and Pastor Scaife.

## YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Trinity Lutheran Church raised over \$800.00 for Disaster Relief for those affected by Hurricanes in Florida, South Carolina and Puerto Rico.  
Thanks for your Support!

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”  
Matthew 25:40



## Trinity Kutheran Church - Report of the Treasurer 10/31/2022

Average giving per week this month: \$6,391.91

Annual Budget: \$394571; needed each week to meet budgeted expenses: \$7587.90

General fund:	
Balance 9/30/2022	\$14,484.85
October Giving	\$31,959.55
October Disbursements	(\$34,538.90)
<b>Balance 10/31/2022</b>	<b>\$11,905.50</b>

Total Giving:	BUDGET	Non-budget
October	\$31,959.55	\$1,639.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,959.55</b>	<b>\$1,639.59</b>

1st Community Credit Union:	
Loan balance 9/30/2022	\$35,610.01
October principal	(\$1,418.65)
October interest	\$136.10
<b>New loan balance 10/31/2022</b>	<b>\$34,191.36</b>

Designated Funds: Balances as of 10/31/2022:

Total Withholding	\$2,085.60
Total Pass-through Amounts	\$1,891.82
Prepaid pledges	\$900.00
General Fund	\$11,905.50
Money Market Savings Account	\$12,678.76
Helping Hands Fund	\$1,211.30
Building Capital Fund	\$5,490.00
Memorial	\$8,749.98
Endowment	\$3,370.91
Contingency Reserve Balance	\$20,000.00
Misc Undesignated Fund (Estate)	\$23,565.96
Youth Checking	\$158.00
Worship & Music	\$4,039.48
Education Ministry	\$6,308.44
Fellowship & Outreach	\$3,840.13
Building General Expenses	\$4,347.33
Thrivent Choice Fund	\$5,843.91
Community Outreach	\$1,969.15
Sabbatical Fund	\$6,295.99
<b>Total Fund balances</b>	<b>\$124,652.26</b>

Tammy Barclay, Treasurer

## Needed Weekly to Meet Budgeted Mission - \$7587.90

### October 23, 2022

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$6732.50  
Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$176.00

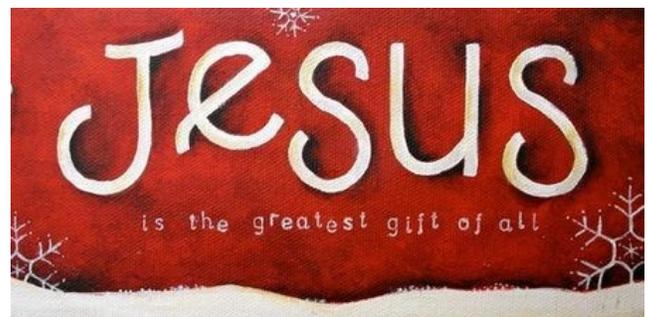
### October 30, 2022

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$3489.50  
Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$68.00

### November 6, 2022

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$9963.50  
Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$146.81

## Christmas





## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

SAVE THE  
DATE



**Sunday, December 11 & Sunday, December 18**

**Christmas Sweet Treats, here we come!**

Our Youth Gathering Team will be hosting a Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser on Sunday, December 11 & Sunday, December 18. It will be held after both 8:15 & 10:30 worship services in the entry way outside of the main office as well as the Youth Room. 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 27th. 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 Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 & buy groceries to donate to our ecumenical food pantry. 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 30, at our Trinity Family Fun Night. Fill the stocking of ONLY coins with help from family & friends, looking in the couch cushions, etc. Return your stocking by Sunday, December 18. Remember that each coin makes a BIG difference as we reach out working together to feed ALL of God's beloved and precious children!

### 4G (God, Girls, & Guys R GR8T)

ALL students in grades 7 – 12 are invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Room. We'll enjoy breakfast pizza, dig into God's Word, & enjoy conversation together! We'll also break into small groups to talk about what faith opportunities you would like specific for Middle School & High School programming. Please bring any ideas you may have to continue to build & strengthen our YOUth Ministry!! We hope to see you there!



### FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)

ALL high school students in grades 9 - 12 are invited to come be a part of FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) on Friday mornings before school at 7:00 a.m. If you are looking for a way to connect, meet new friends, serve others, & enjoy breakfast together (food is provided), THIS is the place for you! Come, check out FCA to see what it is all about! We meet in Mr. Buck Engel's room at 7:00 a.m. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please reach out to Thomas Laufenberg (608) 377-1264 to RSVP each Friday (for food planning) or if you have any questions. We thank God for working in & through us to bring Him the glory in all we do as we love & serve others!



## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

### December Faith Formation Schedule:

Wednesday, 12/7:	Road to Bethlehem at English, LaX
Wednesday, 12/14:	7:00 – 8:15 p.m.
Wednesday, 12/21:	NO Faith Formation
Saturday, 12/24:	Christmas Eve Worship at 3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 12/25:	Christmas Day Worship at 9:00 a.m. Happy Birthday, Jesus! Merry Christmas!
Wednesday, 12/28:	NO Faith Formation

### **K-LOVE ROCKS!!**

**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!!**

**GO MAD Monday – Go out and Make a Difference for Someone!**

**Feel Good Friday – How has someone made you feel good? How can you make someone feel good!**





## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY—DECEMBER DEVO

### YOU ARE BOLD

“Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness.” 2 Corinthians 3:12

When it comes to declaring our faith to someone, or standing up for what we believe in (even if no one else supports us), we can shrink back and stay small. But, God does not intend for you to live small. He is making you strong, resilient, and bold. When we are strengthened in the Lord’s Spirit, God give us an outpouring of boldness to help fulfill our purpose. We can face things that make us tremble, like telling a friend about Jesus or standing up for what we believe on social media, despite the backlash. God equips us to face our fears with His strength and comforting presence. There is nothing the Lord brings us to that He will not be in with us.

With God, we can be bold:

#### In Faith

When we know that we know what we know, NOTHING can come between our faith and our Creator. It is the beginning of a vibrant, ever-growing relationship that shapes us into His image. The more we immerse ourselves in His Word and allow it to nourish our mind and spirit, the more we can rely on the verses we need when we need them. As we spend time with God in prayer, listening to Him and presenting our needs, the closer we get to His heart. **The more we serve the world as the hands and feet of Jesus, the more hope we offer people who desperately crave it.**

#### In Life

It’s a rough world. Temptations abound, and we are constantly distracted by the temporary things that clamor for our attention: status, influence, and power. As the world spins seemingly out of control, we can stand firm, fixed on God’s unchanging truth. We can be a voice of truth and love, boldly proclaiming the better way in Christ. Our family, friends, and neighbors need someone to stand up for what’s right, and the more we’re infused with the eternal ways of God, the more confident we can proclaim what truly matters.

#### In Relationship

Jesus placed a high value on relationship. He took great care in conversing with those who society saw as outcasts, and He was drawn to those who knew their need for saving. We have a fantastic opportunity to follow in His footsteps and strengthen our relationships with those whom God places in our sphere of influence. Strengthening our faith includes discipleship, which is walking alongside a friend or neighbor and pointing them to Jesus in every area of life. We grow together; it’s God’s design. When we can sharpen one another in faith and remind each other of our identity in Christ, we encourage each other to live boldly for the Kingdom.

God is with you, wherever you go. Go out for Him today, into a world that is waiting to be transformed. He will give you what you need. You are loved, you are valued, you are enough, you matter, you are bold.

Where have you become fearful? How can you bring God into those fears and live in boldness with Him?

Who in your life has been an example of boldness to you? What do you admire about the way they live out their faith?

Dear Gracious and loving God, this world can bring so much fear. Sometimes, there is so much noise everywhere I go. Would You lead me in Your truth, and enable me by Your Spirit to step out in boldness to share You with those around me who need to know the love of Christ that saves them? Thank you that You are with me, wherever I go, helping me know what to say. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

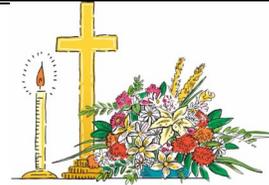


## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY...

### DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**8:15 & 10:30 am (our 8:15 service is live-streamed)**

- December 4—Worship with communion (blessing of communion for homebound)
- December 11—Worship
- December 18—Worship (loose change offering)  
10:30 service—Sunday School Christmas Program
- December 24—Christmas Eve—3:00 & 5:00 pm
- December 25—Christmas Day—1 service at 9:00 am with communion



Altar Flowers

**Thank you for purchasing flowers for the altar in December:**

- December 4—Gurmohan & Gretchen Grewal
- December 11—Al & Jan Jenkins
- December 18—Peterson Families
- December 25—Tootie Bernett

### **JOIN US FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN SERVICES**

Servers for December are:

- December 4—Opportunity to serve
- December 11—Opportunity to serve
- December 18—Opportunity to serve



We are seeking a part-time custodian (up to 10 hours per week) to do cleaning and maintenance of the church building & grounds.

To apply, send your resume to [office@tlcsparta.org](mailto:office@tlcsparta.org) or drop it off in the church office at 612 N. Water Street in Sparta

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 13th, at 6:30 p.m.

### Tidings Articles Due Date

Articles for the January edition are due to Myrt by no later than **Wednesday, December 21st**, due to the Christmas Holiday. The Tidings Team will be in on Tuesday, December 27th, to assemble them.

### **Annual Report**



It's that time again...our Annual Meeting is fast approaching and is set for **January 29, 2023**. The office is going to need your information for the Annual Report by **no later than December 30, 2022**. If you have questions, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!





## TRINITY'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Trinity's Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 18 at the 10:30 worship. Sunday Schoolers will have a practice on Saturday, December 17 (time TBD) as well as one final practice during Sunday School the day of the program. Thanks in advance to all of the families for bringing your child to Sunday School each week in preparation for this joyous event. A big shout out to Kevin Peterson and Tony & Christin Gasner, as well as to all of the Sunday School teachers and helpers for working with the kiddos to prepare for the program!

## MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of **Gladys Nichols:**  
from:  
Beverly Lisney—General Fund  
Debbie Bassett—Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of **Adolph & Vernis Haugland:**  
from:  
Steve Haugland—Building Fund

In Honor of **Dave Stigen** from:  
Alton Ask—Endowment Fund

## A Christmas Prayer

Dear Jesus,  
the perfect  
love and light  
of Christmas,  
we pray you  
will guide us  
to love  
one another  
throughout  
the year.  
Amen.





**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

**ONWARD CHRISTIAN QUILTERS**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

# of Poinsettias (\$16.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_ (6" pot)

Due to grower shortage again this year, colors of poinsettias will be what they have on hand at the time they receive our order.

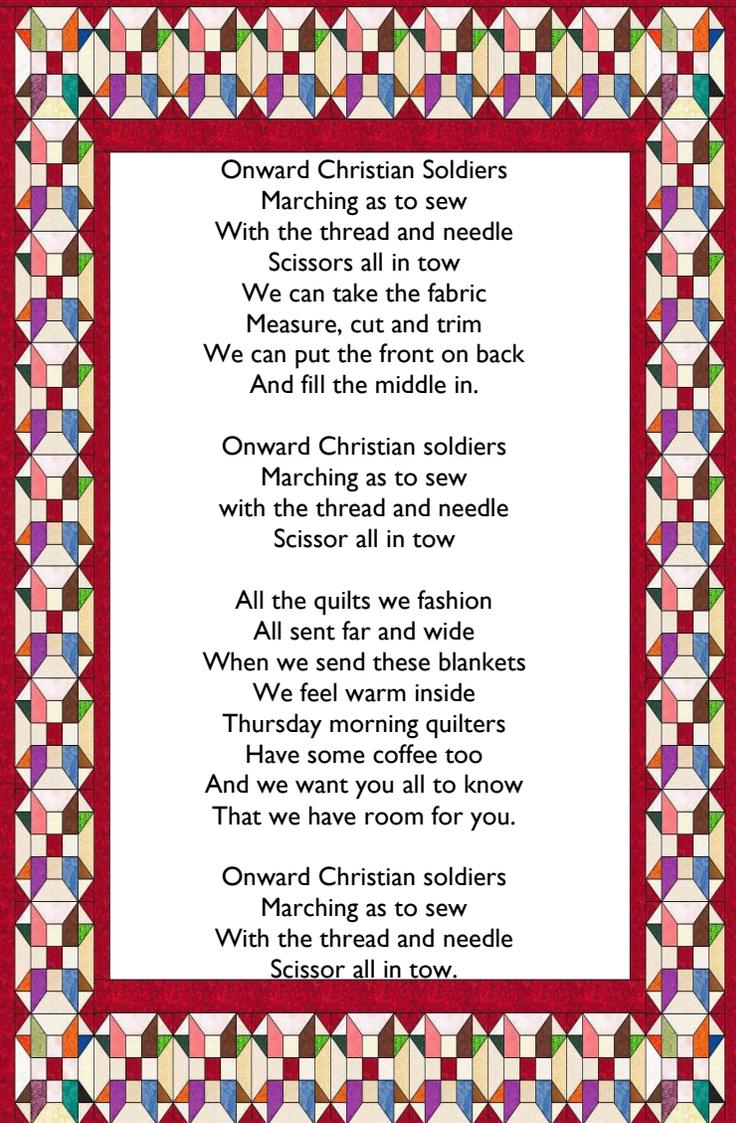
In Honor/In Memory of (**please circle one**) .  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Monetary donation for the local food pantry \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/In Memory of (**please circle one**) .  
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Please put order form in offering plate with payment or bring it to the church office by **no later than Friday, December 9th.**  
**\*\*Only plants that are paid for will be ordered!\*\***



Onward Christian Soldiers  
 Marching as to sew  
 With the thread and needle  
 Scissors all in tow  
 We can take the fabric  
 Measure, cut and trim  
 We can put the front on back  
 And fill the middle in.

Onward Christian soldiers  
 Marching as to sew  
 with the thread and needle  
 Scissor all in tow

All the quilts we fashion  
 All sent far and wide  
 When we send these blankets  
 We feel warm inside  
 Thursday morning quilters  
 Have some coffee too  
 And we want you all to know  
 That we have room for you.

Onward Christian soldiers  
 Marching as to sew  
 With the thread and needle  
 Scissor all in tow.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**





## CIRCLES

### JOY CIRCLE

The Joy circle will be meeting on Thursday, December 8th at the Family Restaurant at 11:30 am. This end of the year luncheon will be a time for past, present and future members of the Joy circle to meet and reflect on past lessons and look forward to new lessons from the "Gather" magazine. If you are able to join us, please contact Julee Hopkins at 608-269-2808.

### MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle will meet Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 for their Christmas Party at the home of Debbie Bassett, 1109 Sherri Drive. Bring a dish to pass and an offering for the ELCA. We will not be meeting on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Barb Moorhead (487-3721) with questions. New people are always welcome to Mary Circle!

### SHALOM CIRCLE

Shalom Circle will meet Thursday, December 8th, at 1:00 pm in the Shalom Room  
Contact Adell Morton with questions (608-269-7039)



**CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR  
OFFICE CLOSURE PERIOD**

**December 24th**  
Closing at 11:00 am  
**December 26th**  
Closed all day  
**January 2nd**  
Closed all day

Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!



### HELP NEEDED

The Decorating Team will be taking down Christmas decorations on Monday, January 9th. If you can help, please show up on that day and time. If you have any questions, please call Marie Grewal at 608-269-6457.



If you have any prayer requests, please contact Jonelle Intihar, our prayer group coordinator at [Jonelle@theintihars.com](mailto:Jonelle@theintihars.com)



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS****DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES***Birthday Blessings**Anniversary Blessings*

12/01	Jolene Breitenfield, Brenda Degenhardt
12/02	Langston Hove
12/05	Mick Siver, Gene Von Ruden
12/06	Robbie Dockerty, Alec Von Ruden
12/07	Jason Kirkeeng, Connie Lietzau, Kadon Milne, Isabelle Schultz
12/08	Cindy Cable, Gregg Kenyon, Bryson Nichols
12/09	Katelyn Scholze, Alexa Thesing
12/10	Stefhanie Greenwell
12/11	Warren Caulum, Emily Woodworth
12/12	Judy Bernett, Steve Brandau Jr., Kolby Leis, Timothy Steivang
12/13	Jean Hays, Mary Herrman
12/14	Clair Mobley, Paul Sagehorn
12/15	Sierra Brantner, Kara Jenkins
12/16	Dulce Everson
12/19	Dan Amundson, Phil Dammen, Ashley Jaeger
12/20	Hayden Olson, Anje Schmitz, Cruz Thurow, Amanda Woodworth
12/22	Stacie Burke-Giraud, Dave Olson, Madelyn Sprain, Logan Walley
12/23	Isaac Larson, Noah Markuson, Philip Schulz, Lee Sprain
12/24	Chuck Amundson Sr., Jakob Larson, Carol Olson
12/25	JESUS, Joshua Smith
12/26	Aaron Weibel
12/27	JoEllen Siver
12/29	Gail Baltz, Erik Drake, Meghan Perry, Valerie Ruedy, Dan Theirl
12/30	Paul Larsen
12/31	Blaine Markuson, Ethan Oppriecht

12/03	Kyle & Kate Swenson
12/04	Robert & Joyce Emery
12/09	Kevin & Sarah Nelson
12/10	Bob & Jenny Lydon
12/17	Paul & Cheryl Nelson
12/31	Ron & Becky Anderson



*Heavenly Father, we praise You for abundant blessings You bestow upon us each day. In a special way, we thank you for our brothers and sisters celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this month of December.*

*Look upon them always with mercy and compassion and grant them joy. May they deepen their love for You and for each other. May You bless their family and friends, and lead them all to unending happiness.*

*Bless us too as a family and community, as we celebrate life and love with them and help us all to praise You and continue to give You glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>8:15 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Dec. 4	Al & Jan Jenkins	Ken & Marcia Thielker
Dec. 11	Connie Jerome	Carol Thorsen
Dec. 18	Larry & Nila Larson	TBD
Dec. 25	TBD	TBD

### READERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>8:15 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Dec. 4	David Olson	Doug Dengel
Dec. 11	TBD	Ava Erickson
Dec. 18	Pete Perkins	Youth
Dec. 25	TBD	TBD

### COMMUNION SERVERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>8:15 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Dec. 4	Terry & Joyce Putman	K. Tock/B. Selbrede
	<u>9:00 Service</u>	
Dec. 25	Chris & Kim Milne	

### ACCOMPANISTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>8:15 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Dec. 4	Adell Morton	Adell Morton
Dec. 11	Adell Morton	Adell Morton
Dec. 18	Worship Team	Worship Team
Dec. 24	<u>3:00 pm Service</u>	<u>5:00 pm Service</u>
	Adell Morton	Adell Morton
Dec. 25	<u>9:00 AM SERVICE</u>	
	Adell Morton	

### USHERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>8:15 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25	Alice Olson Paul Amundson Chuck Amundson	Mark Baltz Dan Amundson

### FLOWER PICK UP & DELIVERY

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>
December	Phil & Diane Dammen
January	Schedule Forthcoming
February	Schedule Forthcoming

### ALTAR GUILD

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>
December	Mary Herrman & Judy Bernett
January	Schedule Forthcoming
February	Schedule Forthcoming

### PEW RESTOCKING

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>
December	Linda Erickson
January	Schedule Forthcoming
February	Schedule Forthcoming

### MONEY COUNTERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>
Dec. 5	Alton Ask/Audrey Zebell/Bill McClain
Dec. 12	Carol Thorsen/Adell Morton/B. Degenhardt
Dec. 19	JoEllen Siver/Alice Olson/Gary Peterson
Dec. 27	Carol Glaman/Gary Peterson

### FOOD PANTRY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>
Dec. 7	Donna Boland & Anita Jensen
Dec. 14	Julie Erickson & Karen Hernandez
Dec. 21	Dennis & Carol Glaman
Dec. 27	Deb Page & Brittany Michalski
Dec. 28	Alice Olson & Audrey Zebell

*An Advent Drive-Thru Event*

# **Road to Bethlehem**

## **Saturday, December 3**

**Begin your journey any time from 2:00 - 5:00 pm**

Journey through the Advent story by visiting different live action worship stations offering carols, scripture, prayer, and the chance to visit a live nativity.

Enjoy refreshments at the end.

This is an outdoor event, so dress appropriately for the weather.

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. Non-perishable food items will be collected to benefit local food pantries.

*Watch our website and Facebook page for more information.*

**"Come and see... The long-awaited  
Savior, Jesus Christ, is near!"**

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# Yesterday's Youth

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022**

**9 AM - 2:30 PM**

9 AM Coffee & Fellowship

9:45 Welcome

10-12 Presentation

Noon Lunch

1 PM-Sugar Creek Updates

1:15-2:30 Music

**\$15  
person**

**RSVP**

## Guest Speaker - Chris Hardie, author

Chris will discuss his proposed book, "Back Home: Farm Country Tales," which will chronicle the joys and challenges of growing up and returning to the country told through seasonal stories.

## Music - Viroqua Community Bell Choir

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