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10:30 am - 11:30 am

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Wednesday 1 - 4 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

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Wednesday 4:15 pm



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# JANUARY

## The Godly Activity of Work

*October 8, 2025 / Lutheran Witness / By Nathan Meador*

Work is a four-letter word. This is true on more than one level. A preschooler can look at the word, count the characters and verify this fact. But for many, work is a four-letter word for much deeper reasons. The four-letter nature of the word is related to the displeasure that work often brings.

When something is "work," it usually denotes that a less-than-pleasant amount of effort is required to accomplish a task. Tedium or toil is commingled with the concept of work. Because of this, people get the Sunday evening blues when they consider the looming specter of the Monday morning grind starting up again.

### Joyful harvest

But this is not the way God designed work. God created the steward for the purpose of work. Genesis 2:15 makes this clear! "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it." Work was always part of the identity of the human steward. In God's perfect Garden of Eden, the work was simple and joyous. It was that of harvest.

Just imagine being a farmer in the garden! No plowing. No planting. No weeding. No rock-picking. No bucking bales. No floods. No droughts. Just harvest. When it was time for zucchini, you picked it. When it was time for bananas, you picked them. The work of the steward in the garden was beautiful, not burdensome.

### Confronted with labor

But that is not the case for the stewards we are entrusted to lead. The labor that confronts us in the present day is anything but automatic. There is good reason for this. The first stewards did not fail in their work; they failed in their keeping. Adam did not keep, that is defend, the garden against its only natural enemy: the alien word of sin and death spewed by the serpent.

Because of this, the judgment of the sweat of the brow and toil has been inextricably linked this side of eternity. Humanity was not terminated from their position. They were put in a place where the burden of their sin would also be a physical burden. Work was not cursed. The sinful worker was.

Because of this sinful failure, work has inherited a bad rap! It is no wonder that so many loved the lyrics from the musical "Firebringer." In a song entitled, "We've Got Work to Do," the ensemble responds in a contagiously catchy way, "I don't want to do the work today!" We do not want to do things that make us bear the burden of the labor to which we are called. Burden is not beloved. We are tepid when it comes to toil. It is a daily reminder that the labor which wears us down is leading us back to the dust from which we were taken.

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## **Work is worship!**

This is important for us as steward leaders to emphasize. Work is a godly activity. In fact, set in the temple of the garden, work is much more than just labor. Work is worship! While work does not achieve the status of righteousness before the Lord, it is the way that the Lord has called the steward to be faithful to his or her call. Work, as

defined by the Lord, is the essence of the way the steward faithfully serves the Lord who has tasked them with it.

St. Paul sets the work in context for the baptized and redeemed steward when he tells the Romans: “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” (Rom. 12:1). Labor can only be seen as a blessing when viewed through the mercies of God. The labor of Jesus on the cross on our behalf is what redeemed work.

## **The liturgy of redeemed work**

Baptismally repurposed work is once again worship. The word translated as “spiritual worship” in the verse above is the word which also gives us our word “liturgy.” Our daily liturgy of harvesting the fruits of Christ’s redemptive work on our behalf in Word and Sacrament, and putting it to work for the benefit the neighbor removes the burden. It is once again worship. The steward loves God by the Holy Spirit leading them to and through labor.

Keeping the mercies of God in view also then “keeps” work in its godly perspective. The steward leader extols work, not because it needs to be done, but because it is the call of the steward. Work is not dreaded because the mercies of God have restored it to its original purpose of worship. The burden, while still felt in the body, is lifted by the promise of God’s Word of forgiveness, life and salvation.

Work is still a four-letter word for the redeemed steward. But not for colloquial reasons. Those four letters, viewed through the mercies of God, grant purpose and peace to the steward. Teaching this gives the same purpose and peace to the steward leader as well.

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## **The Best Teacher**

*SEPTEMBER: EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM*

Children across the United States are united in one common concern as they begin this new school term: “Will I have a good teacher?”

Students recognize that good teachers shape not only a child’s academic success but also their character, confidence, and lifelong potential. Good teachers combine deep subject knowledge with empathy, clear communication, and a passion for lifelong learning to inspire students and create a supportive, engaging environment.

Perhaps you are recalling your favorite teacher as you read this—a person who challenged you to rise above your expectations, modeled values, and gently led you to self-discovered insights.

Yes, schools are filled with good and great teachers. But the very best ones? They don’t stand at chalkboards or grade papers. They answer to the names “Mom” and “Dad.”

Even before birth, children are tuning in to their parents’ voices like tiny radio receivers—learning to trust, to feel safe, and to love. They develop a taste for mom’s favorite snacks and sway to the music dad plays on his antique turntable.

From birth to age five, parents teach their children the foundations of emotional security, communication, social behavior, and cognitive development—shaping how they learn, relate, and thrive for life. Parents play a vital role in teaching children faith by serving as their first spiritual mentors—modeling prayer, instilling biblical values, and nurturing a personal relationship with God from the earliest years.

After age five, children thrive best when home and school speak the same language of values and virtue. Sadly, some schools—especially the most affordable—may lack that shared foundation, leaving children puzzled, insecure, or discouraged.

But there’s a bright idea on the horizon: Parental Choice. It’s a simple but powerful concept—education funds that follow the student, directed by the parents who know their children best. It’s about giving families the freedom to choose schools that reflect their beliefs, nurture their children’s gifts, and support their dreams.

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty asks for your partnership in praying for parents as the first and lifelong teachers of their children and for alternative forms of schooling, such as Lutheran schools, that these schools may thrive.

# Group Meetings



- ❖ **Ladies Guild**  
Ladies Guild will meet on Thursday, January 8th at their NEW TIME, 1:00 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Men of Trinity**  
Will meet on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> & January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Hannah Circle**  
Will not meet in January.
- ❖ **Altar Circle**  
Will meet in January on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the church.
- ❖ **Eunice Circle**  
Eunice Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the church. All members and any ladies interested are invited to attend.
- ❖ **Christian Singles**  
The Christian Singles will meet for lunch on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Happy Quilters**  
The "Happy Quilters" meet on the 3rd & 4th Thursdays of each month at 9:00am at the church.



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**THE BATTLE  
CONTINUES...**



Join the **March for Life**  
Saturday, January 24, 2026 • 12:00 Noon  
Beltrami County Courthouse

- Bring your own sign (some signs will be provided)
- Invocation and Speakers Before and After the March
- Soup and Sandwiches will be served following at St. Philips Social Hall

***BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY, AS THIS IS A PRO-LIFE  
MARCH FOR ALL AGE GROUPS, FROM THE  
YOUNGEST TO THE OLDEST***

## Our God Who Never Changes



Recently I finished a short work by a woman raised on the North Dakota prairie. In it she spoke affectionately of childhood and her parents who eked out a living back in the early days of the last century. In a time when ones closest neighbor lived ten miles down the road and so became your nearest and dearest friend. When news traveled slowly and life's pace was barely troubled by new news or current trend. It was a wonderful time she wrote full of good food, precious family outings, and of a life lived in God's house. But also that life was about facing all those deep struggles that never seem to end. Life however she concluded, after looking back over her childhood days were good. But sadly enough she realized they would never be revived for her daughters or future generations, since the same prairie life she was raised on could never be lived in the same way again.

And how true is this for our world today. Yesterday is gone quicker it seems than ever before. As changes come rapidly to our lives without warning time and time again. What was good and true for by gone days just doesn't seem to fit into our new tomorrows. And so it's frustrating for many as their words reveal, that the language of life for each new generation is constantly being changed. It's no wonder then that it may seem harder to converse with each other as things transform as rapidly as day to day. In times as these where our fears are heightened by how the world appears. As if it is falling apart right before our very eyes as information is immediately received via the internet that once by distance was kept miles away. The way news came years ago as little bits and scraps that blew across the prairie with little effect on the lives of people in those yesteryears.

Yet, in the midst of such rapid change there is still a bit of news that remains the same for us in our current day. And that is the love of God that comes to us in so many immeasurable and wonderful ways. In the constancy of God's voice for example from Malachi 3:6 that proclaims; "For I the Lord do not change". In the voice of hope for tomorrow and every day that comes from Christ to us in the same unchanging ways. In Christ's baptismal gift of forgiveness, faith and the Holy Spirit as Peter explains; "even baptism doth also now save" (1 Peter 3:21). And in the body and blood of Christ received in the institution of His supper that brings with it the forgiveness of sins, faith and salvation that comes from Christ on the cross to us for all days; "Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you" and "This cup is the new testament in my blood" (1 Cor. 11:23- 24 KJV).

In these ways of God's that say, in what Christ commands the reception of His grace remains the same for all peoples of every age. Words that comfort saying; "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). For me personally this is God's consoling truth as we all face many struggles with each changing day. It was for those in days past facing the rigors of prairie life, and will always remain in these days of grace as Christ continues to call and sanctify His children through His life giving means of grace.

~ God's blessings!

Rev. Les Uhrinak

# I . C . Y . M . I .

( IN . CASE . YOU . MISSED . IT . )



*The Ladies Guild Christmas Party was held on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> with about 25 ladies in attendance. Instead of exchanging gifts this year, it was decided to collect donations for the Food Shelf.*

*The Ladies collected \$740.25!*

*The Food Shelf was very excited to receive this amount of money at this time of year!*

***Praise the Lord!***



*A Wonderful time of Fellowship, with Delicious Food and a Great Program!*



*Merry Christmas*

# Activity Page

## Snowflake SNACK CAKES



Celebrate the beauty of winter with these fun snowflake-inspired treats!

### What you need:

- Graham cracker squares or sugar cookies
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Pretzel sticks (snowflake arms)
- Shredded coconut or white sprinkles
- Mini marshmallows or candy pearls



### What you do:

1. Frost each cracker or cookie.
2. Arrange pretzel sticks in a crisscross for the snowflake base.
3. Sprinkle with coconut or sprinkles for snow.
4. Add marshmallows or candy pearls to the ends for detail.

### Lesson tie-in:

Remind kids that God made each of us unique—just like no two snowflakes are alike!  
(Psalm 139:14, KJV)

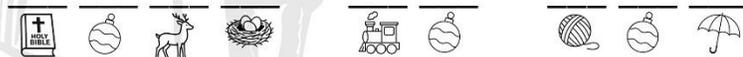


## GOOD NEWS TO THE SHEPHERDS

What did the angel of the Lord say to the shepherds?

**Directions:** Write the first letter of each picture on the lines.

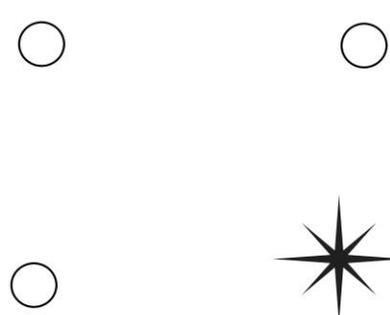
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**Luke 2:11, NIV**

Answer: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you." Luke 2:11, NIV



When they saw the

**STAR,** they

*rejoiced*

exceedingly with

**GREAT  
JOY.**



*Matthew 2:10, ESV*

# DISTRICT NEWS

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# ELDERS RETREAT

With Minnesota North District President  
**REV. BRADY FINNERN**

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**  
**Baxter, MN**

More information coming soon!



## CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED



**2026 LCMS Synod Convention**  
July 18-23, 2026 | Phoenix, AZ

Things to remember for synod convention preparations:

- Circuit forums to elect convention delegates will take place during September and October. Congregations and multi-point parishes should each send one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate to the forum.
- Congregational assessments will be sent directly from the district office in early 2026. The assessments are based on 2024 statistical reports submitted last spring and calculated after estimated costs are received from the convention planners.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### "I Believe"

**April 10-12, 2026 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN.**

**MN North District Youth Gathering for youth ages 6th to 12th grade!**

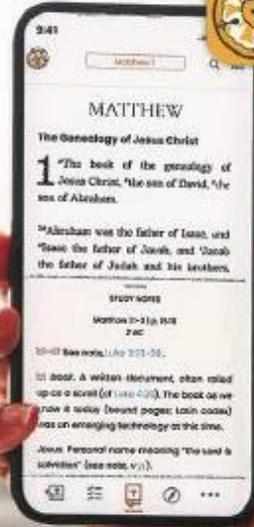
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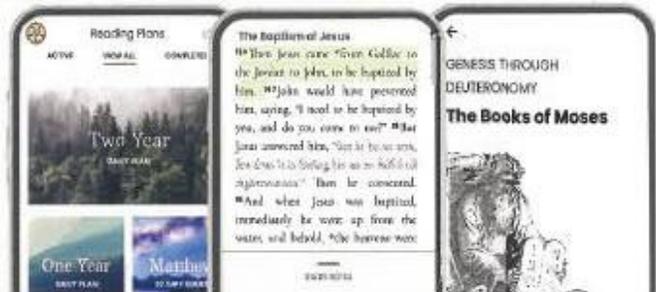
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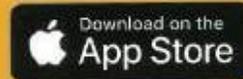
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# News & Announcements

The Church Office will be Closed  
December 31<sup>st</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
for the New Year's Holiday



## Lutheran Island Camp Upcoming Events



January 21-26, 2026

April 8-12, 2026

### Quilt Retreats

Bring your projects, your creativity, and your love of fellowship to our Quilt Retreats! Enjoy delicious meals you don't have to cook, time and space to dive into your quilting, and the joy of connecting with others who share your passion. Best of all, you'll get to experience our beautiful new retreat space—bright, comfortable, and perfectly designed for creativity and conversation. Come stitch, laugh, and relax with us!

March 20-22, 2026

### Man Camp

Get ready for a weekend of high-energy adventure and authentic fellowship! This year's retreat features guest speaker Luke Kunze, along with plenty of opportunities to test your skills and try something new. Take aim with hatchet throwing, sign up for the optional concealed carry class, or dive into other outdoor challenges with friends old and new. Between the activities, enjoy hearty meals, great conversations, and time to recharge. Don't miss this chance to step away, gear up, and experience the adventure!

April 17-19, 2026

### Women's Retreat

Step away from the everyday and join us for a weekend designed just for women! Our guest speaker, Deb Burma—beloved CPH author and encourager of women in Christ—will share an uplifting message on "Immeasurable More" and remind us that with God, we can do more than we ever imagine. Alongside inspiring sessions, you'll find plenty of time for relaxation, heartfelt fellowship, and even a little adventure. And of course, what's a women's retreat without a touch of chocolate? Come be refreshed in body and soul as we laugh, learn, and grow together!



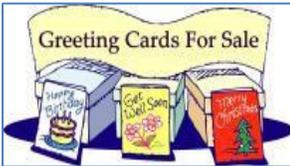
Updates to the Prayer Chain  
The NEW EMAIL for the Prayer Chain is:  
TLCPrayerChain@yahoo.com  
To contact the Prayer Chain by phone, you  
can call Heather Ellis at 218-766-3079.

## The Portals of Prayer for January – March 2026



The Portals are available in the basket at the back  
of the sanctuary. Please take one home and  
Feel free to share with friends and family!

## Greeting Cards for Sale!



The Ladies Guild has refreshed the Greeting cards selection for sale in the Narthex. Please come and take a look. Single cards and boxes are priced as marked. Check or Cash. You can leave the payment in the container provided. Make checks payable to Trinity Ladies Guild.



The Council requests that everyone help in God's House by:  
Cleaning up after yourselves;  
Turning off ALL lights (except the office hallway), Locking ALL

the doors before leaving the church on Sundays and anytime that you have used the building. Thank you!

**NOTICE:** The Annual Meeting is set for **January 25th!** The Council would like to have the Annual Report ready in advance of the meeting so members can have an opportunity to review the information ahead of time. All Church Boards & Church Groups please have information you would like included in the 2025 Report to the office by 10:00 AM on January 11th. The report will be ready to pick up by Sunday, January 18th for everyone to review. Put your info in the file folder on the office door. Deadline 10:00 am on Jan 8th.

# Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the

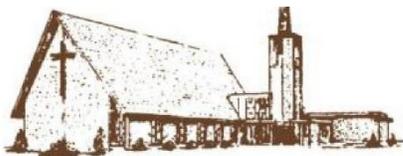
To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under "Sign In" or "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

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You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

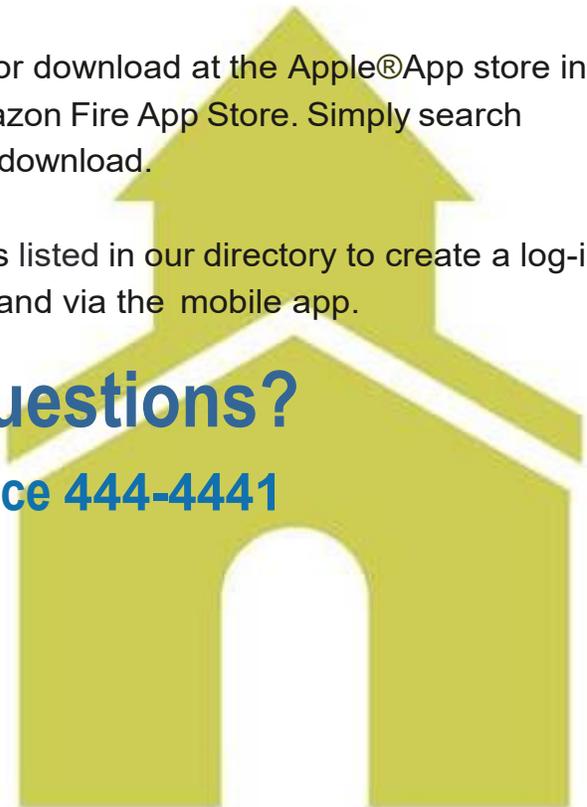
## Need help or have questions?

Please contact the church office **444-4441**



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# JANUARY STEWARDSHIP

*“And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new. Also, He said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true” (Revelation 21:5).*

In January there is a great deal of “new” talk. Parties are held to ring in the “new” year. “New” year’s resolutions are made to set a “new” course of life in the “new” year. There is date forgetfulness as checks and other forms are filled out without using the “new” year on the dateline.

We use all this “new” talk because there is very often so much wrong with the old in us. We think back to the “new” resolutions from the previous year that only lasted a few weeks. That “new” person did not shed any pounds and instead, picked up a few. The “new” habits of going to the gym were soon replaced by even more time on the couch binging on Netflix. The “new” person who does not lose their temper, use sarcasm as a lethal weapon and spend more money than necessary, but who worships, prays and serves the Lord and the neighbor, never seemed to stick around. We need “new” talk because the Old Adam is alive and well within every one of us.

But this promise of “new” is a matter of stewardship. It is the Lord Himself who makes the promise of all things being new. These words recorded by St. John are not pious wishes or hopeless promises. They do what they say. YOU, that one baptized into Jesus’ death and resurrection, are NEW! These words are indeed trustworthy and true. This “new” comes to you in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It comes free of charge, even without our prayer.

This stewardship of “new” is not a vague, someday kind of stewardship either. You are NEW now! Forgiven. Reborn from above. The old is gone, nailed to Calvary’s cross and buried and rotting in a tomb that was only borrowed by Jesus for His resurrection rest. The Gospel is what makes us NEW every morning. Remembering your baptism, you are new. Confessing your sins and receiving absolution makes you new. Hearing the Gospel filling your ears makes you new. Feasting on Christ’s body and blood in the Holy Supper makes you new.

These mercies, totally undeserved as they are, are entrusted to us to steward TODAY even as we long for the Last Day. But we know how often we fail in this stewardship. We hoard God’s creation as if it belongs to us. We belittle and devalue our neighbor because they look or sound or act in a way that we do not like. We seek to make the Holy Word of God softer and more palatable for those, or even ourselves, who refuse to confess sin as sin and repent. We value our comfort over truth, our reputation over faithfulness and our treasure over making sure that people get to hear of the Jesus who has done so much for the world and us.

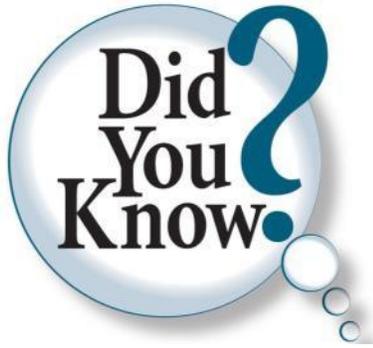
We, as stewards of the Gospel, need to be made new every day. This is exactly what the Lord does. We failed in stewardship of the Gospel last year, so He gives us a new year. We failed in stewardship of the Gospel yesterday, and He gives us a new day. We failed in stewardship of the Gospel in the last few minutes, and yet in mercy our newness comes with each tick of the clock! Because that is how the Lord works.

As we see this working of all new things in us, it then calls us to be stewards of this newness to the world. This starts right in our own homes. It radiates out to our neighbors. It beams out from our congregations. This newness is teamed at the circuit, district and Synod levels all to shine the newness of the Gospel to those who need it.

Your new talk starts in the newness of the Gospel. Steward this treasure in this new year and this new day. It starts with a new you in Jesus. This is indeed trustworthy and true.



<b>Monthly Receipts/Expenses</b>	<b>November 2025</b>
General Fund Deposits	\$26,972.69
Interest Receipts	\$21.27
Adjustments	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$27,134.96</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$25,012.68</b>
<b>OVERAGE/SHORTAGE</b>	<b>Monthly +/- + \$ 2,122.28</b>



# YOU CAN NOW GIVE YOUR TITHE OR OFFERING **ONLINE?!**

It's Easy, just follow these steps...

1. Visit Trinity's Website at [www.trinitybemidji.org](http://www.trinitybemidji.org).
2. Click on "Donate" at the top right of the Home Page.
3. On the next page, Click the Donate button and you will be directed to our PayPal page.
4. From here, you can either donate with your existing PayPal account **OR** if you don't have an account you can donate with your Credit Card.
5. Then just complete using your information and submit.

**If you have any questions about the process, please call the church office.**

## The Benefits Of Online Giving

### STEWARDSHIP

You have the option of giving a one time gift, or having your tithe post monthly.

### CONVENIENT

You can continue to support Trinity even if you are away on vacation or gone for the winter.

### FLEXIBILITY

You can give to the General Fund or choose to give to a specific Ministry of the church.

If you would like help in learning how make your donation or tithe to Trinity online, just stop in to the office, we are happy to help.



# January Birthdays and Anniversaries at Trinity Lutheran Church

<b>1</b>	Kay Gangelhoff	<b>19</b>	Sandy Thorson
<b>2</b>	Leah Blocker, Teddy Lang	<b>20</b>	Sue Uhrinak
<b>6</b>	Barbara Wolbeck	<b>21</b>	Beverly Parobek <b>Carole &amp; David Holmes (59)</b>
<b>9</b>	Hayden Schuette	<b>23</b>	Taylor Severson <b>Randy &amp; Darla Yarbrough (42)</b>
<b>12</b>	William Lohse	<b>25</b>	Jody Stuck <b>Rev. Les &amp; Sue Uhrinak (40)</b>
<b>14</b>	Amy Koebke	<b>26</b>	<b>Steve &amp; Mary Krueger (22)</b>
<b>15</b>	Minda Thompson	<b>28</b>	Ben Lang Blake Proulx
<b>16</b>	<b>Dean &amp; Gayle Christiansen (11)</b>	<b>29</b>	Matt Haas
<b>17</b>	James Branham <b>Rev. Dan &amp; Linda Domke (53)</b>	<b>30</b>	Judy Anderson
<b>18</b>	Lillian McNamara		



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## Altar Flower Volunteers Needed!!



Sign up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for a Sunday, Cost is \$30. If you are interested, contact the Church Office.

## Address/Phone



If your address and/or phone number changes, please let the church office know so your information will be correct in the church database.  
*Thank you*



LARGE PRINT bulletins are available for those that have difficulty with the regular bulletin. If you would benefit from having one of these bulletins, please ask an usher for a copy.

If you are interested in being a Greeter or an Usher, please speak with one of the Elders.



**WHEN YOU LEAVE GOD'S HOUSE**, please turn out ALL the lights (except in the office hallway) and please check that ALL the entrance doors are LOCKED, even if you didn't unlock them.

**Portals of Prayer are in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.**

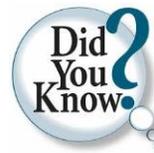


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**ALTAR GUILD**

observes the Baptism of our Lord. Therefore, the paraments are white, the color of purity and eternity. The remaining Sundays after the Epiphany have green paraments. The last Sunday after the Epiphany is again white for the Transfiguration of our Lord. The emphasis for the whole season of Epiphany is on the self-revelation of God to the world.



A "Gluten Free" option is available for communion. If you would like to take advantage of this option, please speak with Pastor or Elders.

**BEMIDJI AREA FOOD SHELF**

Trinity, along with United Methodist Church volunteers the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at the Food Shelf. Nine people are needed from 12:00pm – 3:30pm. The Food Shelf would not function without all of the volunteers that give of their time. Thank you for all you do to help make the Food Shelf run smoothly. ~ June Roxstrom



Please check the covered bulletin boards in the Entrance Hall for Letters, Events, Concerts, Meals, Fundraisers, Local Activities and News.

**Read Through The Bible In A Year - January**

1	Luke 1:68-79 Mark 2	9	Psalm 37 Mark 10	17	Psalm 45 Genesis 7-9	25	Psalm 53 Genesis 31-33
2	Psalm 30 Mark 3	10	Psalm 38 Mark 11	18	Psalm 46 Genesis 10-12	26	Psalm 54 Genesis 34-36
3	Psalm 31 Mark 4	11	Psalm 39 Mark 12	19	Psalm 47 Genesis 13-15	27	Psalm 55 Genesis 37-39
4	Psalm 32 Mark 5	12	Psalm 40 Mark 13	20	Psalm 48 Genesis 16-18	28	Psalm 56 Genesis 40-42
5	Psalm 33 Mark 6	13	Psalm 41 Mark 14	21	Psalm 49 Genesis 19-21	29	Psalm 57 Genesis 43-45
6	Psalm 34 Mark 7	14	Psalm 42 Mark 15-16	22	Psalm 50 Genesis 22-24	30	Psalm 58 Genesis 46-48
7	Psalm 35 Mark 8	15	Psalm 43 Genesis 1-3	23	Psalm 51 Genesis 25-27	31	Luke 1:68-79 Genesis 49-50
8	Psalm 36 Mark 9	16	Psalm 44 Genesis 4-6	24	Psalm 52 Genesis 28-30		

# January 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:10-11</p>				1	2	3
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<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion</p> <p>10:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p><i>ACF Serves</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30 PM Men of Trinity</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 PM Bells</p>  <p><b>EPIPHANY</b></p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>4:15 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:00 PM Ladies Guild</p> <p>5:30 PM Board of Elders</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>10:30 AM Proulx Baptism</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion</p> <p>10:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:30 AM Christian Singles</p> <p><i>Youth Groups Serve</i></p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 PM Bells</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>4:15 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM "Happy Quilters"</p>	16	17
<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion</p> <p>10:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p><i>Men Serve</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:00 PM Altar Circle</p> <p>5:30 PM Men of Trinity</p>  <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 AM Eunice Circle</p> <p>6:00 PM Bells</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>4:15 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM "Happy Quilters"</p>	23	24
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion</p> <p>10:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Sunday School</p>  <p><b>Annual Meeting</b></p> <p><i>Ladies Guild Serves</i></p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 PM Bells</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>4:15 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM "Happy Quilters"</p>	30	31