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As another year begins we recognize how blest we are in the progress of time because our God is guiding its progress.

The Lord created time for His pleasure and our benefit as declared in the words of creation: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Our time is therefore in His hands. Throughout time our Lord has continued to be in control of its advancement.

Even while we make plans – big or small - we realize that our times are in His hands. James 4:13-15 states what is ultimately obvious: "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit' – yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

Committing our years, days and hours to the Lord's care relieves us of a plethora of worry and stress. He has proven

to us how much He cares for us in providing for our daily needs.

Going beyond our daily needs, our Lord promises to guide us throughout all our days hear. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:35-39).

May our Lord continue to give you the confidence of His guidance through all the years to come until He returns.



Pastor Smith 

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Ashley Schenk
**(Ramona Haugen's
Granddaughter),**
Grete Wollock
(Wanda Lahn's friend),
Bill Marsaglia,
Shirley and Andy
Schlange



Cancer Treatments

Michelle Ungaro
(sister of Renee Young),
Sharon Leath,
Sequoia
**(7yr old granddaughter of Bill
and Sandy Bell),**
Kathy Bredesen
(Trudi Intemann's daughter
Andy
**(friend of Rocky & Renee
Young),**
Janice Hammer
**(sister of winter visitor
Shirley Hess),**
Loretta
**(friend of Kris Cham-
berlain)**

TLC Bible Study Schedule

Tuesdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

Fridays @ 10am DOA (Daughters Of the Almighty)
Living Way Bible Study (Oct.—May)

2nd Saturday of the month @ 8am Men's Bible Breakfast
Fellowship Center (Sept.—May)

We invite you to join us each week for two studies that are
offered via Zoom, Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 7pm.

A link is sent to your email with the clickable link and pass
code which enables you to enter the Zoom class

**Please contact Pastor Smith if you are interested in joining
an online Bible study.**



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Hanging of the Greens



Caroling





M.A.S.S. NEWS January 2025

Men Assisting Seminary Students

VICAR JACOB MANNING

Our vicar is now learning a little more about being a working pastor. He states that he is enjoying all things called responsibilities.

His personal life has changed some. He got engaged over Thanksgiving week. His girlfriend came to see him. He planned to ask her to surprise her with the ring, but he found out she just knew what he had planned. I guess you do not fool the ladies as much as we think we do.

Also, part of his learning curve is visiting the elderly members who are deteriorating, which makes him sad. More to the point is learning how much strength and faith they have.

That is about all there for Jacob this month.

BENJAMIN WAGNER

Ben is incredibly grateful for your support and prayers. His start in becoming a pastor, along with challenges and growth. He feels he finished the semester with straight A's. He feels blessed to have been able to immerse himself in his studies and come away with a deeper understanding of God's Word.

He was able to be home for Christmas to be with his family and recharge. He is also writing a book, and currently it's around 25,000 words. One could say he can get a little wordy at times.

Russ Campbell



Men's Bible Breakfast

Saturday, January 11 @ 8am

TLC Fellowship Center

Now that all the holiday celebrations are over and a new year has begun we once again gather monthly for a hot breakfast and Bible study led by Pastor Smith. Men, young and old, are encouraged to make this event a regular spot on their calendars! Breakfast is served promptly at 8:00am in the Fellowship Center followed by Bible study.

There is a free will offering taken at the door!



Zoom Bible Studies

Bible study is an essential part our faith life and here at Trinity. One way to participate is in our online Zoom Bible studies led by Pastor Smith. There are 3 online studies to choose from.

The Tuesday study is in 1 Corinthians and the Thursday study is in 1 Kings. Both of these studies are held @ 7pm.

Pastor has also added an Adult Catechism class online Tuesdays @ 9:30am.

All of the Zoom studies resume the week of **January 6**. If you are interested in joining any of these online Bible studies send your request in an email to Pastor Smith's email (Revs455@verizon.net) and he will make sure the link for study is sent to you the day of the study.



Sunday Morning Schedule

During the annual voter's meeting last month it was announced that the single worship service will continue indefinitely. The schedule is as follows:

8:30am	Adult Bible Class #1
10:00am	Divine Worship
11:30am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class #2

Sunday School News

WOW! What a Christmas season we had!!!! I am so proud of all our children! The bell choir was absolutely angelic and the Christmas pageantry was memorable! I am always so impressed with how enthusiastic and talented all the children are as they share the love they have for their Savior! I look forward to many more musical performances from our new bell choir!

We resume our regular Sunday School schedule this month on Sunday January 5 @ 11:30am with music, crafts, and Bible stories pointing to Jesus!

Jubilee Sunday TLC Family Picnic



11:30am
**Bring a side dish
or dessert to share**
Main Dish Provided

January Birthdays

5	Ramona Haugen
10	Gaylene Burkett
10	Annie Giles
13	Maggie Negron
13	Samantha Schuessler
13	Nikelle Wingerter
21	Willard Mears
29	Linda Kastner
30	Julee Egerer
30	Bob Wirtenberger
31	Kim Ryan

*Winter Visitor



TLC Ushers Schedule January 2025

January 5 & 19

Bob Wirtenberger & Jim Ducatte

January 12 & 26

Russ Campbell & Jerry Ellerbusch



January Anniversary

19 Steven & Susan Bottom
*Winter Visitor



Altar Guild January 2025

January 5

Renee Young & Ramona Haugen
Annie Giles & Maggie Negron

January 12

Beverly Ducatte & Alice Musashi
Irene Wirtenberger

January 19

Sharlene Kay & Cynthia Berke
Beverly Ducatte

January 26

Ali Young & Renee Young
Beverly Ducatte & Sharon Leath

Greeters January 2025

January 5

Bob & Irene Wirtenberger

January 12

Donna Ellerbusch & Ramona Haugen

January 19

Bob & Irene Wirtenberger

January 26

Karen Johnson



*If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please
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New Year's Meditation

Phyllis Hafliger

It is a new year—2025. What will the year be like? A new beginning or a Same Old-Same Old? We should just leave it up to God. I found this prayer and think it says it all.

Lord, I confess before Thee that:

I have had longings and nudges from Thee that I have not translated into action. I have made decisions without consulting Thee, then have blamed Thee when things went wrong.

I have said that I trusted Thee, yet have not turned my affairs over to Thee. I have been greedy for present delights and pleasures, unwilling to wait for those joys which time and discipline alone can give.

I have often sought the easy way, have consistently drawn back from the road that is hard. Forgive me for all the intentions that were born and somehow never lived.

And now, I claim Thy promise to change me. Do Thou for me what I can not do for myself. Lead me into a new tomorrow with a new spirit. Cleanse my heart, create within ,me new attitudes and new ideas, as only Thou can create them. Amen.

Peter Marshall. Chaplain of the Senate

I pray we all have a Happy and Blessed New Year.



Serve the Lord With Gladness

As each has a gift, use it to serve one another... as stewards of God's grace. 1 Peter 4:10-11

We have had good response for ushers. Thank you to those who have stepped forward. We still need offering counters and a Sunday School teacher.

The Church Council

TLC Choir

We have had a great beginning to a new season of choir. Christmas Eve went amazingly and we are blessed with new additions. But, we have room for more! Want to see what all the hoop la is about? Join us Wednesdays in the Fellowship Center @ 6pm.





LWML Christmas



Party time!



LWML Quilters





L W M L
Lutheran Women's
Missionary League

We had a great time at our annual LWML Christmas party. Way too much sugar but we cut it with coffee lol. Played some fun games and had our White Elephant gift exchange and the reveal of our Secret Sister for 2024. Picked our Sister for 2025. It's a really nice thing to do, I think. You get her little gifts during the year and keep her in your prayers. In January we will have our mug exchange which is another opportunity to specially keep someone in your prayers. Lots of great fellowship with some wonderful gals!!

January 9, 2025 will be our next luncheon and will feature Lutheran Bible Translators so that should be a very interesting one Please plan on attending!! We will have a short business meeting at 10:30am with the speaker and lunch to follow. Men are welcome also. There will be a sign up sheet outside the church so we know how many to plan for.

We will be working on deciding what kinds of projects we might want to do for the coming year to help those less fortunate than ourselves so if anyone has any ideas please let me know!! To a wonderful New Year in Christ.

Kris Chamberlain, LWML VP

DOA
Daughters Of the Almighty
Ladies' Bible Study

The Friday Ladies' Bible study resumes this month after a busy and beautiful Christmas Holiday. Friday, January 10 we will gather to continue our study of the Old Testament Miracles in the Fellowship Center @ 10am. All ladies are welcome!

WINGS
Ladies' Night Out
Friday, January 24 @ 6pm

Ladies! Ladies! Ladies! Let's get together and begin the new year with a fun night of FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN! Mark your calendars for Friday night, January 24 @ 6pm and we'll see you in the TLC Fellowship Center!!!

Sign up at the information table as you exit the church and bring a friend to our night out!

Fun & Games!
3rd Wednesday of
The Month

Time for our monthly FUN N GAMES event! The 3rd Wednesday of the month is designated for a morning of Fun and Fellowship. Join us in the Fellowship Center, Wednesday, **January 15 @ 10:00am**. Take a break from your daily chores and gather with us as we play some games and have some fun! Sign up at the information table!

THANK YOU!

Once again the sanctuary was absolutely beautiful for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped decorate and also brought poinsettias to adorn the altar for the Christmas Eve and Day services. May the Lord bless you all and Happy New Year!



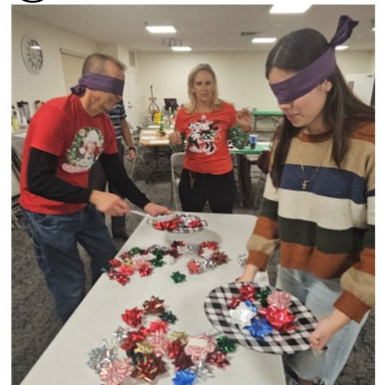
Christmas Eve



Bell Choir!



Christmas Family Night





January 2025



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R & R for Pastor and Bobbi this week.

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Sunday Schedule

Adult Bible Class #1 - 8:30am
Divine Worship - 10:00am
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class #2 - 11:30am
June-August- No Sunday School



**Celebration of Life for
John Eide
January 18 @ 10:00 am**

It is time to remember and celebrate our dear brother, John Eide who went to his eternal home, September 2024. His loving wife, Loretta and daughter, Pam invite the TLC members to John's celebration of life, Saturday, January 18 @ 10am. We will gather in the Fellowship Center following the service for a lunch provided by the family. All are invited.

