Looking Forward….and Back

And now it is the year of our Lord 2015. A new year that carries over all of the memories and stuff from the previous year. We’ve got this image of the past holidays as a good time, of kids enjoying their new stuff and families spending a happy time together. It’s the image but often not the reality. Toys break and families cannot always be together for the holidays. This past December was a time of sadness for many as well as a time of joy for others.

January has a way of reminding us of daily life, of settling back into familiar patterns of living, of fading holiday cheer and facing the challenges of living. But simply going back to the old familiar ways of doing things is not always the best for us or for our souls. For this January can be a time for a new habit, a new way to approach and old issue, a new relationship with another God-loved human being. Not that we can or should change everything. But we are far more likely to develop one such new change in our lives than to “change everything”.

So think about loving God, and of loving your neighbor as yourself. Think about how this applies to that one thing you would like to change, one thing that you can actually change. Give thought and prayer on how God’s love, caring for yourself, and caring your neighbor can make a positive change regarding that one thing. Then the challenge is to try, be patient, and try again. Accept failure as the learning experience that it is, and then try again using what you have learned. And let your faith aid you in the process as a forgiven child of God. For God walks with you through the learning and the trying, even in this year of our Lord 2015!

May Our Lord Jesus, who came in the manger, bless you this year.

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Phew! Advent and Christmas are done, and it seems like we should take time to put our feet up and rest, huh?

Not so as we draw together in Worship each week in January. The month always offers such a wonderful diversity in worship! January 4th was both the Second Sunday of Christmas and the 11th Day of Christmas. We sang Christmas carols and heard beautiful scripture from the Gospel of John. We were still busy celebrating and comprehending Jesus’ birth.

Tuesday, January 6, marks the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany is an ancient festival when we acknowledge the Three Wise Guys. Like them, we too recognize Jesus as a great King. On most North American calendars Epiphany goes unnoticed. As Lutherans, we are asked to observe Epiphany as one of six festival days when we should attend worship. (In case you were wondering, those six festivals are: Easter Day; Christmas Day; the Day of Pentecost; Epiphany Day; Ascension Day; and The Holy Trinity.) Epiphany at Trinity is always a great service, celebrating with the Blessed Beginnings kids, and it is always so good to see the church full!

Lutherans always celebrate the First Sunday after the Epiphany (this year, January 11) as "The Baptism of Our Lord". John the Baptist is back on the scene and his cousin pays John a visit. Just in case you don't understand "The Baptism of Our Lord", ask one of Trinity's Confirmands. They do understand it and can tell you about it. The "green" season of Epiphany is bookended by two "white" Sundays. On those "white" Sundays, we hear God affirm "You are my Son, the Beloved..."

The final two Sundays of January are all about invitation and mission. Jesus is meeting and inviting his disciples to accompany him. Jesus is inviting you to accompany with him.

So, as I say to the Confirmation kids, "Here's the take-home" from this month of worship.

Remember these words: Celebrating; Recognizing; Hearing; Inviting; Accompanying. Action worlds all bookended by "You are my Son, the Beloved."

I'll see you in worship!

A Reminder...Articles and photos for the Trinity Yearbook are due January 12th. Please include a name and phone number with your submission and identify photos with names, event titles and dates if possible.

The Lenten season begins in 9 weeks and Trinity Music Ministry begins to prepare for Easter. As always we are looking for more and more members to build upon an already stellar music history here at Trinity. Now is the perfect time to take that next step in your prayerful service to Trinity.

**Bell Choir**—Wednesday 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
**Praise Ensemble** - Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
**Traditional Choir** - Wednesday 7:30- 8:30 p.m.

*if you are interested in being part of Trinity Men’s Choir please email Ben Holmes bholmes3@gmail.com for more information on rehearsal times.
In December, Our 4’s classes brought in money they earned at home helping out to be used to purchase Toys for Tots for children in need. Together they raised over $180.00 and bought many different toys which were donated to Toys For Tots. What a great lesson in giving!

Thank you to all who participated and attended the “Pizza with the Preschool” fund raiser and the Epiphany service/program. We are so blessed to have such a supportive community for our preschool here.

Looking ahead...enrollment for next year will begin in February. Look for more information soon!

The 4’s classes raised over $180 dollars to buy presents for the Toys for Tots program. What a great lesson in giving!

**Friendship Friday is January 16th!**

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**Feed the Hungry**

**Christian Friendliness Food Pantry**
Non perishable food items can be brought to the church and left in the grocery cart in Founders Hall at any time. The food is taken to the Christian Friendliness Food Pantry in Moline. Monetary donations are also welcome.

**ELCA World Hunger Appeal**
The program seeks to address the root causes of hunger and poverty by providing relief, education and development programs. ELCA World Hunger envelopes are available in the pew racks. Please keep using those envelopes.

Help provide/serve a meal at Hope UCC or the Salvation Army Meal Site. Contact Joyce Ford with questions.
The Library has a New Computer!

Now, one computer can be used for both public access to our digital card catalog, as well as librarian work for card cataloging and file maintenance. Searching for a book or DVD by title, author or subject is still very simple but also a lot faster with the new hardware!

SUBMITTED BY JAN PETERSON

“The Second Chance” (DVD)

January is the perfect month to check out a book or DVD from the Trinity Library and get cozy under an afghan. The library has a vast assortment of both for any ages or interests.

“The Second Chance” is an interesting DVD starring Michael W. Smith (gospel singing phenom) and Jeff Carr. It centers around a suburban mega church pastor who is forced to confront his prejudices and fears by being sent to an inner city church in a poor neighborhood. Even though the movie is eight years old, many of the same racial issues are prevalent in our news today. In addition to being very thought provoking it also has some excellent music led by Michael W. Smith. So grab a cup of hot tea or chocolate and enjoy a movie from the Trinity Library.

The TLC Book Club meets Jan. 20th at 12:00 noon in Tillberg Lounge to discuss “Blessings” by Anna Quindlen. The Good Book Club meets Jan. 26th at 7:00 p.m. in Tillberg Lounge to discuss “Snobs” by Julian Fellowes. Join any of the discussion groups. We enjoy welcoming new members!

Book marks listing the book club selections for the year are available in the church library.

The church staff asks for your help. We would like to keep members contact information as current as possible. Please notify the church office of any corrections to your address, e-mail or phone number.
January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

January is National Glaucoma awareness month, an important time to spread the word about this sight-stealing disease. Glaucoma is called “the sneak thief of sight” since there are no symptoms and once vision is lost, it’s permanent. As much as 40% of your vision can be lost without a person noticing, frequently the vision loss begins with peripheral or side vision.

Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness. Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that gradually steal sight without warning. Although the most common forms primarily affect the middle-aged and the elderly, glaucoma can affect people of all ages. Vision loss is caused by nerve damage to the optic nerve, which acts like a cable to carry images from the eye to the brain. There are two main types of glaucoma: primary open-angle glaucoma and angle-closure glaucoma. These are marked by an increase of intraocular pressure (pressure inside the eye).

Risk Factors: Those at higher risk include people of African, Asian and Hispanic descent. Other high-risk groups include people over 60, family members of those already diagnosed/ genetic factor, diabetics, and people who are severely nearsighted.

Practice a Healthy Lifestyle: Protect your sight by receiving routine comprehensive eye exams, if diagnosed adhere to the recommended course of treatment. Take walks and exercise regularly. Eat healthy foods.

More information see: www.glaucoma.org

SEE you in Church....

Mary Jane, Parish Nurse

Thank You!

Trinity’s Staff thanks all of you who shared your time, gifts, and good words this past month. Christmas can be very stressful for an employee of the church. Your support and acts of kindness truly made this a joyous season.

To Trinity’s Secret Santas....

THANK YOU!

Have You Tried This?

Spiritual Tips for Ordinary Days  Submitted by Judy Rullman

Those of us who celebrate the twelve days of Christmas have now packed the manager, baby Jesus and the Wise Men away for another year.

Unfortunately, they were absent from some homes even at Christmas and others put Jesus and any thoughts of Him away December 26th. Hopefully we will keep Immanuel—God With Us—in our hearts and homes throughout 2015.

There is an eastern European custom where 20 CMB 15 will be written above the door on Epiphany. The CMB stands for a Latin phrase that means Christ Bless This House. So for those making resolutions – the words of Joshua – “For me and my house – we will serve the Lord” would be a wonderful commitment.
January Birthdays

1—Sophie Doroba, Travis Hankins, Robert Johnson
2—April Bowen
3—Colin Iavarone
4—Carolyn Doroba, Jean Lee, Debra Rollick, Craig Tillman
5—Aileen Day
6—Paul Eckermann, Jessica Graham, Roberta Prybil, Ernst Rehder, Diane Sandberg, Anna Trevor
7—Shelly Decker
8—Lloyd Cutrer, Beth Darnell, Lori Love, Elizabeth Peterson, Eric Prybil, Alan Reagan
9—Laura Carter, Ronald Strother, Lukas Thoms, Sarah VanDamme
10—Todd Hansen, Makayla Mendoza, Kelly Quinn, Diego Trevor
11—Michael Bailey, Steven Ellefritz, Abby Tillman, Elaine Varner
12—Trista Foster, Richard Liljeberg, Thomas VonGillern
13—Andrea Darnell, Charles Hall, Delaney Klundt, Jerry Rusk, Patty Tillman
14—Sarah Althaus, Kevin Meredith, Chad Minch
15—Kelsey Cavins, Jeremiah Love, Jocelyn Womack
16—Ronald Knuth, Nicole Pulford, Howard Swayne
17—Bertie Anderson, Shannon Fox, Anthony Kruse, Abigail VanHyfte, Jacob VanHyfte, Nathanial VanHyfte
18—Sally Bowman, Vanessa Douglass, Jacquelyn Fitzpatrick, Megan Meyer, Justin Womack
19—Jennifer Larsen, Brian Roderick, Debra Roth, Allison Wells, Ellen Wells
20—Janice Moriarity, John Sandberg, Jaxson Skiles
21—Teresa Kruse, Lance McCafferty
22—Amy Croegaert, Jack Devilder, Stephanie Kruse
23—Stacy Elliott
24—Madison Schickel, Marcia Wetzel
25—Angela Cummins, Karson Hansen, Angela Moore, John Scott
26—Mariellen Ehredt, Bethany Roth, Andrew Schrup, Ronald Weis
27—Jeffrey Brandt II, Virginia Martin, Matthew Vana
28—Kimberly Nelson, Mell Piff
29—Julie Baner, Randy Bender, Ashlee Drury, Ian Happ, Kathy Johnson
30—Eva Hunt
31—Bruce Adams, Adrienne Kruse, Mark Petersen

Church Office Hours

- The church office will be closed for lunch Monday-Thursday from noon to one. And is closed at 1:00 on Fridays.
- Church Accountant, Carolyn Wilson: Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30—12:00.
- Communication Coordinator, Dawn Anderson: Mon.—Fri. 8:30—12:30.
- Parish Nurse, Mary Jane Dimmer: Mon.—Thurs. 8:30—4:00.
- Pastor Kate Morris: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30—2:00.

Submission Guidelines and Deadlines

When submitting articles to the church office, please be sure to include your name and phone number in case we have questions.

The deadline for the Trinity Visitor is the 2nd Monday of the month, i.e. February’s deadline is Monday, January 12th.

Items for the bulletin announcements/slideshow/Friday Notes must be submitted by Monday each week.

Send electronic submissions to danderson@tlcmoline.org
Season of Giving

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported Trinity Lutheran Church this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit our website or contact the church office for more information.

Church friends,

Though we're barely past Christmas and New Year's, it's time to get started on our Lenten devotional. You'll remember the great-looking perfect-bound devotional we created last year. Now's your chance to be part of the 2015 Trinity Lenten Devotional! We'd love to have 40 different writers, representing the whole range of people in the congregation.

Easter is early this year, so Ash Wednesday is even earlier. So please sign up this week, and know that you'll have not much over a week to ponder your Scripture passage and write a devotion of about four paragraphs. Our theme is "Elemental Faith." All the Bible passages deal with the simple things that God uses to transform his people: Earth. Water. Rock. Wind. Fire. Wine. Bread.

Here's how to sign up. Send an e-mail to me: janebahls@aol.com requesting the verse chart. I will respond with further instructions. Basically, you'll be writing about your own observations and experiences that shed light on the passage you choose. Devotions are due January 20, by e-mail.

Thanks for your prompt response!

Jane Bahls, chair
Adult Learning Team

Our Response to God Through November 2014

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Thrivent Choice

We thank our members who are also Thrivent members for directing their Thrivent Choice dollars to further Trinity's ministry. Due to changes in how Thrivent Choice works, you will need to go online or call Thrivent, ideally quarterly, to ensure that your Thrivent Choice dollars continue go where you direct.
Trinity

Events

Lunch Bunch

There will be NO meeting of the Lunch Bunch in January. Look for details on the next meeting scheduled for February 4th. Tickets will be on sale in Founders Hall on January 25th and February 1st.

Table Talk

Table Talk Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the Blue Cat Brew Pub in Rock Island. January 12th meeting is at the Jersey Grille in Davenport, IA.

Friendship Friday

Trinity members wanted to spend time with our preschool crafting, talking, and having fun! Come & Play! January 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Benediction

Come and experience the Benediction Service on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. This service provides an intimate setting with interactive dialogue of the WORD, reflective time to ponder the message, communion and meditative music. Come and worship. You’ll be glad you did!

LWR Quilters

We are accepting donations of fabric and anyone interested in helping quilt or learning how. Please join us Tuesday January 20th in the Upper Room from 9:30—12:00.

Yoga

Trinity’s Yoga Community invites you to join them! Mondays; 5:30 p.m. & Wednesdays; 4:30pm

Bible Study

Wednesdays at One in Tillberg Lounge. Everyone is welcome!

Book Clubs

Trinity has two book clubs that always welcome new members. Detail may be found on page 4 and bookmarks with the current selections may be found in the library.

Congregational Meeting

February, 8th. Blended worship at 10:00 a.m. and the meeting begins at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Foot Care Clinic

Tuesday, January 27th
9:00—noon
In Tillberg Lounge
Appointments only!

Sign up in Founders Hall during fellowship on Sundays.

$25 fee includes a foot soak, nail cleaning and trimming, lotion massage to calves and feet.

Foot care attendants are trained, bonded and insured.

Make checks payable to UnityPoint.

Like us on Facebook!

Are you on Facebook? Would you like reminders of what’s happening in church? Or maybe you would love to see pictures of an event or talk about Sunday’s sermon.

Go to https://www.facebook.com/pages/Trinity-Lutheran-Church/120763404603490 and “LIKE” us. You will receive updates and invitations to events.

If you are a member of Trinity’s Group Page, please LIKE the Trinity business page. Notifications are being shared with the group, but that doesn’t mean it will appear in your timeline.

Did you know? That only 4% of Trinity Facebook users are between the ages of 18 & 24. Our largest demographic is women aged 55 & up, a whopping 35%! 

Like us on Facebook!
January 2015

**Calendar current: 1/06/15**

**BBP = Blessed Beginnings Preschool**

**CEMT = Children's Education Ministry Team**

**SJO = San José Obrero**

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**January 1, 2015**

- Office Closed
- New Year's Day
- Office Closed

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**January 4, 2015**

- 9:00 Trad. Worship
- 9:00 SJO Worship: Chapel
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 Cont. Worship
- 5:00 SJO Worship: Chapel
- 5:30 Confirmation

**January 5, 2015**

- 8:15 Prayer Partners
- 12:00 Rotary Club
- 4:30 Harvest Team
- 5:30 Yoga
- 6:30 Table Talk @ Jersey Grille

**January 6, 2015**

- 11:30 Kiwanis
- 5:15 Pizza with the Pre-School
- 6:30 BBP Epiphany Program & Worship

**January 7, 2015**

- 2:00 Member Care Cards
- 2:00 Décor Team
- 5:30 Discovering Trinity
- 6:30 LIFE Pickle Ball

**January 8, 2015**

- 11:30 Ruth Circle
- 5:30 Ministry Coordination
- 7:15 Adult Learning Team
- 7:00 ASA Meeting

**January 9, 2015**

- 1:00 Office Closed
- 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal

**January 10, 2015**

- 8:30 Taking Down the Greens
- 10:30 Chronic Pain
- 3:00 Wedding Rehearsal
- 5:30 Benediction

**January 11, 2015**

- 9:00 Trad. Worship
- 9:00 Learning for All Ages
- 9:00 SJO Worship: Chapel
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 Cont. Worship
- 10:30 Adult Learning
- 5:00 SJO Worship: Chapel
- 5:30 Confirmation

**January 12, 2015**

- 7:30 Rotary Board
- 8:15 Prayer Partners
- 10:30 Prayer Shawl
- 12:00 Rotary Club
- 5:30 Yoga
- 6:00 Thrivent Board

**January 13, 2015**

- 11:30 Kiwanis
- 5:30 CEMT
- 6:00 Worship Team
- 6:30 Church Council
- 6:30 Esther Circle

**January 14, 2015**

- 9:00 Lunch Bunch Planning Meeting
- 6:30 LIFE Snowman

**January 15, 2015**

- 1:00 Anna Circle
- 6:00 Toastmasters

**January 16, 2015**

- 9:00 Sarah Circle
- 10:00 BBP Friendship Friday
- 1:00 Office Closed

**January 17, 2015**

- 5:30 Benediction

**January 18, 2015**

- 9:00 Trad. Worship
- 9:00 Learning for All Ages
- 9:00 SJO Worship: Chapel
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 Cont. Worship
- 10:30 Adult Learning
- 1:00 Parish Nurse Anointing Ceremony

**January 19, 2015**

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- No BBP
- 8:15 Prayer Partners
- 9:00 Lydia Circle
- 12:00 Rotary Club
- 5:30 Yoga
- 6:00 Girl Scout Leaders

**January 20, 2015**

- 9:30 LWR Quilters
- 11:30 Kiwanis
- 12:00 TLC Book Club
- 6:30 BBP Board
- 6:30 Bluff Neighborhood
- 6:30 Thrivent Board

**January 21, 2015**

- 7:00 LIFE Sledding

**January 22, 2015**

- 2:00 Office Closed

**January 23, 2015**

- 1:00 Office Closed

**January 24, 2015**

- 10:30 Chronic Pain
- 5:30 Benediction

**January 25, 2015**

- 9:00 Trad. Worship
- 9:00 Learning for All Ages
- 9:00 SJO Worship: Chapel
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 Cont. Worship
- 10:30 Adult Learning
- 1:00 Parish Nurse Anointing Ceremony

**January 26, 2015**

- 8:15 Prayer Partners
- 12:00 Rotary Club
- 5:30 Yoga
- 6:00 Table Talk
- 7:00 Good Book Club

**January 27, 2015**

- 9:00 Foot Care Clinic
- 11:30 Kiwanis

**January 28, 2015**

- 9:00 Collate Newsletter
- 7:00 LIFE Potluck Dinner

**January 29, 2015**

- 9:00 Collate Yearbooks
- 1:00 Office Closed

**January 30, 2015**

- 9:00 Collate Yearbooks
- 1:00 Office Closed

**January 31, 2015**

- 5:30 Benediction

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**This calendar was printed 1/06/15 Please check online www.tlcmoline.org to keep your calendar current.**
Official Notice of the
Annual Congregational Meeting

Save the Date! February 8th.
Blended Worship at 10:00 a.m.
The annual meeting begins at 11:15 a.m.
The nursery will be available during the meeting for children through age 5.