



A Christmas Letter from Jesus

Dear Child of God,

Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday to me! Another year is in the books. As I look back on 2019, there are so many things that come to mind.

I remember every single prayer you sent to me. From the prayer for your favorite team to win the game to the prayer of thanksgiving when you just missed hitting that deer with your car to the one where you asked that you might find strength when your loved one got sick. I've heard every single one. I know that sometimes you get mad at me when they aren't answered in the way you want, but trust that I know what is best for you and have answered in my own way.

Every day I continue to die for your sin. I take those sins against your neighbors, against me, and against yourself and die for them so that you would be made new. I thank you for those times when you came to me in repentance and confession. Please know that you are forgiven not because you went to church or because you gave to the poor or any of those things. Know that you are forgiven because I love you.

However, I do thank you for those times when you worshipped me and heard my word proclaimed in readings, song, and sacrament. I know you felt renewed and strengthened in faith. I thank you for gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you gave in my name. After all, I have given you everything you have and I have done that out of love so that you might be a blessing to others. I especially thank you for that time when you talked to your children about the importance of faith. Continue to keep planting seeds and I will continue to grow them.

Remember that time when you felt like you might give up? Or the time when you felt really lost? I sent you my Holy Spirit so that you would remember that you were not alone and to help guide you in right paths. I will always be there to lift you up, give you hope, and shine light into your darkness.

As a year ends and a new one begins, I will always be there. Loving you. Listening to you. Dying for you. Forgiving you. Showering you with the promise of eternal life. I hope that you will continue to follow me and trust in me each and every day.

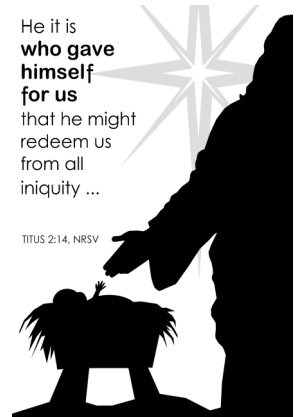
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Always yours,

Jesus

He it is
who gave
himself
for us
that he might
redeem us
from all
iniquity ...

TITUS 2:14, NRSV



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YOUTH NEWS

2019-2020 Sunday School Theme

A Snapshot of Family

December: Christmas Program Practice
Please have your kids in Sunday School so they can be assigned a part in the Christmas Program.

December 1 9:45am-10:30am Program Practice
December 8 9:45am-10:30am Program Practice
December 15 9:45am-10:30am Dress Rehearsal

Children's Christmas Program

December 22 9:00am Worship (arrive at 8:30am)
December 29 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
January 5 Sunday School Resumes

*For this reason I kneel before the Father,
From whom every family in heaven and on earth
Derives its name.*
Ephesians 3:14-15

Sunday School Teachers and Snacks Needed

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex to sign up to teach Sunday School and/or provide snacks. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Nichole Roemhild (715-308-9635) or contact a Sunday School Leadership Team Member.

Confirmation Pizza Party & Christmas For Kids Shopping

Fellowship money from Sunday, December 8th will partially fund the Christmas for Kids shopping day on Wednesday, December 11th. Confirmation kids will purchase toys and clothing for kids. All confirmation students will have a Pizza Party at 6:30pm and go Christmas shopping at 7pm. Parent drivers are needed. Talk to PB if you are able to drive.

January Luther Park 'Recharge'

Recharges are weekend retreats for individuals in grades 3-12 looking to recharge their faith. The 2019-2020 Recharge theme is *Created by God*. Join Luther Park for a fun and faith filled weekend. See the Youth Bulletin Board or go to www.lutherpark.org to register. Your cost is \$35. Trinity will cover the rest. Dates: January 3 & 4. Deadline to register is December 11.

First Communion Classes

All 5th graders and their parents are invited to attend First Communion classes. Youth in 3rd and 4th grade and parents may attend if parents believe they are ready to receive communion. Class will be held on Sunday, January 19th from 6pm-7:15pm. Please contact Pastor Brad if you are unable to attend. First Communion Sunday is February 2nd. Make-up class is January 26th at 10:30am.



Fellowship Meal / 'The Crew' Sings

On Wednesday, December 4th members of Church Council will serve a Spaghetti Meal from 5pm-6pm. A free-will offering will be taken. After the meal please join 'The Crew' as they will sing during worship at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

NO CREW DECEMBER 18

'The Crew' Snack Sign-Up

Please sign up to bring *healthy* snacks.
You should be prepared to serve 45-50 youth.
The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

Help Needed for the Crew!

We are blessed to have a lot of kids but that means we need a few more eyes and helpers!
If you can help out, please see Katie or PB
or just stop by at about 3:30 pm!

Cake Walk

Tickets can be purchased for \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. Funds will be used for the Summer Mission Trip to Lame Deer, MT on July 18-24, 2020.
If you would like to donate a baked item for the Cake Walk, a sign-up sheet is on the table where tickets are sold. Thank you for supporting the mission trip!

NO CONFIRMATION

December 18 & 25 & January 1

CONFIRMATION RESUMES

January 8

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

December 22 & 29 & January 1

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

January 5

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Christmas Carol by Request Worship

Sunday, December 15th at 9:00am

NO WORSHIP Wednesday, December 18th

Men's Band Christmas Concert With Friends

Sunday, December 15th at 6:00pm

Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 22nd at 9:00am

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Family Service w/Holy Communion

December 24th at 4:30pm

Candlelight Service w/Holy Communion

December 24th at 9:30pm



Men's Band Christmas Concerts

The Men's Band will have a Christmas Concert on December 8th at 4pm at the United Methodist Church of Knapp.

The Men's Band will have a Christmas Concert with Friends on December 15th at 6pm here at Trinity Lutheran Church.



The Men's Band will be at First Lutheran Church in Cumberland on Wednesday, December 18th at 6pm.

They invite you to come listen to some great Christmas carols and enjoy the festive music of the season.

Red Cedar Lodge Christmas Party Neighbors of Dunn County

Looking for individuals to participate in the Christmas Party at The Neighbors of Dunn County on Wednesday, December 18th at 1:30pm. Trinity has led this party for the last seven years. Come join us as we spread some Christmas cheer through Christmas Carols and more! If interested, please talk with Pastor Brad.

Bible Study on Isaiah

Monday, December 2 & 16 at 10am

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

Church Council will serve a Spaghetti meal on Wednesday, December 4th from 5pm-6pm. Free-will offering will be taken.

December Devotionals

Check out the Trinity Facebook every day starting on December 1st through Christmas Day for video devotionals!

NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

December 18 & 25 & January 1

OFFICE CLOSED

December 24, 25, 26, 31 & January 1

PASTOR BRAD ON VACATION

December 25 - December 28

December 30 - January 1

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Communion Bread Bakers

Volunteers are needed to bake communion bread for '2020'. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. The recipe can be found below and in the *Women of Trinity* booklet.

Communion Bread Recipe

1 ½ C. White Flour
1 tsp. Baking Soda
½ C. Whole Wheat Flour
3 Tbsp. Sugar

Add and mix 3 tbsp. oil and ¾ cup water into dry ingredients. Divide into four parts. Knead each one on floured surface. Form 5" circles about ½" thick. Score tops with fork or pizza cutter before baking.

Bake 10-12 minutes @350

Serves approx. 75

Snow Movers

The Snow! It will be here sooner than we wish. We are asking for volunteers to remove snow from the Church entrances and the sidewalks around the Church lot. We have a snowblower for you to use. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

Remember to check that the sidewalk and entrances are clear during the week.

'SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS' DECEMBER 14

If It's December, It's Lefse Time!

Tuesday, December 10	9am-Done 11:30am	Peel, Cook, Grind, Mix (500 lbs. of potatoes) Bring your peeler Ham & Buns Provided. Bring something to share for Sub Sandwich Buffet (such as Lettuce, Pickles, Tomatoes, Peppers, Mayo, etc.)
Wednesday, December 11	9am-6pm 11:30am	Make Balls, Roll, Grill, Cool POT LUCK LUNCH BREAK (Yummy)
Thursday, December 12	9am-Done 11:30am	Make Balls, Roll, Grill, Cool, Bag, Sort, Affix Names for Pre-Orders Clean the Fridge/Leftover Lunch (More Yummy)
Friday, December 13	9am-Finish	Sort & Finish if Necessary

We encourage young people and men to come and learn the art of making Lefse so the tradition continues at Trinity. We have a variety of standing and sitting jobs. See the sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex and sign up for a job you are able to do. You can bring your lefse grills, rolling pins and covers; turners, and covers for boards if you would like.



Pre-Order Your Lefse

We are asking Trinity members to pre-order their Lefse so that we can better judge what we need for the public.

Price is \$4 per Package (3 per package)

Order Deadline is December 8th

Pick-up is December 14th

Order sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

Thank you!

Peggy Danovsky 715-643-5858

Deb Holmlund 715-643-3047

Christmas Bake Sale

The Lefse and Bake Sale is Saturday, December 14th from 8am-2pm. Families are asked to

donate three baked items for the Bake Sale or a monetary donation.

Please have 'pre-priced' baked items to the Church Friday by 7pm or Saturday by 9am.

Questions, contact:

Darlene Booth 715-456-8924

Sandy Wheeler 715-308-4684



Live Nativity at 4:30pm



**DONATE
AUCTION
ITEMS**

Silent Auction Items Needed

New items are needed for the Spirit of Christmas Silent Auction held on Saturday, December 14 from 9am to 3pm. Have your auction items to the church by Friday, December 13. Contact Katie Wagner or Pastor Brad with questions. Proceeds from the auction are used for the 2020 Youth Mission Trip.

Silent Auction

Spirit of Christmas - Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is Saturday, December 14th from 9am-3pm. Come bid on some awesome items!

New this year: You can pay for your items with your credit card.

*Proceeds will go towards the
2020 Youth Mission Trip*



Soup Lunch

Trinity Youth will serve a Soup Lunch Saturday, December 14th from 11am-2pm. A free-will offering will be taken.



*Proceeds will go towards the
2020 Youth Mission Trip*



Float Riders Needed

We are looking for some kids to ride on our 'Spirit of Christmas' float during the parade on December 14th. The kids will be dressed as people in the Nativity scene. See Andrea Talmage if you are interested in helping out or want to ride on the float.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Order a poinsettia to adorn the church for Christmas services. Poinsettias are purchased 'IN MEMORY OF' or 'IN HONOR OF' our loved ones. Order forms can be found below or on the table in the Narthex. Heather Knutson will coordinate this event. Please fill out the form below and return to the Church Office by Sunday, December 1st.



Make checks payable to: **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

\$9.25 per plant

Deadline to Order is December 1st



We will once again beautify our church with poinsettias. If you would like to purchase one or more, please fill out the form below and return to the Church Office along with the purchase price of \$9.25 per plant.

Make check payable to: TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 1

If you have any questions, please contact
Heather Knutson 715-456-9147

Number of Plants Ordered _____

Check one if desired:

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

Purchased by: _____

Check one if desired:

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

Purchased by: _____

Trinity Lutheran Church

PO Box 247

Boyceville, WI 54725



16th Annual Mitten Tree

We are still collecting winter-wear items to donate. Items should be for winter weather, gently used, clean, or new. Put your donated items in the Mission Box at Church and we will decorate the Mitten Tree with them. Donations collected will be given to area schools and where needed. Thank you! Items needed are:

CAPS COATS BOOTS

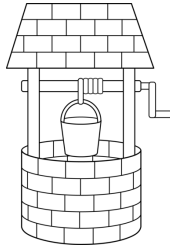
SCARVES SNOWPANTS

WATER-PROOF MITTENS or GLOVES

WISH LISTS / PRAYERS / THANKS

KITCHEN WISH LIST

- Paper Plates for Crew
- Paper Cups for Crew
- Napkins
- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Scrubber Pads
- Scrubber Brushes
- Large Roaster Bags
- Crock Pot Bags
- Zip Lock Bags; All Sizes
- Brass Cleaner
- Pot Holders & Mitts
- Paper Plates; Large & Small
- Dish Cloths
- Radio/CD Music Player



OFFICE WISH LIST

- Scotch Tape Refills
- Address Labels
(Same Size as Avery 5160 1" x 2 5/8" White)
- Pilot G-2 Red Pen Ink Refill Fine Point 0.7 mm
- Pilot G-2 0.7mm Fine Point Red & Black Ink Gel Pens
- Stamps
- Lift & Press Security Mail Envelopes #10 4 1/8 x 9 1/2
- Swingline Optima Staples 1/4"
- Flash Drive 16 GB or 32 GB
- Plastic View Folders Letter Size NO Pocket NO Prong
- Copy Paper White 8 1/2 x 11
- Copy Paper Color 8 1/2 x 11; Yellow, Gray, Pink
- Copy Paper Color 8 1/2 x 14; (Legal) Green, Yellow, Gold
- Kleenex
- Paper Shredder Heavy Duty

JANITORIAL WISH LIST

- Toilet Paper
- Floor Cleaner (Any Kinds-Top Job, Pine Sol)
- Magic Erasers
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Cleaner
- Bleach Spray (Like Clorox)
- Grout Cleaner
- Hand Soap Refill
- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- NO Windex
- NO Dusting Stuff

Our Prayer Concerns

Carol Erickson	Saul Hedlund
Leona Steies	Shirley Huey
Doris Herdahl	Don Owen
Easton Riek	Brad Stevens
Gaylan Nerison	Ben Schlosser
Randee Mayer	Shannon Bauer
Carol Tape	Mary Slind
Betty Steies	Bill Bjorkman
Aaron Upton	Ted Erickson
Terry Heckman	Adella Hanson
Vaughn Hedlund	Kent Wold
Mike Kietzer	Tom Lohfink
Megan Mittlestadt	Jennifer Marlett
LaVonne Anderson	Kayden Ebersperger
Beverlye Thompson	Karen Lagerstrom
Willard Tronrud	Lyndon Schmidt
Melissa Holden	John Bekkum
Allen Andrews	Jeanna Hollister
Gary Lierman	Lynda Swenson
Ashley Behling	Norma Williams
Kurt Marlett	
Family of Adeline Tronrud	Family of Daryl Jones

We Are Thankful

Thank you to who ever left the gift and card on my desk. It was very thoughtful & much appreciated!

Thank you to Michelle Andrews for card stock paper.

Thank you to Howard Edlin for organizing the Potato Pancake Meal and to Ron & Deanna Steinberger for the apples and to everyone who worked the meal.

Thank you to Mary Slind for doing Pastor Brad's sewing!

Thank you to all who have helped with funerals this past year.

Thank you to those who gave Pastor Brad the Christmas Countdown chalkboard, the Bears ornaments, and bacon floss.

Thank you to Paul & Peggy Danovsky for helping to set up Trunk or Treat and to Lonna & Bill Borgert for use of their generator.

Thank you to Eloise Knutson for the candy.

I would like to thank the congregation at Trinity Lutheran Church for your unending kindness in supporting the Boyceville Weekend Meals program. Your financial support and providing volunteers to help pack bags has made a difference in the lives of families here in the Boyceville School District.

I also would like to thank the members for the monetary donations that are provided towards personal care products, the ladies providing beautiful quilts and the nice clothing for distribution at the food pantry. It all goes hand in hand and provides other necessities other than just food. We are very thankful for your caring and loving support!

Sincerely,

Melissa J. Larson
WestCAP Food Access and Resources Coordinator

PRAYER CHAIN / WOMEN OF TRINITY

Prayer Chain Calling List

Mary Slind	715-632-2032
Arlene Clack	715-643-5605
Marlys Nusberger	715-632-2068
Helen Rosen	715-231-3335
Eloise Knutson	715-643-3944
Carol Erickson	715-643-6015
Viv Hanestadt	715-643-4072
Shirley Bloom	715-643-2495
Delores Brezina	715-643-2732
Sandy Wheeler	715-308-4684

Prayer Changes Things

If you, a family member or friend is in need of prayer, do one of the following:

1. Write the person's name on the prayer chain board
2. Contact the first person or any person on the prayer chain caller list (see list above)
3. Let Pastor Brad know

Let the person know the name and any information you would like to pass on and we will begin calling and the chain will result with a multitude of prayers for the person that needs them.



*I have heard your prayer and your plea,
which you made before me*

1 Kings 9:3



WOMEN OF TRINITY

"Do You Hear What I Hear?" is at the top of my list for favorite Christmas songs! I also enjoy "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve." It takes me back to when I was a little girl! We sang it at our Christmas Program with a verse or two in Norwegian! What is your favorite hymn and where does it take you?

We have so much to look forward to leading up to Christmas! Decorating the church will be on Sunday, November 24 after service! Lots of fun and Christmas spirit will be spread around! I look forward to the advent candles, the banners, the fresh trees and the poinsettias! (Thank you, Heather for assisting this year.)

The Women's Gathering will be Saturday, December 7th at 9am! We will be serving egg bake, fruit and muffins. Please sign up so we can plan accordingly! We would be happy to see you!



The next Christmas activity is LEFSE time! Mmmmm, I can smell it now! We will begin with peeling 500 pounds of potatoes Tuesday morning at 9am! Bring your peeler! Wednesday and Thursday will be grilling days. Friday morning will be wrap-up time! We have 'experienced elves' that will help you get started, just be patient! Come for the laughs and music! I am positive PB will play "Do You Hear What I Hear?" There are signup sheets on the tables and more information in the Newsletter. You can contact Peggy Danovsky or me with questions! The lefse will be all set for sale at our Bake Sale on Saturday, December 14th at Trinity! Be sure to catch the Silent Auction and all the cheery activities associated with *The Spirit of Christmas*!

Housekeeping notes! Reminder: pick up your containers, in the kitchen, on the east wall. You are all so helpful and we appreciate your name on your items. Also, a black North Face coat was left after one of our recent funerals...Brrrrr....!

Looking forward to candlelight service on the 24th!

Deb Holmlund

Merry Christmas

SIP & SHOP CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW UPDATE

Thank You, Thank you, Thank you!!!

The Ladies from Trinity would like to thank all who helped out in any way with the Fall Oktoberfest “Sip & Shop” Craft/Vendor Show”. We had a great day!! The weather was perfect for a fall road trip which brought out lots of people who bought lots of merchandise AND food, WHICH left all of us with many positive comments and of course good results moneywise. THANK YOU for coming and supporting our event!!!

Our total income was \$3,002.25 and after advertising expenses our profit was \$2,389.25!

A very special thank you to the following people for helping us make this such a successful fund raiser:

- Becky Nyhus for organizing the menu and overseeing the kitchen and the Ladies of Trinity for making and serving food. The menu was a hit!!!
- The Quilting Group for donating the two beautiful quilts (many wonderful comments on the beautiful quilts).
- Randy Schutz for hauling tables and chairs and helping set up and tear down.
- Darla for running off forms.
- Connie Anderson for helping with tickets sales.
- Carrie Bartos for taking care of the raffle tables and calling all the lucky winners.
- For you crafters/vendors who participated and for all of you who purchased merchandise from our wonderful vendors and/or purchased raffle tickets for the raffle prizes or the quilts.
- Boyceville School District for allowing us to use their facility for our event. Their janitorial staff was super, so very helpful and kind. Thanks Mr. Kaiser for letting us use the sound system too.
- And a very special thanks to our families, for helping us in our times of need!

Without you we would not be able to put on such a successful sale. It takes time and many hands, so thank you so very very much for your time and talent !!!!

Next year will be my last year helping organize this wonderful and successful fund raiser for our church. It has been a lot of fun and very rewarding. If you think this is something you might be interested in being part of, I am willing to help and guide you every step of the way and have you work with me to organize the 2020 event. Give me a call, I will answer all of your questions. Contact me at 715-556-2247.

Peggy Schutz

**THANK
YOU**

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YOU**

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Serving Our Church—December 2019

Ushers: Brent Larson, Chad Lee, Bill Borgert
Altar Committee: Jessica Larson, Sheila Lee, Sandy Wheeler

Readers:

December 1	Lori Bekkum	
December 8	Leanna Stewart	
December 15	Craig Formoe	
December 22	Youth	
December 24	4:30 Hayley Bird	9:30 Pastor Brad
December 29	Liz Lohfink	

Greeters:

December 1	Steve & Norma Stark
December 8	Jessica Larson
December 15	Marlys Nusberger
December 22	Shirley Bloom
December 24	4:30 Jamie Tilleson 9:30 Sue Rose
December 29	Tim Bird

Acolytes

December 1	Natalle McCarthy, Paige Mrdutt
December 8	Riley Schutz, Nathan Jensen
December 15	Riley Schutz, Nathan Jensen
December 22	Ali McRoberts, Jaden Stevens
December 24	4:30 TBD 9:30 TBD
December 29	Sarah Stovern, Renee Hanestad

Altar Flowers

December 1
 December 8
 December 15
 December 22
 December 29

If you would like to put flowers on the altar for a special reason, please sign up on the 'Altar Flower Chart' on the bulletin board. Please include the reason for the flowers so you can be recognized in the bulletin, *and a reminder to Darla would be helpful.*

Sunday School Teachers

December 1	Maggie Wyss, Laura Debee
December 8	Maggie Wyss, Laura Debee
December 15	Laura Debee, TBD
December 22	Sunday School Christmas Program
December 29	NO Sunday School
January 5	Angie Leach
January 12	TBD, TBD
January 19	TBD, TBD
January 26	TBD, TBD

Sunday School Snacks

December 1	Sunday School
December 8	Laura Debee
December 15	Becky Nyhus
December 22	Sunday School Christmas Program
December 29	NO Sunday School
January 5	Angie Leach
January 12	Gretzlock's
January 19	Sunday School
January 26	Sunday School

December Schedule

WOMEN OF TRINITY

Christmas Gathering
 December 7 at 9am

NO CIRCLE MEETINGS

Communion Bread

December	Sandy Wheeler
January	Shirley Dow
February	Shirley Bloom
March	TBD
April	Delores Brezina
May	TBD
June	TBD
July	Laura Debee
August	TBD
September	Marlene Edlin
October	Heidi Swensen
November	TBD
December	TBD

Cake Bakers

December 1	Chesney & Chrissa
December 8	TBD
December 15	Emma & Libby
December 22	TBD
December 29	TBD
January 5	Emma & Libby
January 12	TBD
January 19	Triston & Connor
January 26	TBD

Fellowship Servers

December 1	Natalle McCarthy, Paige Mrdutt
December 8	Riley Schutz, Nathan Jensen
December 15	Riley Schutz, Nathan Jensen
December 22	Jace Jones, TBD
December 29	Sarah Stovern, Renee Hanestad
January 5	Sarah Stovern, Renee Hanestad
January 12	Natalle McCarthy, Haley Stuart
January 19	Natalle McCarthy, Paige Mrdutt
January 26	Treylin Thorson, Cooper Anderson

Crew Snacks

December 4	Jamie Day (Sings Worship)
December 18	<i>Crew Cancelled</i>
January 8	Dan Chernak
January 22	WOT Board

Snow Movers

Nov 24 - Dec 7	Randy Schutz
Dec 8 - Dec 21	Bill & Lonna Borgert
Dec 22 - Jan 4	TBD
Jan 5 - Jan 18	TBD
Jan 19 - Feb 1	TBD

MEMORIALS / PASTORIAL ACTS

IMO JOANNE LARSON
BUILDING
SHIRLEY MITTLESTADT

IMO ANDY MOLL
GENERAL
BRAD & AMY PETERSON

IMO JOANNE LARSON
GENERAL
JAMES & CHRISTINA BREMER

IMO ANDY MOLL
WEEKEND MEAL PROGRAM
PETE & DEB HOLMLUND

IMO ANDY MOLL
SCHOLARSHIP
MARLYS NUSBERGER

IMO ANDY MOLL
WELCA
DARLA HUMPAL

IMO ANDY MOLL
GENERAL
RANDY & PEGGY SCHUTZ

IMO ANDY MOLL
YOUTH
STEVE & BECKY NYHUS

IMO ANDY MOLL
GENERAL
BILL & JULIE FISHER

IMO ANDY MOLL
GENERAL
BEN & CAROL SCHLOSSER

IMO ROBERT HINTZ
GENERAL
BOB HINTZ FAMILY

IHO QUILTERS
QUILTERS
DANIEL & CHERYL SLIND

IMO ADELINE TRONRUD
BUILDING
DELORES BREZINA

IMO JOANNE LARSON
SCHOLARSHIP
DICK & ARLENE CLACK

IMO ANDY MOLL
WELCA
MIKE & BARB NELSON

IMO JOANNE LARSON
WELCA
MIKE & BARB NELSON

IMO ADELINE TRONRUD
GENERAL
BRAD & AMY PETERSON

IMO ADELINE TRONRUD
GENERAL
BEN & CAROL SCHLOSSER

IMO ADELINE TRONRUD
BUILDING
HERB & SHIRLEY DOW

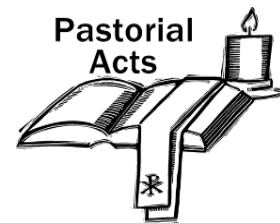
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Embracing all things far and nigh,
In strength and beauty come and stay,
Teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O, come O Lord of might,
As to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times you gave the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Branch of Jesse,
Free your own from Satan's tyranny,
From depths of hell your people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!



BAPTISMS

Stella Kay Watkins
October 27, 2019

Blakely Jonalynn Wold
November 17, 2019

FUNERALS

Andrew D. Moll
October 23, 2019

Adeline M. Tronrud
November 4, 2019

Daryl W. Jones
November 15, 2019

FINANCIAL PAGE

Financials October 2019

Checkbook Balance as of October 1 (947.91)

Revenue:

Regular Giving	4,638.00
Cash Giving	682.65
Simply Giving	5,740.83
VANCO Credit Card Giving	122.65
Misc. Giving	188.00
Benevolences	581.53
Building	999.50
Out of Budget-Youth Savings	1,464.00
Out of Budget-Sunday School	10.00
Out of Budget-Scholarship	310.00
Out of Budget-WELCA	10.00
Out of Budget-Youth	740.20
Transfer from Savings	3,800.00
Transfer In	1,676.99
Total Income	<u>20,964.35</u>

Expenses:

Benevolences	535.52
Worship	351.40
Educational Ministry	539.39
Outreach Ministry	8.71
Office	673.09
Personnel	11,509.27
Facilities	1,150.98
Loan Payment	700.00
Out of Budget-Quilters	55.00
Out of Budget-Packer Tickets	250.00
Transfer Out	4,115.23
Total Expenses	<u>19,888.59</u>

Checkbook Balance as of October 31 127.85



Church Loan
Carpet/Paint/Youth Coordinator
\$42,205.62
as of November 5, 2019

Simply Giving October \$6,678.33

General	\$5,740.83
Building	\$842.50
Missions	\$95.00

VANCO Credit Card Giving October \$147.18

General	\$123.11
Missions	\$24.07

'2020' Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your '2020' Offering Envelopes. They should be ready for you in December. If you don't see your envelopes, contact Becky Nyhus.

If you give by *Simply Giving*, you will not have envelopes. If you would like to sign up for *Simply Giving*, the Authorization Form is on the round table in the Narthex. Any questions, please contact Becky Nyhus 715-781-7011 or beckers56@hotmail.com.

Simply Giving people: holiday envelopes will be out in the narthex if anyone needs them

Good News No Longer Mailed

Your Church Council is continuing to look for ways to save money. One idea brought to their attention was to discontinue mailing around 300 of our monthly newsletters, except to shut-ins and out of town members. This will save approximately \$1,200 a year; not only in postage, but in paper, ink, mailing labels, and time spent copying and collating.

Beginning with January's newsletter, the *Good News* will no longer be mailed to you. You can pick up your newsletter at Church. It will have your name on it. The *Good News* will also be available on the Church's webpage www.trinityboyceville.com. If you can't make it to Church and don't have access to our webpage and want the *Good News* mailed to you, please contact the office at 715-643-3821.

After a few months of seeing who doesn't pick up their newsletter, we can get a better count of how many newsletters to copy.

Thank you for patience at this change.

Mission Madness '2019'

Mission Madness '2019' ran September 8th thru November 3rd. Donated money was divided equally between our Mission Partners unless you designated where you wanted it to go. Our top goal was \$3,000 which we were short by \$80.95. As each goal was met, PB did the following:

\$500	No Bacon Three Weeks
\$1,000	Wore Packer Shirt During Men's Band-Led Worship
\$1,500	Wear Packer Stole During December 15 th Worship
\$2,000	Ate Cooked Carrots
\$2,500	Wore Packer Poncho
\$3,000	GOAL NOT MET

Thank you to everyone who donated and/or gave extra!

Total donated \$2,919.05

HELP PAGE

2-1-1 Provides Free & Confidential Information

2-1-1 is a simple, free way to connect all people in need with vital human services for everyday life or in times of crisis. By dialing **2-1-1** people are linked to information about local resources, from both government and nonprofit organizations. From the single parent seeking food for their children to the senior citizen looking for in-home care, **2-1-1** brings people and community resources together.

Call **2-1-1** for help with food, housing and shelter, employment, education, legal advice, emergencies, health care, counseling, physical and mental health issues, financial assistance, transportation, and more.

When you call **2-1-1**, you will talk to a trained resource specialist who has access to a comprehensive database of nearly all health and human services that exist in your community. Information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

Webpage: www.211wisconsin.org

Stepping Stones

1620 Stout Road
Menomonie, WI 54751
715-235-2920

Food Pantry Hours

Mondays	11am – 2pm
Tuesdays	3pm – 6pm
Wednesdays	3pm – 6pm
Thursdays	11am – 2pm
Fridays	11am – 2pm
Saturdays	10am – 12 noon
Sundays	Closed

No one is ever turned away, however, recommended eligibility guidelines are that you are a Dunn County resident and your income is below 185% of the federal poverty level. Bring a photo ID, proof of your Dunn County residency (drivers license, utility bill, lease, etc.) and know your household's gross monthly income.

Winter Haven

Menomonie's Warming Shelter
For Adults
1518 Stout Road
A warm bed, showers,
& laundry facilities
Open Nov. 15–Mar. 31
7:30pm–7:30am
Call Stepping Stones
715-235-2920

Food Harvest Ministry

Distribution December 21
8am -10am
1002 Main Street
Boyceville

United Way C-3

(Located next door to Stepping Stones in Menomonie) Phone: 715-231-3066
Accepting all items for donation except electronics and exercise equipment.

Days and Times Open

Monday–Thursday 9am– 3pm
Friday 9am–Noon

Food Access and Resource Center

West Cap
823 Main Street, Boyceville
The pantry will be opened the
following days:

Thursday 3pm-7pm
Friday 9am-1pm

Free Produce Distribution

Wednesdays 5pm-7pm
Volunteers needed
Call Melissa Wyss 715-977-1191

Free Clinic of Greater Menomonie Area

Mayo Clinic Health System-Red Cedar in Menomonie
2321 Stout Road, Menomonie, 715-233-7655
Level A - Southwest Entrance

Medical services are provided to anyone that is uninsured or uninsurable and has a household income of 200% or less of the Federal Poverty Level.

Clinic is open on Tuesdays. Registration is from 5-7pm.
(Please do not arrive before 5pm)

Walk-ins only. Appointments are not given.

What information do I need to bring with me?

- List of current medications
- Health history information
- Recent test results
- Proof of income- required for some services

For more information check the church bulletin board or www.menomoniefreeclinic.org

Donations can be mailed to the following:
Free Clinic of the Greater Menomonie Area

Options for Women

Location: 1002 8th St. East, Menomonie WI
Mailing Address: PO BOX 427, Menomonie WI 54751
Phone: 715-222-0777
optionsmenomonie@gmail.com
www.ofwmenomonie.com
facebook.com/ofwmenomonie

Options for Women-Menomonie is an organization dedicated to providing families and pregnant women with information, as well as restorative, mental, physical, emotional and material help.

See the brochure on the bulletin board for more information.

SERVICE GROUP OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/**DECEMBER**

Randy & **Peggy Schutz** 556-2247

Scott & Holly Coombs
 Stub & Linda Swenson
 Albert & Michelle Kelly
 Travis & Heather Duncan
 Bill & Julie Fisher
 Rebecca Johnson
 Joe & Carla Johnson
 Jerry & Noelle Krueger
 Leonard & Judy Krueger
 Eric Mittlestadt
 Ron & Deanna Steinberger
 Chad & Angie Maes
 Gaylan & Linda Nerison
 Brian & Sandy Peterson

Len & **Mary Lagerstrom** 643-4951

Paul & Julie Behling
 Adam & Denise Jeske
 Eric & Terra Engeman
 Scott & Dawn Edlin
 Chris & Marcia Granley
 Kerby & Darlene Lee
 Curtiss & Melissa Nelson
 Ryan & Jennifer Marlett
 Paul & Julie Wathke
 Mike & Chelsea Reitz
 Andrea & Lauryn Dominick
 Jolene Wolff
 Tony & Jacque Bowell

Brenda Dean 715-308-7184

Bob & Lynda Bird
 Tony & Nicole Swanson
 John & Lori Bekkum
 Steve & Jolene Bird
 Harold & Lavonne Anderson
 Barry & Heidi Guy
 Lenny & Christina Lange
 Jake & Cassie Riek
 Jim & Melissa Keller
 Dale & Lori Behling
 Brad & Marlo Stevens
 Kyle & Brittany Lohfink
 Dennis & Beth Heifner

Steve & **Becky Nyhus** 781-7011

Chad & Sheila Lee
 Brent & Jessica Larson
 Marilyn Wheeler
 Amy Steies
 Darcy Hitz
 Dave Miller
 Bryon & Jennifer DeBell
 David Hitz
 Christina Sigsworth
 Kelly & Diane Helland
 Mike & Sandy Mittlestadt
 Brad & Amy Peterson
 Dave & Theresa Raehsler
 Mike & Judy Kietzer

*Names in bold are contact people



*May the God of hope fill you with
 all joy and peace in believing,
 so that you may abound in hope
 by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

Ushers

Oct: Lyndon Schmidt, Randy Schutz, Craig Formoe
 Nov: Steve Bird, Bob Bird, Tim Bird
Dec: Brent Larson, Chad Lee, Bill Borgert

Altar Guild

Oct: Peggy Schutz, Holly Coombs
 Nov: Kim Guy, Joy Evenson
Dec: Jessica Larson, Sandy Wheeler, Sheila Lee

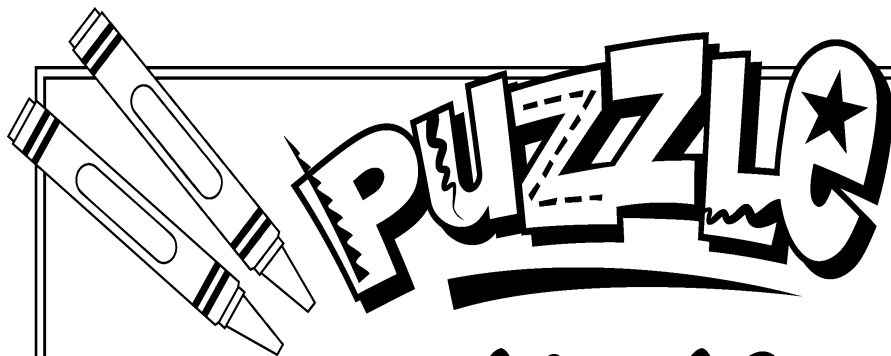
*You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth
and lying in a manger*

Luke 2:12

M is for the MANGER
in the starry light...



N is for NATIVITY
and the holy NIGHT.



Symbols of the *season*

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.



shepherd's staff _ ☐ ☐ _ _ _ _ ☐

tree that keeps its leaves _ _ _ _ ☐ _ _ _ _

shines to lead the way _ _ _ _ ☐

green for eternal life, ☐ _ _ _ _ &
red for Jesus' blood _ _ _ _ ☐ ☐ _ _

sounds to announce ☐ _ _ _ _
good news

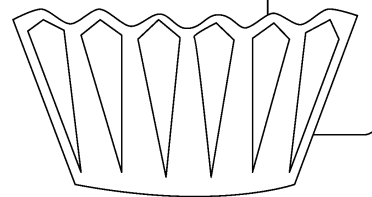
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2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

Light the way

Make some Christmas candles to remember Jesus, the Light of the world.



What you need:

- Unlined white notecards
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Yellow tissue paper
- Mini muffin liners
- Clothespins

What you do:

1. Roll a notecard from side to side into a "candle" tube. Secure with glue.
2. Insert a piece of tissue paper "flame" in one end.
3. Glue the other end to a muffin liner. Then glue the liner to a clothespin.
4. Repeat to make many paper candles. Pin them to the branches of a Christmas tree.

Answer: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath, Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV

TIME & TALENT SHEET

Please check the ways in which you are willing to serve Trinity.

___ Reader ___ Greeter ___ Usher ___ Altar Guild

Please check the ways in which you are willing to serve throughout the year

Property & Service

___ Landscaping (mowing, watering, etc) ___ Electrical
___ Carpentry ___ Snow Removal
___ Video Taping Worship ___ Garbage Removal
___ Choir ___ Quilting
___ Instrumentalist (list instrument below) ___ Folding Bulletins

Lay Ministry

___ Visiting Shut-ins ___ Transporting shut-ins ___ Quilting

Youth & Education

___ Sunday School Teacher ___ Event Chaperone ___ Event Driver
___ VBS Teacher ___ Crew Helper

Church Leadership & Committees

___ Youth ___ Education ___ Worship ___ Property & Management
___ Finance/Stewardship ___ Outreach & Evangelism

Social Media

___ Facebook Updater ___ Instagram Updater ___ Website Updater

Service Group Time

Please list in order of preference which service group you would like to serve in.

Note that you may not receive your top choice or second choice.

1-First Choice, 2-Second Choice, 3-Third Choice, 4-Last Choice

Winter (Jan-March) Spring (April-June) Summer (July-Sept) Fall (Oct-Dec)

Other (write suggestions)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return to church office

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

“Don’t Lose the Baby”

An Advent Message from Bishop Laurie

On the First Sunday of Advent, every year, our family unpacks the wreath. Our tradition is to put an incomplete nativity scene in the center. We use the ceramic figures my mom made for us the first year we were married. The magi are put up on a high shelf until they make their appearance on Epiphany. Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, a few sheep, and an empty manger go in the center to wait.

One of our children would hide the tiny figure of the baby Jesus in a cup in nearby cabinet. Every year I’d worry a little and give a warning, “Remember where you put him, we don’t want to lose baby Jesus.” They were careful, but I would still worry that we might lose the baby Jesus. Before supper we’d light the blue candles on the Advent wreath and pray “Come, Lord Jesus be our guest.” Advent was about waiting to put the baby in the manger. On Christmas Eve, we retrieve the hidden baby Jesus, give a sigh of relief that we haven’t lost him, put him in the manger and light the Christ candle.

It’s possible to lose baby Jesus in the craziness of Advent. As Christians, surrounded by the most commercialized and secularized holiday of all, we are always in danger of losing Jesus. Not the ceramic Jesus figurine from our nativity set, but losing our way in Advent and never finding the holy in the midst of the hectic; never experiencing the expectant purposeful waiting that brings us to the awe and wonder of Jesus Christ, the baby born in Bethlehem.

Every year I want to issue some motherly WARNING: Don’t lose the baby! If you lose the baby, Christmas doesn’t make any sense at all. Without the baby, Christmas is a beautifully wrapped box with nothing inside. It is empty of meaning, but most of all it is empty of hope.

I want to issue a motherly CAUTION: Don’t lose the baby. If you lose the baby, Christmas doesn’t work. It is broken and like a cracked snow globe, the hope leaks out. The world needs Jesus this Christmas more than ever. There are so many broken things in our personal lives, the pain leaks out over grief, loss, and disappointment. There is so much systemic brokenness in our communities and in our country that it leaks out as violence. We need the hope and healing that only Jesus can bring.

Theologically, we don’t need to worry about losing Jesus because Jesus is with us. First in Luke 2 “***She gave birth to her first born son and laid him in the manger;***” then the incarnation of John 1, “***The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.***” The incarnation Jesus hasn’t been lost. In Matthew 28 Jesus promises to be with us “***always to the end of the age.***”

Perhaps a more accurate warning is this: DANGER: Don’t lose **sight** of the baby. That baby, that Word made flesh is the light of the world. In these dark days of winter we need the light of the world to shine in us and through us.

Now a little ENCOURAGEMENT for this Advent and Christmas: **PRACTICE INCARNATIONAL MINISTRY.** That means just show up and be Jesus for others. Go and be Jesus for those who may have lost sight of him. Go and be the Church, show your neighbors, your community the love of Jesus. Go to the dark places and bring Jesus. Go sit with those who are sad and be Christmas. Go and speak the truth into the cracks of the broken places in our society. Go, just show up and be the hands, feet, the voice, the love of Jesus. Go and let your light so shine before others, go be the light of Christ, the light no darkness can overcome.

May God bless you, your family and congregation, and may the peace of God

made real to us in a baby born in Bethlehem fill your hearts this Advent and Christmas Season.

Rev. Laurie Sha. Olson



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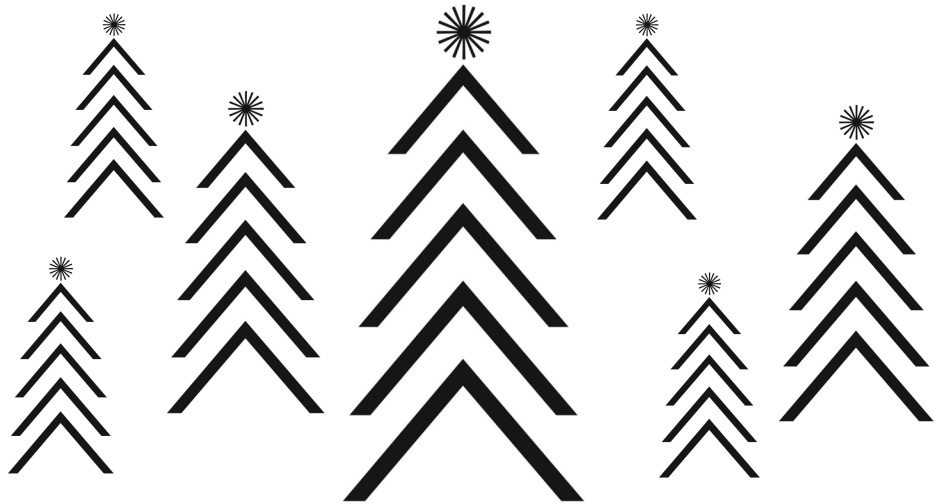
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TRINITY GOOD NEWS

DECEMBER 2019



Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

Psalm 96:12

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