

TRINITY GOOD NEWS

DECEMBER 2020



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*Trinity Lutheran Church exists
to support its members
in proclaiming the Word of God
so that all may know
the peace, joy, and fulfillment*

Important Dates

November 1—December 6, 2020

Mini “Mission Madness”

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve Worship
9am, 2pm, 4:30pm, 7pm, 9pm

December 25, 2020

Christmas Day Worship
9am

January 13, 2021

ALL Annual Reports Due

February 7, 2021

Trinity’s Annual Meeting

May 9-16, 2021

Online Silent Auction

July 10-16, 2021

2021 Youth Mission Trip



As I think about Christmas, I keep thinking about the wise men who travelled to see the newborn Jesus, following the Christmas star. I think about that journey, how long it must have been, how anxiety-inducing it could have been to follow a star and not know when it will stop and where it would stop. I think about the fear, especially in dealing with Herod. I think about the joy they had when they first laid eyes on Jesus, the gratitude in their hearts as they presented their gifts, and the faith that must have been there the entire way to find this newborn king.

It reminds me of the journey we have been on, brothers and sisters, as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic in our lives. We all thought it would be over by now and yet it is not. This journey has taken much longer than we thought, and it has been filled with anger, anxiety, fear, and death. It is a journey that yet does not have an ending and that causes even more despair and suffering. I continue to grieve those who have lost their lives and to the constant disruption of our daily lives. But at the same time, though we have suffered on this journey, there has also been joy.

We must never let the darkness of the world snuff out the light of joy and love we have in Jesus Christ. Even though I grieved the loss of many things, I have also given thanks for the gifts these strange times have been: unprecedented time with Amy, friendships that have been rekindled and strengthened, the continuation of our ministry and the incredible gifts and flexibility of our staff, all the notes of thanks and appreciation for so many in our society that do not give recognized enough.

The light of Jesus shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it. The light of Christ is shining on you today as you go about your journey of life. Just like the wise men, continue to follow the star that leads to Jesus. Continue to follow the light. Continue to know that you are not alone. And remember that we have joy because Christ is born for us, to save us and bring us to everlasting life.

Merry Christmas and God bless!

Pastor Brad



*When they saw that the star had stopped,
they were overwhelmed with joy.*

Matthew 2:10



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YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation Will be Virtual For the Rest of 2020

Class is 6:30pm - 7:30pm on Wednesdays

7th & 8th Grade will go every other week

December 2	8 th Grade
December 9	7 th Grade
December 16	8 th Grade
December 23 & 30	NO CONFIRMATION
January 6	7 th Grade
January 13	8 th Grade
January 20	7 th Grade
January 27	8 th Grade
February 3	7 th Grade
February 10	8 th Grade



February 17 Ash Wednesday
Confirmation Youth Serve Meal

February 24-March 31
NO CONFIRMATION

Youth required to be at Lent Worship at
7pm on Wednesday nights

**Please Note: Changes may be made
depending on Covid-19.*



Sunday School Christmas Program

Trinity's Sunday School Christmas Program
will go online on Sunday, December 20th.

2021 Mission Trip

We will be doing a high school
Mission Trip July 10-16, 2021
to the Northern Cheyenne
Indian Reservation in
Lame Deer, MT.



Mission Trip Silent Auction



Plans are in the works to have
an Online Silent Auction
May 9-16, 2021 to raise money
for the Youth Mission Trip.

Look for more details in the
Good News in the Spring.

WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT

And, lo, the angel of the Lord
came upon them...And the angel said
unto them, Fear not: for, behold,
I bring you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord.

LUKE 2:9-11



CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP



Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th

- 9:00 a.m. Candlelight Worship (No Communion)
- 2:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship (No Communion)
- 4:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship (No Communion)
- 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship (No Communion)
- 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship (No Communion)

Reservations are required.

To make a reservation online, enter this web address:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49AEA62FA2FB6-christmas>

You can also call the church office to make a reservation (715-643-3821).

The 4:30pm and 9pm services will be live-streamed on our Facebook page.



Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th

- 9:00 a.m. Worship (With Communion)
- Reservations will NOT be required.

WORSHIP

DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship

- December 6: Inside Worship at 8am. *Masks are required.*
Parking Lot Worship at 9am.
Drive thru Communion from 10am-10:30am.
- December 13: Inside Worship at 8am. *Masks are required.*
Parking Lot Worship at 9am.
- December 20: Inside Worship at 8am. *Masks are required.* (Sunday School Program Online)
Parking Lot Worship at 9am.
Drive thru Communion from 10am-10:30am.
- December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 9am; 2pm; 4:30pm; 7pm; 9pm.
Reservations Needed. (*See Page 4 for directions to make reservations*)
Masks are required.
- December 25: Christmas Day Worship at 9am.
Reservations NOT Needed.
Masks are required.
- December 27: Inside Worship at 8am. *Masks are required.*
Parking Lot Worship at 9am

Wednesday Worship

- December 2: Worship on Facebook at 6pm.
- December 9: Worship on Facebook at 6pm.
- December 16: Worship on Facebook at 6pm.
- December 23 & 30: NO WORSHIP

All 9am services will be live-streamed on Facebook. Masks are required for all inside worship services.
NO Fellowship until further notice.

Go to www.youtube.com/TrinityBoycevilleWI for all our videos, Worship services, songs, & children's sermons.

Go to www.trinityboyceville.com for links for the newsletter, worship services, bulletins, children's sermons, and more.



"Spirit of Christmas": Is it on?

At the time of this printing, we are not aware if the Village of Boyceville is still going forward with their plans to have the "Spirit of Christmas". To keep everyone safe and protected, the decision was made to **NOT** have Trinity's *Lefse & Bake Sale* or the *Soup Lunch & Silent Auction* during the "Spirit of Christmas" this year. There will be NO *Craft Sale* at the school. The *Live Nativity* is also cancelled.

Poinsettias For Christmas Worship

Order a poinsettia to adorn the church for Christmas IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF loved ones. Cost is \$9.25. If you gave money for Easter flowers, it will be used to purchase poinsettias and your memorial will be included with the poinsettia list. **An order form is on page 12.** Deadline to order is December 13th.

If you have any questions or can't remember if you ordered Easter lilies, please contact Heather Knutson 715-456-9147.



THANKS/WOMEN OF TRINITY



Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas.

Thank you to Becky Nyhus, Peggy Danovsky, Lonna Borgert, Diana Nutter, and Deb Holmlund for serving on the Women of Trinity Board.

WOMEN OF TRINITY DECEMBER 2020

December is the first month of winter and the last month of the year. It's time to notice bright red poinsettias and blooming Christmas cactuses...My many Christmas cactuses have been blooming since Halloween this year. How beautiful!

Some of us like to get an early start on the Christmas spirit. Recently, I asked 'Alexa' to play Christmas music. The first song that came on was "The First Noel." I went to get my great uncle's red, Lutheran hymnal to brush up on the words. I located the index. As I turned to the page, I realized, with goose bumps, it was the only hymn marked with an old, rusty paper clip. What a special, warm Christmas greeting!

When you are putting your tree up this year take a look at your ornaments. A star on the top reminds us of the first Christmas night. The candles reflect the light of the world and Christmas canes represent the shepherd's cane. Happy decorating!

We know December 31st marks the end of 2020. Here are some phrases to add to your vocabulary for 2021. Perhaps make them part of your New Year's resolutions:

God Bless you!
May I help you?
How are you?

I forgive you!
Thank you!
Welcome home!

Our Women's Board met on Wednesday, November 4th. Of course, we are all disappointed about not having the "Lefse and Bake Sale". We also, missed the "Pie and Lunch Social", "Craft Sale", and hosting funerals. Our end of the year contributions were greatly reduced this year. I was looking over lefse notes from 2002, the first year the sale was held. Some of the names include Norma Williams, Connie Lystrom, Mary Slind, Joyce Hopkins, Lois Oakland, Helen Schutz, Irene Arntzen, Joanne Larson, Marlene Edlin, Doris Herdahl, Dee Brezina, Arlene Clack, Bobbie Hedlund, Carol Erickson, Eloise Knutson, and Margaret Parker. Thanks Ladies! They made 286 slices that first year! In 2018, our biggest year, we made 1,182 slices! Uff Da! We have become very efficient, or we doubled the amount of potatoes!

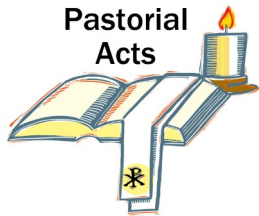
Let's remember all the great bakers and lefse makers who have worked with these fund raisers in the past and present.

Here is our **CHRISTMAS WISH LIST** for the Women of Trinity. Prayerfully, consider making a donation to "Women of Trinity" this year *in memory of* or *in honor of* a great baker in your life. Please include your favorite baker's name and your name. We will add their name to our Favorite Baker List and enter your name for our Trinity, Gather at the Table cookbook drawing. The Favorite Baker List Memorial will be included in the January *Good News*. Thanks for your support!

NOEL, NOEL, NOEL, NOEL! Born is the King of Israel

Deb Holmlund





Pastorial Acts

BAPTISM

Kinsley Lynn Borth
November 8, 2020

FUNERAL

Aaron S. Upton
November 16, 2020

Mini Mission Madness Update

Ends December 6th

First \$500 designated for Mission Madness will support our partners in ministry. GOAL MET

Once we reach this goal, PB will:

- Wore Packers Stole During Worship (Nov. 8)
- Cupcake in Face (Ted Litzkow's name drawn, but gave the honor to Katie Wagner Nov. 15)

Second \$500 designated for Mission Madness will go to the General Fund for the mission we share in our congregation.

Once we reach this goal, PB will:

- "Full Hetzel" During Worship (Nov. 15)
- Wore Packers' Apparel for Video Devotional (Nov. 22)
- Eat Peas (Nov. 15)

For every \$100 we raise thru December 6th PB will:

- Include Packer Stuff for Video Devotionals (+4)
- Add Peas to a Meal Daily (+4)

Our Prayer Concerns

Carol Erickson	Saul Hedlund
Leona Steies	Shirley Huey
Doris Herdahl	Don Owen
Easton Riek	Gaylan Nerison
Ben Schlosser	Randee Mayer
Shannon Bauer	Glen Rosen
Betty Steies	Kurtis Marlett
Ted Erickson	Adella Hanson
Mike Kietzer	Tom Lohfink
Megan Mittlestadt	Jennifer Marlett
Dick Clack	Kayden Ebensperger
Beverly Thompson	Willard Tronrud
Melissa Holden	Jeanna Hollister
Gary Lierman	Lynda Swenson
Ashley Behling	Stub Swenson
Vaughn Hedlund	Scott Anderson
Family of Nancy Burton	Family of Don Owen
Family of Aaron Upton	

Ushers

Dec: Brent Larson, Chad Lee, Bill Borgert

Altar Guild

Dec: Jessica Larson, Sandy Wheeler, Sheila Lee

Pastor Brad on Vacation

December 26-30

Annual Reports Deadline

ALL reports for the Annual Report are due

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Trinity's Annual Meeting is

Sunday, February 7, 2021

17th Annual Mitten Tree



We continue 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, the *Coat Closet*, and where needed. Thank you! Items needed are:

CAPS COATS BOOTS
SCARVES SNOWPANTS
WATER-PROOF MITTENS or GLOVES

Thank you to Ted & Carol Erickson for starting this 'Mission' 16 years ago!

Sign Up for Snow Removal

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. Follow this link to Sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49AEA62FA2FB6-snow>

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



MEMORIALS

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CORRECTION:

The November *Good News* incorrectly stated that a gift was given in memory of Lois Debee from Dan & Laura Debee. It should have read: In Honor of Dan & Laura Debee and family from Grandma Lois Debee. We apologize for the error.

IMO MARY SLIND
GENERAL
SHIRL HETZEL

IMO GLORIENE WAHL
BUILDING
TED & RUBY LITZKOW

IMO GLORIENE WAHL
BUILDING
TOM & SONDRALIERMAN

IHO 2020 CONFIRMANTS
GENERAL
BRAD & AMY PETERSON

IMO GLORIENE WAHL
GENERAL
SHIRL HETZEL

IMO GLORIENE WAHL
GENERAL
DELORES BREZINA

IMO GLORIENE WAHL
BUILDING
AL & JESS LAIN & FAMILY

IMO GLORIENE WAHL
OFFICE SUPPLIES
TED & RUBY LITZKOW

IMO GLORIENE WAHL
OFFICE SUPPLIES
CHARLIE & DARLA HUMPAL

IMO NANCY BURTON
GENERAL
WENDELL & DIANE ANDREWS

IMO DON OWEN
GENERAL
BOB & LYNDA BIRD

IMO AARON UPTON
GENERAL
STUB & LYNDA SWENSON

IMO DON OWEN
GENERAL
STUB & LYNDA SWENSON

IMO DON OWEN
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
RICHARD & ARLENE CLACK

IMO AARON UPTON
GENERAL
BRAD & AMY PETERSON

MEMORIALS

IMO NANCY BURTON
QUILTERS
ELOISE KNUTSON

IMO MARY SLIND
QUILTERS
SHIRLEY BLOOM

IMO MARY SLIND
WELCA-KITCHEN SUPPLIES
SHIRLEY BLOOM

IMO MARY SLIND
GENERAL
NANCY PUSTOL

IMO MARY SLIND
WELCA-KITCHEN SUPPLIES
KAREN MARLETT

IMO MARY SLIND
WELCA
LARRY & VIV HANESTAD

IMO MARY SLIND
GENERAL
SHIRLEY DOW

IMO MARY SLIND
GENERAL
RON & LEE PESHAW

IMO MARY SLIND
GENERAL
RANDY & PEGGY SCHUTZ

IMO MARY SLIND
QUILTERS
HOWARD & MARLENE EDLIN

IMO MARY SLIND
QUILTERS
BEN & CAROL SCHLOSSER

IMO MARY SLIND
QUILTERS
ELOISE KNUTSON

IMO MARY SLIND
GENERAL
KATHY HANSON

IMO MARY SLIND
GENERAL
DELORES BREZINA

IMO MARY SLIND
QUILTERS
DAN, JULIE, JEANTTE, FAMILY & FRIENDS

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GENERAL
DAN, JULIE, JEANTTE, FAMILY & FRIENDS

IMO AARON UPTON
GENERAL
STEVE & BECKY NYHUS

IMO NANCY BURTON
WELCA
RANDY & PEGGY SCHUTZ

FINANCIAL PAGE

Financials October 2020

Checkbook Balance as of October 1 2,515.52

Income:

Regular Giving	3,160.00
Cash Giving	135.00
Simply Giving	5,551.08
VANCO Credit Card Giving	486.16
Misc. Giving	9,050.00
Benevolences	695.00
Building	737.50
Scholarship	0.00

Total Income General **19,814.74**

Transfer from Reserve	1,200.00
Transfer from Special-Pk Loan	12,208.00
Transfer In	2,225.96
Out of Budget-Youth Savings	0.00
Out of Budget-Youth Checking	38.45
Out of Budget-WELCA	140.00
Out of Budget-Sunday School	0.00

Grand Total Income 35,627.15

Balance Brought Forward 38,142.67

Expenses:

Benevolences	3,395.66
Worship	1,417.36
Educational Ministry	0.00
Outreach Ministry	16.71
Office	6,324.57
Personnel	10,950.26
Facilities	13,152.08
Building Repair Loan Payment	0.00
Parking Lot/Sign Loan Payment	550.00

Total Expense General **35,806.64**

Transfers Out

Building Fund	737.50
Special-Missions	695.00
Special-Missions-Weekend Meal Pro	0.00
Special-Missions-Quilters	0.00
Special-Missions-Stepping Stones	0.00
Special-Employee FICA/Withholding	325.85
Scholarship	0.00
Out of Budget-Men in Mission	0.00
Out of Budget-WELCA	140.00
Out of Budget-Youth	38.45

Total Expenses **37,743.44**

Checkbook Balance as of October 31, 2020 399.23



Church Loan
Parking Lot/Electric Sign
\$42,954.68
as of October 20, 2020

Simply Giving **October \$6,438.58**

General	\$5,551.08
Building	\$692.50
Missions	\$195.00

VANCO Credit Card **October \$524.61**

General	\$486.16
Youth	\$38.45

Financially Supporting Trinity

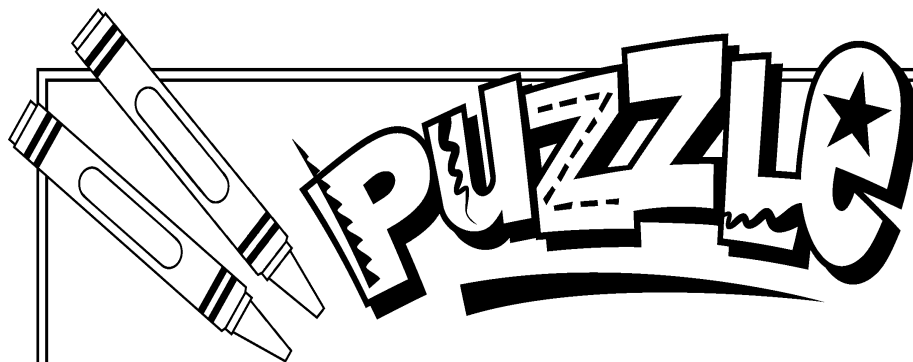
You can support Trinity financially a number of ways:

- by sending an offering in the mail to
Trinity Lutheran Church
PO Box 247
Boyceville, WI 54725
 - by using the GivePlus app.
 - by going to our website at
www.trinityboyceville.com
- Thank you for supporting Trinity!

2021 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are ready for you to pick up at the church. If you give with Simply Giving, or by credit card, you may not receive offering envelopes. If you didn't receive envelopes and want them, contact Becky Nyhus at 715-781-7011.





WHITE AS SNOW

Jesus, our Savior, came to earth to purify sinners.

Directions: Figure out which path through the puzzle is correct. Choose one to try, starting at the first picture under the "Path" box. Follow each picture's directional cues to see if the words make sense when placed in order in the blanks below. If not, try a different path until you figure out the Bible verse.



PATH 1	PATH 2	PATH 3	PATH 4	PATH 5	PATH 6
for	give	come	together	around	after
self	into	settle	eternal	thanks	forgive
God	LORD	says	without	Christ	warmth
love	sins	scarlet	other	light	praise
red	star	white	snow	winter	peace



"_____ now, let us _____ the matter," _____ the
 _____. "Though your _____ are like _____,
 they shall be as _____ as _____"

ISAIAH 1:18, NIV

LET IT snow!

Create a winter wonderland with this fun craft.



What you need:

- Glass jar with lid but no label
- Laminated photo (that will fit in the jar)
- Small plastic Christmas trinkets
- Hot or waterproof glue
- Container with spout
- 1 cup distilled water
- 3 tsp. glycerin
- Glitter



What you do:

1. Unscrew lid and flip jar upside down. Glue the photo and trinkets to the inside of the lid, standing upright.
2. In a container, mix water and glycerin. Pour the mixture into the jar, leaving space at the top.
3. Spoon in some glitter.
4. When glue is dry, attach the decorated lid tightly. Shake the jar to see "snow" swirl and settle.

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

Luke 2:12





Poinsettias For Christmas Worship

Order a poinsettia to adorn the church for Christmas IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF loved ones. Cost is \$9.25. If you gave money for Easter flowers, it will be used to purchase poinsettias and your memorial will be included with the poinsettia list. An order form is below.

Deadline to order is December 13th.

If you have any questions or can't remember if you ordered Easter lilies, please contact Heather Knutson 715-456-9147.



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 13**

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: _____

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Christmas in Heaven

by Unknown

"Tis Christmas in Heaven
What a beautiful sight!
It's my first one here;
Everything is all right.

The crib is adorned
With the brilliance of stars,
Wisemen have come
From Venus and Mars.

I've met all our dear ones
Who preceded us here;
The reunion was lovely,
An event full of cheer.
And tonight we'll all gather,
In reverence we'll kneel,
For the Babe in the cradle
Up in Heaven is Real.

I think of my family
that I left behind
And I pray that your Christmas
Is as blessed as mine
Please shed no more tears,
For my soul is at rest,
Just love one another;
Live life to its best.

Yes, It's Christmas In Heaven,
So I've heard them say,
Yet, Christmas In Heaven
Happens every day.



*they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31