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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all! This was our second Christmas season where we found ourselves under the looming threat of the pandemic; now with a new variant, omicron. After Christmas 2020, this year it felt right and good to gather once again, to celebrate the birth of our savior, and we await His second coming. Emmanuel, God with us.

God with us in the midst of uncertainty. God with us where we spent the holiday; whether that was at home, at the home of friends and family, or at church; God with us does not only happen at the right place or in the right time. As I preached about on Christmas Eve God with us happens where we are, how we are feeling, whoever we are with. Christmas doesn't wait for the world to be ready...it never has. Not for the holy family that night so long ago, and not for any of us across our country, across the world, full of unrest, mistrust, and suspicion. Emmanuel happens, perhaps most poignantly, when we are faced with the truth of the light shining in the darkness and we understand our own conviction, our own role in that age old battle between the light and the dark.

Kay Nelson shared an article written in the Spokesman Review, an article about that Christmas classic, How the Grinch Stole Christmas. As I read the words printed about how the Grinch tried his best to stop the light, he was met with something that worked on his heart, singing. The Who's down in Whoville hadn't let the fact that there was nary a gift or decoration left in their town dampen their spirit, and they sung to welcome Christmas, to welcome the light into their lives. Even the grace they showed the Grinch in welcoming him back into their midst to take part in their celebrations continued to work on him as he himself, carved the roast beast.

I sat with Gerry and Terry for a while following our 11pm worship service on Christmas Eve, something I have done just about every year we have had that service. We talked about Christmas dreams, about serious stuff, about nothing in general, we laughed, we joked; I look forward to that time each year. They turned my own question about Christmas dreams back to me, I probably should have expected that, but I was caught a little off guard. I cannot even remember what I told them, but sitting here now, three days later, I think my Christmas dream would be to spend more time basking in that light, that same light we are to reflect and bear in our own lives. Maybe more hearts would grow like the Grinch's did, three times that day...maybe our own hearts will continue to grow as well.

Christmas isn't over when the carols stop, or when the decorations come down, when wrappings and boxes are recycled; Christmas is something that we live into all year long. May we all continue to let that light both into our hearts and let it shine forth into a darkened world that constantly needs reminding that God is with us...Emmanuel.

Merry Christmas once again!

In Christ,
Pastor Dan Forsgren

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

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TRINITY TIMES EDITORIAL POLICY
News and information must be received by the 20th of the month preceding the issue date.

Trinity Times is a continuation of the previous parish newsletter, TLC Heartbeat, published January 1993 - January 2019.

VIDEO / IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We continue to offer livestream of our in-person Sunday morning 9:00 AM worship service online through YouTube. Additionally, you may watch the recorded service at any time on our website, the [Video Worship Archive](#) page.

In-person worship with Holy Communion is available every Sunday at 9:00 AM in our Sanctuary.

In-person worship with Holy Communion is available every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm.

FAITH FORMATION

Men's Bible Study ▶
Tuesdays 1:00 PM at TLC Meets weekly for reading and detailed, lively discussions. Our informal study is 1-1½ hours.

Men's Prayer Group and Bible Study ▶
Saturdays 7:00 AM at TLC Meets weekly for one hour, with breakfast on the first Saturday of the month.

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation ▶
Join us after worship on Sunday mornings at 10:15am downstairs. You are welcome to grab a couple of cookies and a cup of coffee from the atrium if you'd like!

Women's Circle meets on the third Tuesday of each month at noon with a potluck lunch followed by a scripture-based discussion. All women are welcome.

Please check our website for frequent updates, calendar information, faith resources, youth schedules, news and much more:
www.trinitylutherancda.org.

TLC COUNCIL CHATTER

A conversation the Council had at its December 14th meeting was around the topic of greeting the visitor in our midst at worship. There were varied opinions and perspectives shared and questions asked, but in the end it came down to this: “whose responsibility is it to be welcoming?” We all knew the answer: “each of us is responsible to welcome the guest.”

As leaders of the congregation, the members of the Council said they would be intentional about this opportunity among us!

See how they do in the coming weeks and don't be shy in joining us!

Respectfully,
Mike Grabenstein, Council President

Trinity Lutheran Council will meet again on Tuesday, January 18th at 4:30pm.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Congregation Annual Meeting – Your attendance is requested at the Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022. It will reflect back on all the activities, events, ministerial programs, etc. that took place in 2021. There will be oral presentations from representatives of the active committees, the TLC Council, Treasurer, Pastor Dan, Penny Weiss, and others. We encourage you to attend this meeting.

Committee Annual Reports for 2021 Needed – Active Committees, Council, Pastor, Director of Youth & Family Ministries need to have your written reports for 2021 activity in the church office by Wednesday, January 23rd. The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 30th following worship. All the above groups/individuals will be emailed a copy of last year's report for you to reference on format, etc. You can email them to the church office at office.trinitycda@gmail.com. Thank you.

Director of Children and Youth Ministry Position

As you probably have heard Penny Weiss is retiring In August 2022. The search committee has begun the process to fill the Director of Children and Youth Ministry position. The link to the job posting on our website is: <https://www.trinitylutherancda.org/employment>. If you know of someone who may be interested, please share the link with them. Word of mouth can work wonders!

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

“This coming January, join *Gather* for a brand new four-part Bible study by New Testament scholar Mark Allan Powell. The series, “The kingdom of God,” will look at this widely-used biblical image and invite us into a discussion of what the reign of God means for Lutherans and other believers today.” Quoted from *Gather Magazine*.

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, the 18th of January** for a potluck lunch at noon followed by the first of these exciting discussions. Copies of the study guide are available in the office. All women are welcome.”

TLC WOMEN – LOVE DAY

The TLC Women through Love Day participation gave the following benevolences and gifts from proceeds of the Bazaar and donations from the congregation.

- American Bible Society
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Trinity Group Homes
- Orchard Ridge
- Family Promise of North Idaho
- TLC Youth for camperships
- Youth for Kids Club dinners
- TLC Learning Center
- Staff Christmas gifts
- TLC for kitchen faucets
- TLC for office supplies
- TLC for kitchen supplies

Thank you very much to all who support the TLCW. You are welcome to join in on any Tuesday. We wish you all a blessed New Year!

BITS & PIECES

2022 Assigned Offering Envelopes - If you have assigned envelopes please pick them up on Sundays when you come to worship or during the week between 9:00am & 3:00pm. They are on a cart in the narthex just outside of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Reminder: If you have not yet returned your 2022 Financial & Time-Talent Pledge Forms, we encourage you to complete them and return them to the office as soon as possible. If you need replacement forms for those mailed to you many weeks ago, please let us know and we will provide them to you. Thank you!

Trinity to Welcome FPNI Staff This Sunday – Join FPNI at TLC as we welcome Family Promise of North Idaho’s new Shelter Manager, Sarah Reser, this Sunday, January 9, in the Fireside Room at TLC. We are happy to host Sarah and FPNI Director Cindy Wood for a fun and fact-filled “lunch and learn” at 11:30 a.m. as we head into a more normal host year ahead. ALL are welcome! (Trinity is also excited to again welcome Family Promise families to Trinity Lutheran for our first 2022 host week January 16 through 23!) Contact Jill Dougherty, 208-818-5465, for more information.

No Singles Luncheon in January – Please plan on attending the luncheon in February. Look for updated information as to the date to be scheduled!

Thank You on behalf of the TLC staff for your generous contributions for the Staff Christmas Gifts!

Blessing Bag Items Needed

Kids Club is asking for your help. The items below are needed to put together snack bags and personal hygiene bags for those less fortunate. The Blessing Bags will be taken to the St. Vincent de Paul Help Center where staff can distribute the bags to those in need. Bags will be packed on Wed. February 23rd. Donations can be placed in boxes at the church labeled "Blessing Bags".

Thanks, Penny

Protein Bars	Toothpaste
Granola Bars	Toothbrushes
Jerky	Razor
Trail Mix	Shampoo (small)
PB Crackers	Deodorant
Bottles of water	Comb/Small Brush
Mints	Chapstick (lip balm)
Gum	Hand lotion (small)
Fruit snack	Pack of Kleenex
Applesauce cups	Nail clippers
Emergen-C	Sunscreen (small)
Cough Drops	Meal Coupons (<i>clipped from newspaper or magazine</i>)
Wet wipes (small)	
Hand warmers	Notes of encouragement
Band-aids	



TLC YOUTH

- **Coffee Cup Faith Discussion** for Middle School & High School youth is on Sunday, January 9th at 10:30am.
- **Middle School & High School Weekend at Schweitzer Chapel** Friday, January 14th 5:00pm to Sunday, January 16th 1:00pm
- **Kid's Club** on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.
- **High School Youth Group** on Wednesdays at 7:30pm

SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2022

Thank you for your service!

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, kindly trade with someone else on the schedule when you have a conflict. Whenever possible, please contact the church office by Wednesday to inform Andrea of your change: 208-664-5743, or: office.trinitycda@gmail.com

9:00 AM	January 2 nd	January 9 th	January 16 th	January 23 rd	January 30 th
Altar Care	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Pam Hunt	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Karen Cook	Paula Moore Pam Hunt
Assisting Minister	Pam Hunt	Aaron Cloyd	Dick Jurvelin	Janet Gruber	Dick Jurvelin
Reader	Dolores Johnson	Anne Mackenzie	Barbara Everson	Doug Miller	Teri Venera
Ushers	Paul Hunt Tad Johnson	Bob Ray Harold Fuchs	Bob Ray Gary Everson	Bob Ray Harold Fuchs	Bob Ray Tad Johnson
Communion Assistants	Paula Moore Dolores Johnson	Dick & Jill Jurvelin	Tom & Sue Thilo	Kathy Benson HELP NEEDED	Paula Moore Dolores Johnson
Acolytes	Frankie Drake	William Forsgren	Nathaniel Cloyd	Jeremiah Benson	William Forsgren

Sanctuary Saints for January: Sue Baker

(Stocks pew racks, fills oil in candles, etc. weekly for Sunday worship.)



CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS

JANUARY Birthdays

Jan Leaf	01/01
Julie Nelson	01/01
Marcia Salayi	01/02
Olivia Simmons	01/02
Katie Venera	01/03
Lori Kroiss	01/05
Laurie Green	01/13
Jill Dougherty	01/14
Chuck Shirley	01/14
Karen Shirley	01/16
Krista Hartley	01/17
Rich Ronnestad	01/17
Darlene Amundson	01/20
Hank Schmidt	01/22
Janet Selzer	01/22
Richard Cook	01/25
Yvonne Deitz	01/28
Wayne Holecek	01/30
Scott MacPhee	01/30
Lee Ray	01/30
Sue Baker	01/31
Stephen Smith	01/31

JANUARY Anniversaries

Richard & Jill Jurvelin	01/01/1964
Stephen & Rebecca Smith	01/03/1998
Gene & Jovanna Tanzey	01/04/1998
Jay & Connie Gridley	01/20/1978

*Watch over your children,
O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide
them wherever they may be. Strengthen, comfort,
and raise them up if they fall, and in their hearts,
may your peace, which passes all understanding,
abide with them all the days of their lives.*

Prayers

***Please Hold In Your Prayers for Healing, Comfort, Peace
(The † symbol denotes TLC members)***

*Susan Kirkpatrick † Mavis Fuchs † Delores Luttrupp † Sally English †
Marion Keating † Lee Ray † Phyllis Bacon † Carol Price †
Dave Nordby † Ken Amundson †
Wes Deitz (brother, Yvonne Deitz)
Donna Cederwall (friend, Wanda Andrews)
Micah Sharples (friend – Jill Jurvelin)
Janet Wilbanks (mother -Will Wilbanks)
Skip Keiflin (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Jan Johnson (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Sara Ripley (friend – Jack Riggs, Sandy Patano, Shannon Erwin)
Jonnie Dempsey (granddaughter – Rose Dempsey)
Roxie Hunt (friend of friend – Glenna Knepper)
Karalee Shenfield (mother/mother-in-law – Larry & Carrie Shenfield)
Terry Fairchild (brother – Terry Fairchild)
Tim Brunelle (son – Ron & Rolaine Brunelle)
Claude Roberts (son-in-law – Harold & Mavis Fuchs)*

In Memorium

Wendell Wardell (friend & former TLC member)
George Periman (friend & former TLC member)



Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Sundays

9:00 AM Worship Service

In-Person and
LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

VIDEO WORSHIP ARCHIVE ON
OUR WEBSITE

www.trinitylutherancda.org



STEWARDSHIP

Ways to streamline your Financial Offerings ►

- Mail a check to Trinity at 812 N. Fifth St., CDA, ID 83814
- Go to the TLC website, www.trinitylutherancda.org and use the online Donate button located at the bottom of every page. You may use credit card, debit card or PayPal.
- Fill out a form in the office to authorize electronic fund transfers (EFT) from your account.
- Use the iPad on the front counter in the office to make a contribution with your credit or debit card.
- Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), up to \$100,000, direct from your IRA to the church, without paying tax on the distribution. You will need to complete the transfer by the 12/31/21 deadline. Talk to your financial advisor.