

January 2021

Ushers

Jay Behn, Chair	Justin Behn
Randy Grefe	Jim Moats
Jim Koenen	Marshall Moats

Birthdays

- 1 – Matthew Sheppard
- 3 – Marvel Burmester
Bart Hansen
Michael Birdsell
- 4 – Gary Brinkley
Robert Kloetzer
Kari Subbert
- 5 – Jaxon Moats
- 6 – Marilyn Bents
- 8 – Lincoln Hansen
- 11 – Katherine Harr
- 14 – Phil Hauser
- 15 – Lynn Arends
- 16 – Cindy Koch
Kent Koch
Addyson Mulford
- 18 – Pam Koenen
- 19 – Ivy Heilskov
- 22 – Gerry Heilskov
Sarah Hansen (Mrs. Troy)
Anthony Schnabel
- 23 – Charles Showalter
- 26 – Mark Rodemeyer
- 28 – Lois Stratmann
Matt Showalter
- 31 – Brock Sass
Cameron Arends
Noah Behn



Greeters

None at this time

Acolytes

January 3 rd	Charles Showalter
January 10 th	Hudson Hansen
January 17 th	Lincoln Hansen
January 24 th	Brady Harr
January 31 st	Benjamin Harvey

Dates to Note

January 12th: 7:00 PM council meeting
January 13th: 7:00 PM Elders meeting
January 24th: 10:15 AM Voters' meeting



Please do not hesitate to call the church office if you would like to receive individual or small group communion during this time.

Anniversaries

- 1 – Alan & Deb Brown
- 18 – Gary & Karen McVicker



Happy Anniversary!

*God's Blessings to each of
you on your special day!*

The Annual Report will be completed by the Voters' meeting in January. Please have your board's and/or group's annual report to the church office by January 11th. Please drop off or email them to trinityhamptonoffice@gmail.com. Thank you!

Please let Stephanie in the church office know of any address and/or phone number changes so our church records are up-to-date.

A special thank you to everyone who has been a greeter, usher, acolyte, helped with music, flowers and taken care of the church property this past year. Thank you for adapting to Trinity's changing needs during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was an interesting year!



January mission:
Pastor Zach and Kendra Voss' adoption project

Esther Circle is cancelled for January

The December meeting was cancelled due to Covid restrictions regarding large and small gatherings. However, several items of business were completed none the less.

The Food pantry at the St. Louis Seminary was selected for the \$50 December mission project by the Mission Committee.

The executive board voted to once again donate \$100 to the Hampton Rotary's Operation Santa.

The Love Offering envelopes have been collected by the Christian Life committee and their report will be forthcoming.

As per our custom, a gift certificate from Fareway has been purchased and presented to Pastor Bollhagen. Likewise, the proceeds from the garden table have been given to Vicar Baumann by the Esther Circle.

We will need two ladies to volunteer to audit the Treasurer's books before our March meeting. Please consider doing this and talk to your new president, Stephanie, to arrange a time to coordinate with our faithful Treasurer, Jackie Birdsell, who has been doing her work as always "behind the scenes".

I would like to thank the board: Linda, our Secretary, who has been collecting Thank You's and other correspondence I keep stuffing into her mailbox at church...Jackie, who does the monthly work of keeping our books in good order, paying the "bills" and keeping us up dated as to monthly incomes and expenditures...Mardell, as the Circle Chairman who did her duty and did it well...and my trusty Vice President, who I could always rely on to help me "muddle through" this unusual year!

God's Blessings to you all and may year 2021 be a renewed commitment for each of us to count our blessings and serve the Lord with Gladness!

Joyce Koch,
Out-going President

Remember our shut-ins, especially during this period of isolation...

- *Country View Nursing Facility:
Mavis Claypool, Jennie Dellinger, Lillian Green, Wendell Schmitt, Arnold Stratmann, Bob Heilskov, Ruth Long, Marilee Collins, Melba Muhlenbruch
- *Apple Valley Assisted Living:
Donna Helmke, Dixie Schmitt, Lois Stratmann
- *Rehabilitation Center of Hampton: Daisy Bentrott
- *Sheffield Care Center: Glen Schnabel
- *Keelson Harbour, Spirit Lake: Betty Fink
- *Grand JiVante: Elma Raisch
- *Home: Mildred Pingel

**Life Week 2021:
Invisible to
Indispensable**



**Lutherans
For Life**

Lutherans for Life Information for Life Sunday, Life Week and the Marches for Life in January:

- Life Sunday, January 24, 2021
- March for Life, Chicago, January 23, 2021
- March for Life, Washington DC, January 29, 2021
- Life Week, January 23-January 30, 2021

Life Week 2021 is themed *Invisible to Indispensable*. You can join them each day to learn about, share and build excitement FOR LIFE in your home, church and community. Each themed day will explore a distinct aspect of life ministry through local activities, online educational events and interviews. Watch for more information on their Facebook page and www.lutheransforlife.org or telephone them at (515) 382-2077.



News from the Orphan Grain Train Central Iowa Branch
23 in Clemons, Iowa...

3 shipments were able to go out in 2020 with all shipping costs paid for by donations:

March 2020	Latvia
August 2020	Ukraine
October 2020	Republic of Georgia



They are very thankful for all of the donations and support given them. In December, Joyce Koch drove down a load of quilts made by Mardell Jorgensen! The branch is open every Tuesday from 8:00AM-Noon to accept donations. There is also a list of acceptable items on the mailbox hallway bulletin board if you are interested.

From the Vicar...

There are a lot of ways to describe the different parts of Scripture. Much of the time this can be done with two categories. The most well known are the Law and the Gospel or Old and New Testament. But there are also “prescriptive” and “descriptive” texts.

Not knowing the difference has caused some trouble for Christians over the years. We are taught, rightly, that the Bible is the Word of God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. So we tend to seek out passages to answer our questions. But not every text answers the “good Lutheran” question of “What Does This Mean.”

A “descriptive” text literally describes events that have happened. There is a lot of descriptive text in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament. The books of 1st and 2nd Samuel, for example, are about the history of the people of Israel while under the rule of King Saul and King David. We read the events of Samuel’s call, of Saul’s rejection as king, of David’s fight with Goliath, and of the promise God made to David. These accounts tell us what happened.

But a “prescriptive” text is one that tells us what to do. This is the part where people often get tripped up. They want to find a “deeper meaning” in every passage, especially the ones that are not teaching us what is to be done. And so the call of Samuel is a lesson about how to listen to God’s voice, and David killing the giant is about slaying our own “giants.” Instead of reading the Bible literally, that is, as it was written, everything must have some symbolism or allegory.

This robs us of the depth and detail of Scripture. The command of Christ to “go and make disciples” is a prescription, a command, while the book of Acts is the descriptive account of His followers doing just that. If we read both as either prescriptive or descriptive we lose half the purpose of the Bible.

Sometimes it is easier to figure out which one a given text is. Usually an Old Testament reading that isn’t from a prophet is descriptive, though quite a few of theirs are as well. The Gospels are about half and half, with things either being what happened or teachings from Jesus. The Epistles are pretty much all teaching, some of it fairly specific.

This is one of the many reasons why it is so important to be studying Scripture. Being able to rightly discern the text is a vital step in understanding it. Next time you hear a sermon, listen to how a text is used. Is it prescriptive or descriptive?

Vicar Adam Baumann