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Happy New Year Everyone!

It's a new year! Now, we say hello to a new year and say goodbye to the old one. Our culture loves the idea of New Year's Day, a day to put things behind us and look hopefully toward the future. We like this idea of new because, to many of us, new means starting over. Maybe you don't believe that changing the calendar makes everything magically fresh, but there are times when a new season brings excitement.

A new school year means your grades start with a clean slate. A new job is a place to meet new people, learn new skills, and do something different. A new home is a place to make new memories.

We are obsessed with new, and the good news is that the Bible is just as obsessed with new things.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 says, *"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*



When we think of a new creation, we often imagine God recreating the Earth into his perfect image. However, this is not what happens according to the passage. Something else is new, something changes, and it has to do with us and our new life.

In the new creation, we start viewing people as God sees them. God sees people as worthy of love and respect, and people's needs might actually be greater than our own. There are people for whom we need to sacrifice our desires.

As a new creation, we realize we are imperfect, need forgiveness, and ought to view others similarly.

So, as you enter into a new year, consider yourself as a new creation, moving on from the old way of thinking and into a way aligning more with how God thinks about this world and the people who live in it.

Pastor Brent

New Members | We Accepted Two New Members in December

On December 10th, we joyfully accepted two new members, Jacob Matthew Curtis and Nicholas Ezekiel Almond.

Jacob has been working on the Abbey, replacing windows, doors, etc. Nick is in the Navy and has two children. Watch for him helping with the offering on Sunday mornings and introduce yourself!



Youth Group | We are Growing!

The Trinity Youth Group has been exploring the meaning of advent for the past couple of weeks. Topics discussed include looking at different Christmas movies as a lens for the secular versus Christmas' true meaning (for example, The movie Elf versus Charlie Brown Christmas). In addition, we have compared the attitudes of the wise men, King Herod, and the priests in their actions regarding Jesus' birth. We also played fun games such as candy cane toss, a fish bowl with a Christmas theme, and a tag game. Our month's outreach activity was to write Christmas cards of encouragement to all Trinity Christian School staff members. Lastly, we will celebrate the last Youth Group of

2023 with a Secret Santa gift exchange.

The Youth Group has continually seen an increase in the number of students. I believe that is due to the building of a growing community. This year has been a year of excitement and spiritual growth.

The goals for next year include a Youth Group trip, receiving more volunteers, and growing the Sunday Youth Ministry.

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Baptisms | Pastor Brent Baptized Seven People

On December 10th, many of us trekked to Covenant Village at Mount Miguel to cheer on seven people who wanted to be baptized. They included Jacob Curtis, Debra and David Torres, Helen and Drake Hansen, and Mya and Cassidy Williams.



Jacob Curtis



Helen Hansen



Drake Hansen



Dave Torres



Debbie Torres



Mya Williams



Cassidy Williams



Trinity Christian School | We Celebrate the Coming of Christmas

Christmas Plays

At Trinity Christian School (TCS), the annual Christmas plays are a cherished tradition, bringing together students, parents, and faculty in a festive celebration of the birth of Jesus. The stage becomes a canvas for the students' talents, who eagerly take on roles ranging from angels to shepherds. Young voices singing carols filled the air while creating a magical atmosphere. These Christmas plays showcase TCS students' creativity and dedication and instill in them a sense of purpose in creatively sharing the Gospel. As families gather in the audience, the spirit of the season comes alive, leaving an enduring imprint of warmth,

community, and the true meaning of Christmas on the hearts of all involved.

Eighth Grade Buddies - It's Fun to Serve

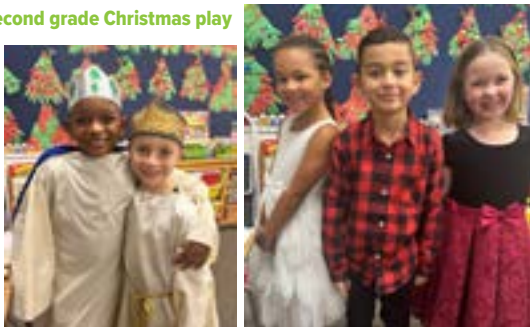
The collaboration between eighth-grade buddies and their first-grade counterparts at TCS fosters a unique bond that transcends grade levels. In this mentoring program, the eighth-grade students take on the role of mentors, assisting their first-grade buddies in their classwork and various projects. Witnessing the older students patiently working with the younger ones enhances academic understanding and creates a nurturing environment where friendships can grow. The eighth-grade buddies serve as



Third to fifth grade Christmas play.



Kindergarten to second grade Christmas play



role models, offering support and encouragement, while the first-grade students bring a contagious joy to all they do. This inter-grade collaboration not only strengthens the sense of community within our school but also underscores the importance of mentorship and fostering positive relationships across different age groups.

Our Christmas Store - Shop Till You Drop!

At TCS, the festive tradition of the Christmas Store amplifies the holiday spirit, a magical place where students and staff can discover unique treasures to share the joy of the season. From charming snowflake multitools to whimsical socks that can hold hands, the store is a delightful showcase of creative and thoughtful gifts.

Students eagerly explored the tables, finding the perfect tokens to exchange with friends and loved ones. The Christmas Store not only adds a touch of excitement to the school community but also instills a sense of giving. As laughter and festive chatter fill the air, the spirit of generosity flourishes, making this seasonal shopping experience at TCS a heartwarming and memorable tradition.

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Preschool Christmas play



Middle School Christmas play



The sound booth rocks!



Clippers



The Trinity Clipper Fleet docked at William's Hall on December 17th for the Annual Christmas Party, including a rousing choral sing, gift exchange reading and Secret Pal reveals. We had a jolly good time.

On January 20th, we will dock again at Williams Hall for a crew-prepared potluck and an in-depth visit with Navigator missionaries - Travis and Lydia Klingforth. We invite all to join us. Please let Norma Mondeck (541-844-8829) know if you are coming so she knows how many chairs to set up.

Skipper Sue

Presbyterian Women

I am writing the last Presbyterian Women's Press article. Beginning January 1st, PW and Clippers will become one organization at Trinity Church called Clippers. Both groups agreed to this arrangement. Clipper meetings will continue on the third Saturday of each month. More details will be coming in the new year. As things stand, there will

still be a Rummage Sale in June and a Fall Festival in November.

The next Clipper meeting will be at 12:45 p.m. on January 20th.

Ardis Rowland
Secretary

**We want to thank
Riley Casey for her
amazing work running
our sound board!**

We wish you all best as you
continue to pursue your
education and career!

A Photo from our Christmas Eve Morning Service



Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

“Lord, will you not revive us again?” Psalm 85:6

Dear Trinity Church Family,

As we leave 2023 and head into 2024, we thank God for the gift of growth and rebirth in our church family this year. We also are thankful for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the gift his birth continues to be to us.

We celebrate your faithfulness in giving to the Lord through Trinity Church. At the end of 2023, we met all our expenses and paid our missionaries. We always seek to be vigilant and honor God with every gift given

in his name. God remains faithful to Trinity Church through every gift of time, talent, and treasure, and we are blessed.

Trinity Church is a congregation that believes God provides. In faith, we make our plans, then we look ahead and trust God will provide all of our needs for 2024 “from His glorious riches.”

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	Novemer 2023 Final	Actual + Reserve
PROJECTED & PLEDGED INCOME	\$ 27,154.36	
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$ 28,488.77	
PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME RCVD DIFFERENCE	\$ 1,334.41	
CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL	\$ 96,317.91	
ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED	\$ 32,738.87	\$ 61,227.64
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME – ACTUAL EXPENSE:	– \$ 35,090.27	

	December 2023 (as of 12/13/2023)	Year-to-Date (as of 12/13/2023)	Actual + Reserve Year-to-Date
PROJECTED & PLEDGED INCOME	\$ 27,154.36	\$322,252.28	
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$ 6,175.75	\$ 317,185.39	
PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME RCVD DIFFERENCE	– \$ 20,457.84	– \$ 5,066.89	
CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL	\$ 34,208.80	\$ 576,507.64	
ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED	\$ 18,560.62	\$ 114,667.56	\$431,852.95
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME – ACTUAL EXPENSE:	– \$ 9,472.43	– \$ 144,654.69	

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