



DECEMBER 2021



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BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Betty Fink
Angela Miller
- 3 - Rev. Rob Ricard
Collin Arndt
- 4 - Jenna Ricard
Lane Haller
- 5 - Deb Akers
Kacie Eisentrager
- 7 - Cheryl Barrick
- 9 - Jeff Dellinger
- 12 - Taryn Barz
- 13 - Lillie Ammerman
- 14 - Renee Hansen
- 16 - Jim Moats
- 17 - Matt Abbas
Janet Behn
- 18 - Alan Fink
- 19 - Alice Dohlman
Robert Heilskov
Adele Heilskov
- 22 - Mavis Claypool
- 23 - Jay Brower
- 25 - Daisy Bentrrott
Dick Miller
- 27 - Michael Behn
- 28 - Chris Birdsell
- 30 - Janelle Fink
- 31 - Alan Brown
Titus Baumann



*God's
Blessings
On Your
Special
Day!*

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Jay & Linda Brower
- 20 - Donald & Ruth Kloetzer

USHERS

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| Jim Showalter, Chair | Jacob Showalter |
| Jason Fink | Matt Showalter |
| Eli Fink | Jack Showalter |

GREETERS

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| Jay & Kari Behn | Mary Hadley |
| Kevin & Stephanie Behn | Marvin & Jan Rodemeyer |

ACOLYTES

- 1 (Wed Advent Service) - Abbey Brooks
5 - Cooper Hansen
- 8 (Wed Advent Service) - Noel Hansen
12 - Luke Showalter
- 15 (Wed Advent Service) - Brody Kloetzer
19 - Maren Subbert
- 24 (Christmas Eve, 6:00 PM) - Hudson Hansen
- 24 (Christmas Eve, 10:00 PM) - Lincoln Hansen
- 25 (Christmas Day, 9:00 AM) - Brady Harr
26 - Benjamin Harvey
- 31 (New Year's Eve, 7:00 PM) - Caiden Heilskov

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS MONTH

- Wednesday Advent Services
7:00 PM on December 1st, 8th, and 15th
Christmas Eve
6:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
10:00 PM Candlelight Service
Christmas Day
9:00 AM Worship, Holy Communion
New Year's Eve
7:00 PM Worship, Holy Communion



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

LWML NEWS

December mission:
Mission Central, Mapleton, IA



Esther Circle is Thursday, December 2nd
Devotion/Special Bible Study: Judy Hankom
Hostess: Mary Hadley

December Dinner Meeting is Thursday, December 16th
Devotions: Stephanie Behn
Hostesses: Sarah Heilskov, Dorothy Brinkley,
Judy Hankom

Society News:

I hope to see everyone at our December Christmas dinner meeting. Please bring a salad or dessert to share and your table setting. Sarah, Dorothy, and Judy will be providing casseroles. Also, bring your love offering envelopes that night or turn them into Dorothy Brinkley by December 20th.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for committees, work groups and devotions/hostesses for 2022. The 2022 Ladies Society booklet will be printed by the dinner meeting, even if incomplete.

Thank you to the "elf" who purchased a new coffeepot for the kitchen☺!

Group #3 served the luncheon for Lois Stratmann's funeral. They served approximately 40 people. Thank you to everyone who graciously helps serve and prepare food for funerals.

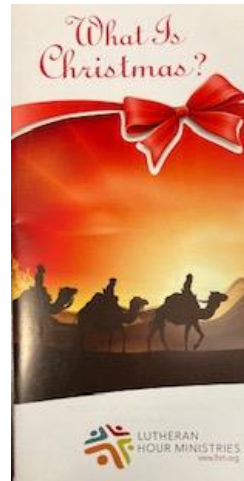
The Elder's gave their thanks and full support to our ladies' aid regarding needed changes to the way funeral luncheons are held. A nice thank you letter will be read at the December meeting.

District News:

2022 IED LWML Convention June 10-11th in Cedar Falls.
Anchored in Christ, based on Hebrews 6:19.

Enjoy the anticipation, hope and peace of this Advent and Christmas season!

In Christ,
Stephanie Behn, President



What Is Christmas? Christmas isn't always the bright and joyful affair found in songs or movies. Can it be merry for a family struggling through unemployment, and terminal illness? For families working through hurt feelings, and strained relationships? In this Project Connect booklet, we are reminded that God's gift of love in Jesus Christ can heal every wound and repair every broken relationship.

Evangelism News: The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a special Bible Study on Peace led by Pastor on Sunday, December 5th and Sunday, December 12th. It will begin at 6:00 PM on each night. This is open to the community. Please spread the news, come, and bring a friend! We can all reflect on Peace during this season.

Remember our shut-ins, especially during this Advent/Christmas Season...



- *Country View Nursing Facility:
Mavis Claypool, Jennie Dellinger, Lillian Green,
Wendell Schmitt, Bob Heilskov, Ruth Long, Melba
Muhlenbruch
- *Apple Valley Assisted Living:
Donna Helmke, Dixie Schmitt
- *Rehabilitation Center of Hampton: Daisy Bentrott,
Jamie Fink, Tillie Nelsen, Donna Reynolds
- *Leahy Grove Assisted Living: Mildred Pingel
- *Keelson Harbour, Spirit Lake: Betty Fink

Included in this month's Trumpeter is a Funeral Arrangement Sheet and the new Funeral Luncheon Guidelines which will take place beginning in January 2022. Please complete the funeral arrangement sheet if you wish and return it to the church office. This will help assist Pastor and your family during a most difficult time.

Greetings Trinity Lutheran Church Family!

I thought for my December Newsletter, I could offer you something to use as an Advent devotion. We rejoice together, as we begin this Advent Season. We join those throughout salvation history who waited in great anticipation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with us! God gave the magi a bright star as a sign, pointing to the location and coming of the newborn Savior Jesus Christ. We know this Christmas narrative well and cherish hearing it every year from God's living and eternal Word.



Before the Magi, God gave His Word as a sign through the Prophet Isaiah:

“...the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14).

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

The Gospel teaches us Jesus is the direct fulfillment of these prophecies:

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel,’ which means, God with us” (Matthew 1:21-23).

As we focus on the coming of Christ this Advent and Christmas seasons, let's also remember that Jesus not only came as promised, but comes, and will come again. He's the true gift that keeps on giving! Jesus taught us to know and trust in His real presence:

“Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

He gives us the gift of His real presence as promised; in His Word and Sacraments in the Divine Service – where He's still Immanuel, *God with us*. He gives us the physical elements in the sacraments (which faith can grasp onto). Water in Baptism, and the bread and the wine in the Lord's Supper. Yet, more than that He gives us supernatural elements, the Holy Spirit in His Word working and sustaining faith, the forgiveness of sins, and the promise of eternal life.

God sent His Son to be born in an ordinary place (that Bethlehem stable), He consecrates ordinary means to accomplish the extraordinary for our salvation! The location and office for the newborn King was foretold by yet another prophet, finding its fulfillment in Jesus, born in Bethlehem:

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days” (Micah 5:2).

“And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace” (Micah 5:4-5a).

God used world history and secular powers to bring Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem at just the right time and place to fulfill the scriptures, traveling from Nazareth to Bethlehem for a government mandated census:

“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered” (Luke 2:1).

“And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child” (Luke 2:4-5).

We often wonder what is going on in this world because of the ever-changing secular things occurring. What's God doing? I'm sure Joseph and Mary thought the same things at times. Rest assured; some things don't change. God always has and always will make sure that history unfolds to ultimately serve His good and gracious will. After all, He was faithful to His promises given as signs in His Word through the prophets, in bringing the promised Holy One of Israel; the Lord Jesus Christ; Immanuel, God with us.

God was faithful to His promises in the Old Testament, and we know we can also trust His promises made through Christ and His Apostles in the New Testament. As promised, God came for our salvation. He also comes to us now and will come again on the last day to take us home!

My prayer for you this Advent and Christmas Season, is that all your gatherings, celebrations, festivities, and travels will be blessed. That Christ will be at the center of it all, and that we can continue to worship the King together in Peace here at Trinity Lutheran Church! God's blessing on your Advent and Christmas Seasons!

In His Service,

Vicar Micah J. Brooks
Trinity Lutheran Church

A CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Directions: Indicate what Christmas carol or hymn best fits the description. Turn in your answers to the church office by December 20th and if you get them 100% correct, your name will be entered in a drawing for a Christmas treat 😊!

1. Move hitherward the entire assembly of those who are loyal in their belief.

2. Listen; the celestial messengers produce harmonious sounds!

3. Nocturnal time span of unbroken quietness.

4. Small municipality in Judea Southeast of Jerusalem.

5. Exalted heavenly beings we have perceived by our auditory mechanisms.

6. Diminutive masculine master of skin-covered percussionistic cylinders.

7. May the Omnipotent Supreme Being grant you respite, ecstatic personages of the male gender.

8. Proceed forth declaring upon a specific geological alpine formation.

9. The first-person nominative plural of a triumvirate of oriental potentates.

10. In all of the nocturnal time span characterized by religiosity.

