



Trinity Lutheran Church Howards Grove, Wisconsin



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"WISE UNTO SALVATION" AND TO "EQUIP FOR SERVING"



TRIANGLE



January 2021 Newsletter

PASTOR BERGELIN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

Once again a new year is upon us. What does the year have in store for us is an unknown. Once again each day is heavily veiled only to be lifted one day at a time as each day passes. Some events are already planned. For some there will be a wedding. For others it will be the birth of a child. Perhaps there will be a mile stone anniversary or a confirmation. All of these events are already planned here at Trinity in our church family. On and on it goes. But there are other things that will take place in 2021 that are not planned. For some it will be illness. For others there will be surgery, and still for others there will be death.

From its beginning in 1853, there has never been a year at Trinity without funerals. Whatever is in store for us this new year, I say take heart. The Lord will be with you whether the event is happy or sad. I would remind you that the Lord has a perfect track record. There has never been a year when the Lord is not with His children. There has never been a time when He has not been at their side providing the help and giving the strength that each child of God needs. He rejoices in our joys, and He helps us in our sorrows. We could speculate and wonder all day about what 2021 holds, but at the end we would be no further ahead than we are right now. So let's talk about what we do know. The Savior loves us. He will not leave us no matter what day or what year it is. Each day He will provide us with what we need to get through the day. His help and strength are especially powerful in our weak times. And even if life should end this year, we have the sure promise of heaven because we know Jesus died on the cross to forgive us. I do not know what's ahead in 2021, but I do know I have my Lord at my side, thus I know it cannot be anything but a happy new year.

Wishing you a Happy New Year in Christ,
Pastor Darrel Bergelin

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

VICAR BRENT BERG'S MESSAGE

The New Year celebration used to be a slightly depressing time for me. The excitement of the Christmas season was over and a new year, full of unknowns, stretched before me. I have found a way to change this and now look at a *New Year as New Opportunity*.

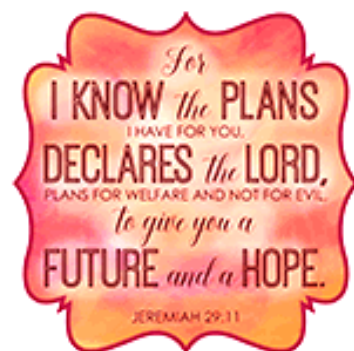
First, this is a time to reflect on the previous year. 2020 came with widespread difficulties and frustrations. However, it had positives also. As a country, church, and individual, so many lessons have been learned. Proverbs 16:3 instructs us to "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." By reading our Bible and praying and seeking Godly

counsel with others, we can work in all areas of our lives to make our plans conformed to the will of God. This is a wonderful lesson we can take from 2020. While there was a lot of change, God was with us offering comfort and guidance.

Second, this is a time to look forward to a New Year. Not with dread, but with excitement and anticipation. When speaking to the Israelites who were carried as prisoners into Babylon, God said, through Jeremiah the prophet, "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I

will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart'" (Jeremiah 29: 11-13). We can also claim the promise that God has plans for us in this new year of 2021. No matter what difficulties we face, we can all on Him. God's plans for 2021, like always, are for our good and we can hope in the future He provides.

Vicar Brent Berg



ELDER'S CORNER

What is January? It is the start of new year. A lot of people think there lives start all over. They forget what has happen in there lives and make new year resolutions. Some want to lose weight or save more money but this is part of our human life. We just finished celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Some people think if they go to church on Christmas they are good for the year. Just like any other resolution you have to work on it daily. Weight loss doesn't happen in one day, saving money doesn't keep growing in one day. Our spiritual life does not just stop and start over. How many people make new years resolutions to go to church more offen and pray for our forgiveness daily? I'm guessing not many. Our lives just don't start over. We sin daily and just because it is a new year

everything we have done just doesn't go away. We don't get to start over without the help of God. Just because you went to church on Christmas doesn't mean you are good for another year. As we help our friends and family with there new years resolution you cannot give up on them. As Hebrews 10: 24-25 says ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. We need to gather as a group and hear God's word and repent our sins as often as we can. As most new year resolutions seem to be forgotten after a month or two you cannot forget your God. He is the only one that can keep us spiritually alive.

January is also the month we cannot forget all our leaders in our church. As they are elected into there offices we must follow their decision to keep our church going with God's help. As Ephesians 4:11-13 says ¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.



CWF news for January 2021

Susie Sixel

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sheboygan Falls

Jerry Brandt

St. John Lutheran Church
Wisconsin Rapids

Dan Born

Rock of Ages Lutheran
Church
Minocqua, WI.

Mary Lou Neuman

Immanuel Lutheran
Church
Cecil, WI.

Traveling Bulletins



CWF met on Monday Dec 14

Committees and Officers duties have been reorganized to better serve with our dwindling membership.

We had successful projects of the Love Packets for our congregation college students and Food Drive for St Marks Food Pantry. The White poinsettia on the altar is still looking very nice, and the Christmas boxes have been made and are available in the narthex for a free will offering which will go to our treasury.

We did not have our wonderful potluck dinner this year but look forward to next years event. Our program was a hymn sing with corresponding readings and Bible Bingo with white elephant prizes enjoyed by all.

Secrets sisters were revealed with members gifting their secret sister with a Christmas surprise and new names were drawn for 2021 secret sisters.

We also had a special offering opportunity which funds will be used to purchase gift cards for seminarians. Members were reminded to bring their dimes collected this past year to the January meeting which will be on Monday January 11, 2021.



JANUARY PRAYER CALENDAR—Submitted by CWF.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Praise and thank the Lord for your many blessings. 2. Pray for our Nation. 3. Pray for the Sunday School Teachers teaching God's Word. 4. Pray for our Shut-ins. 5. Pray for Missionary Alvina Federwitz. 6. Pray for our family at Trinity. 7. Pray for Lutheran High School. 8. The Epiphany of our Lord. 9. Pray for our Neighbors. 11. Pray for CWF. 12. Pray for our Pre-school. 13. Pray for Confirmation classes. 14. Listen to Morning Meditations 1420am WJUB. 15. Pray for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Always try to be kind to each other. 1 Thessalonians 5:15 17. Pray for Vicar Berg and his Family. 18. Pray for our Military. 19. Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Ephesians 6:10 20. Pray for Pastor Bergelin and his Family. 21. Pray for Lutherans for Life. 22. Pray for Laborer's for Christ. 23. Thank God for Freedom of religion and those persecuted for believing. 24. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. 25. Pray for Bethesda Lutheran Home. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 26. Pray for Concordia Mequon Students. 27. Pray for Lutheran Hour. 28. Tell a friend about facebook.com/howardsgrove 29. Pray for St. Mark's food pantry and donate. 30. Pray for our organists/pianists. 31. Praise God with your talents and treasures. Give to the Lord. |
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Preschool News

The staff and children of the preschool offer our sincere thanks to everyone who purchased "Wish Tree" gifts.

The children have so much fun opening them and love using the new gifts.

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all from the
Pre-school Children.**



**Happy
New Year!**



*Thank
You!*



Acolyte Schedule 2021

Date	Early – 8:00am	Late– 10:30am
January 3	Evan Erdmann Matthew Koenig	Mykenna Weigert Sam Parnitzke
January 10	Allison Schobert Kaitlyn Koenig	Joseph Senkbeil Aaron Schorer
January 17	Jameson Schmidt Trent Grunewald	Sam Parnitzke Hannah Cassity
January 24	Gretchen Winter Addison Lallensack	Annika Liermann Mykenna Weigert
January 31	Dylan Elias Matthew Koenig	Joseph Senkbeil Hannah Cassity

January Ushers

8:00am—Team 5

10:30am—Team 2

January Elders

8:00am—Aaron Kuhlow

10:30am—Dale Hopf

Video Operators

January 3—Mark Schorer

January 10—Craig Lallensack

January 17—Scott Timm

January 24—Lance Liermann

January 31—Craig Lallensack

Christian Funeral

A Christian funeral was held here at Trinity on Saturday, December 19th for Vivian Kleppek. Pastor Bergelin officiated. May God send His peace and comfort to the Kleppek Family.

Annual Report Deadline

Please give Toni the annual report information no later than January 10th

Voter's Meeting

There will be a Voter's Meeting on Sunday, January 24th following the late worship service.

Special Offering—January

The special offering for January is **WJUB Radio Station for Lutheran Hour Broadcasts**. Lutheran Hour is aired on **1420 am** each Sunday morning from 8:00-8:30am.



Handchimes

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE CHIMES PLAYED AT OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

We are looking for adults to play the hand chimes. No musical experience needed. You don not need to be able to read music We will be playing them in the balcony. ***Social distancing, including wearing masks is required.*** Chimes only require a few minutes of instruction. Please contact the Schoessow's, 920-565-4115 or rschoessow3@wi.rr.com or contact us in church. Dick & Lee Schoessow

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January 6
Larry and Faye Milbrath

January 17
Peter and Kathy Franz



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

					1 Steve Gardner	2 Sarah Haskins Phillip Gessler
3 Pierson Gates	4 Isla Martheze Austin Holler Willard Kuhlow	5 Pat Sixel	6	7	8 Margie Niemuth	9 Jenny Cassity
10	11 Judy Luecke Hannah Cassity	12 Maxwell Kroll Rick Rammer Braelybn Zander	13	14 Maddox Milbrath	15	16 Lauren Harris
17 Kay Schorer Ethan Schlegel Aiden Cote	18 Hunter Puls Al Kleppek	19 Peter Gessler	20	21 Mike Mallmann Abby Milbrath Eugene Bubolz Connie Dirks	22 Linda Drexler	23 Todd Bender
24	25 Emmet Kunze James Meidl Adam Stange John Erdmann	26 Ruth Cichocki Zachary Forward	27	28 Jill Pelnar	29 Jennifer Erdmann Dylan Elias	30 John Gessler Emily Allen
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SCRIP

Why not buy Scrip for all your shopping needs all year long. Food, Gas, Clothing, Amazon, Restaurants, and so much more. Scrip helps purchase necessary items for our church. Thank you to all our customers.

CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS

Closings, delays and cancellations due to inclement weather will be on our church voicemail, website, facebook, channel 4, 5, and on WHBL 1330am. An e-mail will also be mailed.



January 17

The altar flowers are from Peter and Kathy Franz in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary. God's richest blessings to you. Happy Anniversary!



Thank you so much to my church family for the prayers, cards and phone calls. It means so much to me. God's blessings to you. Margaret Yonke.



This year we had 3 leagues, 8 teams in each league for a total of 24 teams. **Congratulations** to the following Fantasy Football Winners, We hope everyone enjoyed playing. Registration for next football season will begin in July.

Division Winners

Trinity 1—Pastor Bergelin
Trinity 2—Kyle Reiss
Trinity 3—Devon Lallaensack


Play off Winners

Trinity 1—Pastor Bergelin
Trinity 2—Kyle Reiss
Trinity 3—Michelle Timm



We welcome into membership by way of Adult Confirmation, Levi and Nicole Bender and their children Noah and Ruby Bender, and Mason, Lincoln and Harrison Schrers We are happy to have Levi, Nicole and their children as part of our family here at Trinity and we look forward to our continual growing in faith together.

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8&10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion Installation of Officers and Committee Members 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class	4 8:30-11:30am Preschool 10:00am Bible Study 1-4pm Quilting	5 8:30-11:30am Preschool	6 7:30am LHS Bible Study 8:30-11:30am Preschool 4:30-6pm Confirmation	7 8:30-11:30am Preschool 6:30pm Bible Study 7:15pm Dartball @ Mustangs	8	9
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17 8&10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class	18 8:30-11:30am Preschool 9:15am Pastor's Circuit Meeting 1-4pm Quilting	19 8:30-11:30am Preschool 6:00pm Education Meet- ing 6:30pm Elder's Meeting 7:30pm Committees Meeting	20 7:30am LHS Bible Study 8:30-11:30am Preschool 4:30-6pm Confirmation	21 8:30-11:30am Preschool 6:30pm Bible Study 7:15pm Dartball Lightning@ Trinity Tigers	22	23
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