

JANUARY 2023

THE TRINITY TRIANGLE



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**WORSHIP: 8 & 10:30AM
BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15AM**



WHERE HEAVEN MEETS EARTH

Worship is more than singing, speaking, or listening. It is more than organ, piano, choir, or rock band. It is more than banners, naves, or fancy-pants baptismal fonts (there are some super fancy ones out there). Worship is where heaven meets earth.

Let me explain this. Heaven is Jesus, Jesus is heaven. **“Repent, the kingdom of God is at hand.”** These are the words that Jesus preaches first when He begins His ministry. Repent, I am here. The kingdom of God is me, He's saying. Jesus comes to us in church to give us His forgiveness. He does this by giving us Himself. His life, His crucifixion, His resurrection, He makes them ours. He does this- mainly - in church. When you confess your sins at the beginning of the service, and I forgive you, Jesus is coming to you personally. He is killing your sin, raising you up, and making you holy just like He was. When you eat and drink the Lord's Supper, you are eating and drinking the crucified Jesus, you are chewing up, swallowing, and digesting your forgiveness. Taking it into your flesh.




That is heaven.

If Jesus is heaven, then when you worship in church, you are getting a taste of the world to come. Not in the music. Not in the building. Not in how its structured or how beautiful it sounds. You are getting a taste of heaven in the words of Jesus and the forgiveness and love He gives you.

If Jesus is heaven, then when you worship, you don't just worship with your church, your family, your Christian brothers and sisters. No, you are worshiping with all the saints. Not just the twelve apostles or St. Paul or Luther or whichever historical figure tickles your fancy. But with your parents. Your grandparents. Your friends. Your children.

If you gave someone back to Christ, they are there with you in church. Singing. Praying. Eating. Drinking. St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians, **“This cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?”** It is, and the Scriptures tell us that our Christian brothers and sisters who die in faith are there with Christ. If Jesus is there in worship, they are there in worship with us. Revelation gives us a vision of the life of the world to come, a roaring crowd of saints singing and praising God, saints from every nation, from every place, from every time. You don't have to wait till your death for this. You have it, in a way, when you hear God's Word in church, when you sing it, when you eat Him.



The next time you get bored in church (happens to everyone), think of this. Mom and Dad are there. Your dearly beloved are there. All of history is there with you, worshipping God, receiving His gifts, hearing His Word. It is your Savior reaching out to bring heaven to you.



Pastor Fremer

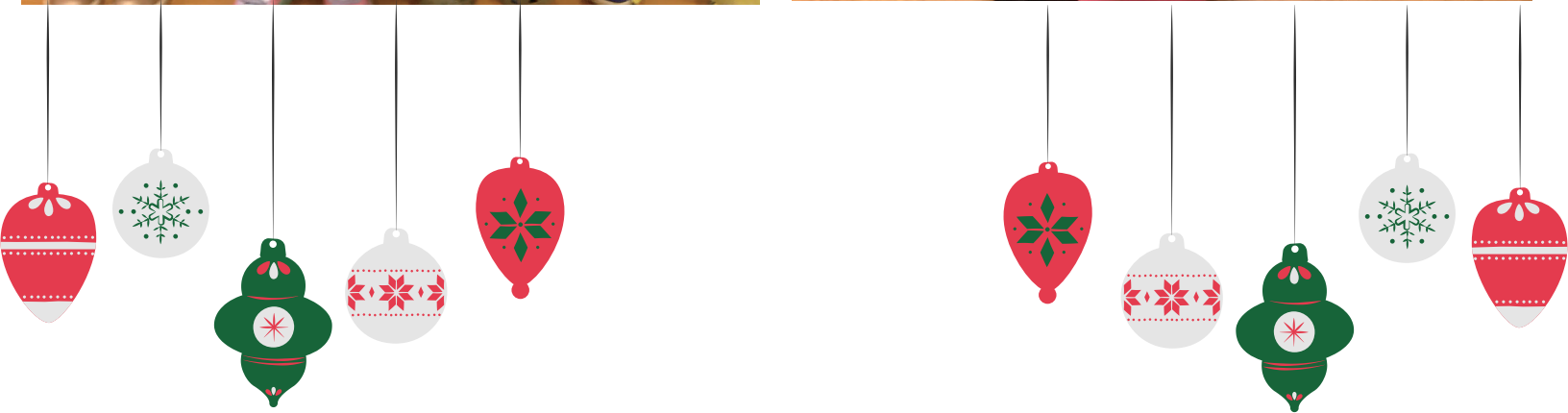


Preschool News



Marilyn and the preschool children offer their 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 preschool children!



Elders Corner for January 2023

As we begin another new year, I would like to reflect on how the Lord has blessed us here at Trinity in 2022. We started 2022 with a lot of uncertainty due to our vacancy. 1Peter 5:7, & 10-11 tells us to *"Cast all your anxieties on him because he cares for you. And the God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever."*

The Lord has brought our congregation closer while working through the call process. In June our Lord provided us with a new pastor and we have been working together getting to know Pastor Fremer and his family the last 6 months.

2023, like every year prior will bring new opportunities and changes here at Trinity. After over 10 years of dedicated service to us at Trinity, Toni Post has retired at the end of December. We will greatly miss Toni's presence in the office. We wish Toni and Jim God's blessings on their retirements.

Please join us in welcoming Mary Fremer as our new church secretary. Mary has been working with Toni during the month of December gleaning as much information as possible in preparation of her new role.

I would like to challenge everyone in our congregation to worship and commune as often as possible in 2023. It is by worship and receiving the Lords Supper that our faith grows. The fellowship that we provide to one another is a great blessing from our Lord. Hebrews 10: 24-25 says *"And let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching."*

I would also like to encourage everyone to consider joining us at Pastor Fremer's Sunday morning Bible class. This hour of study and reflection is truly a highlight of mine each week. Through Pastor's leadership and the input of all those present we certainly get an uplifting insight into God's word. Psalm, Chapter 1 has these words of guidance for us: *"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the council of the wicked, or stand in the way of sinners. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Not so with the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish."*

In closing, I want to remind everyone that in 2023, Trinity Lutheran Church in Howards Grove will be celebrating 170 years of grace and blessings as a congregation. We will be looking for volunteers to coordinate this celebration. Please stay tuned for more information on this special event.

Happy New Year



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 1 Steven Gardner
 Jan 2 Phillip Gessler
 Jan 4 Austin Holler
 Jan 4 Willard Kuhlow
 Jan 4 Isla Marthenze
 Jan 5 Pat Sixel
 Jan 8 Margie Niemuth
 Jan 9 Jennifer Cassity
 Jan 11 Hannah Cassity
 Jan 11 Judy Luecke
 Jan 12 Rick Rammer
 Jan 12 Braelyn Zander
 Jan 14 Maddox Milbrath
 Jan 16 Lauren Harris
 Jan 17 Aiden Cote
 Jan 17 Kay Schorer
 Jan 19 Peter Gessler
 Jan 21 Eugene Bubolz
 Jan 21 Abby Debbink
 Jan 21 Connie Dirks
 Jan 21 Mike Mallmann
 Jan 22 Linda Drexler
 Jan 25 John Erdmann
 Jan 25 Emmet Kunze
 Jan 25 James Meidl
 Jan 25 Adam Stange
 Jan 26 Ruth Cichocki
 Jan 26 Zachary Forward
 Jan 27 Matthew Schukow
 Jan 28 Jill Pelnar
 Jan 29 Dylan Elias
 Jan 29 Jennifer Erdmann
 Jan 30 Emily Allen
 Jan 30 John Gessler



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 6 Larry and Faye Milbrath (50)
 Jan 17 Peter and Kathy Franz (47)





Christian Women's Fellowship



CWF met Monday December 12, 2022. The evening began with a Christmas potluck supper, and we enjoyed many different dishes. Not one was alike! The table decorations were beautiful and very festive. Each member brought a plate with a matching cup. The cup was put on the table and when you went through the food line you had to look at the plate before filling it. Then, you sat where the matching cup was.

Mary Lou read a beautiful Christmas reading with five different Christmas hymns that we sang after each part of the reading.

After our meal we had a short business meeting before we opened our Secret Sister's gifts.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

- LWML Mission Grant Story for December is "Taking God's Word into Remote and Rural Areas"
- Lutheran Bible Translators, Mission Vehicle Funds-\$70,000.
- Connie had the Federwitz Prayer.
- The College Love Packets were all picked up after our Thanksgiving services.
- The Thanksgiving Food Drive was boxed and delivered to St Marks Food pantry.
- Christian Women Fellowship purchased and put a white poinsettia on the altar for Advent.
- Denita handed out information for the coming January meeting. She becomes our new President 2023.
- Dimes project is due in January, please think of ideas where you would like this money to be used.
- December Birthdays: Morgan 12/01 and Lucy 12/20. Birthday songs were "Hark the glad sound" for Morgan and Morgan chose "Joy to the World" for her grandma, Lucy.
- We closed the business meeting with the Lord's Prayer.
- We continued the evening with opening our gifts from our 2022 Secret Sisters, followed by picking a new Secret Sister for 2023.

Ladies of the Church, you are all invited the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm here at Trinity Lutheran Howards Grove for our LWML gathering. "I AM THE HEART" will be our theme for this year. We will be having special studies, programs, and projects. Each month will have something different that you can carry on into your church, family, and community life. January's study will be "Working Together in Our Group." February will be our month to order the Quarterly magazine. Any lady of this church can receive one at a small cost. The devotions and stories found in this magazine are thoughtful and meaningful to read. Please let Denita Krause or Mary Lou Neuman know if you would like one by February 5th.

SAVE THE DATE: We are blessed with the opportunity to host a prayer service here at Trinity on Saturday, March 11th from 10:00am to around 12:00pm. Pastor Fremer will be preaching. Registration will start at 9:30 and will be free to all. This will be a beautiful service, so please join us and be enriched. Keep an eye out for the following logo for more information about upcoming LWML events:



JANUARY PRAYER CALENDAR - SUBMITTED BY CWF



1. BLESSED NEW YEAR - Praise the Lord for your many blessings!
2. Keep Christ in your daily life - don't pack Him away with the seasonal decorations.
3. Pray on your many opportunities to serve the Lord.
4. Pray for our confirmation students as they continue their studies.
5. Pray for our Pre-school program, students and staff.
6. On this day of Epiphany - follow the light of Hope that God has given us through Jesus.
7. GOD LOVES YOU (John 3:16).
8. Pray for a Visitor at church today to find God and joy through our service and community.
9. Pray for the Christian Women's Fellowship.
10. Pray for UNITY of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart and a humble mind FOR ALL (1 Peter 3:8).
11. Sing or read the song - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling". (LSB 700)
12. Give Praise to the Lord by sharing of your God given talents and treasures.
13. Pray for the women of our church as they serve the Lord through their many talents.
14. Pray for those who attend Sunday School and Bible Study tomorrow as they hear the word of God.
15. Receive Christ's body and blood through the Sacrament of Communion - be grateful for your faith.
16. Be kind to each other (1 Thessalonians 5:15).
17. Pray for our shut-ins and those dealing with health problems.
18. Pray for your neighbors - share the word of God.
19. Be strong in the Lord and his mighty power (Ephesian 6:10).
20. Pray for the Men's Club.
21. Pray for our Church improvement fund and finances.
22. Prayer for our organists and pianists for sharing the joy of music.
23. Support the Lutheran High School through prayer and opportunities to serve.
24. Pray for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.
25. Pray for Missionaries around the world - especially the Federwitz family.
26. Pray for our church family and all members in all situations and locations.
27. Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid (Joshua 1:9).
28. Pray for our Sunday School teachers as they teach God's Word tomorrow.
29. Pray for Pastor Fremer and his family.
30. Support St Mark's Food Pantry and pray for their continued service to the community.
31. This is the day that the Lord hath made - let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Noah Liermann graduated Sunday, December 18, 2022 from UW Milwaukee with his Masters Degree in Music : Emphasis in Vocal Performance
Congratulations!

Traveling Bulletins:
Chloe Grunewald: St. Paul's Lutheran, Howards Grove
Dan Born: Ascension Lutheran Church, Minocqua
Katlyn and Miguel Yinko and Sandy Mathenze: Bethlehem Lutheran, Sheboygan
Dave and Robie Scharinger and Jean Hiebing: New Life Community Church, Plymouth

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30am Worship with H/C	2 1:00pm Quilters	3 8:30am Preschool 6:00pm Sunday School Meeting 7:00pm Men's Club	4 8:30am Preschool 10:00am Hands for Hope	5 8:30am Preschool	6	7
8 8am and 10:30 am Worship 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class	9 8:30am Preschool 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm CWF	10 8:30am Preschool	11 8:30am Preschool 4:00pm Confirmation	12 8:30am Preschool	13	14
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Date	Time	Acolytes	Greeters	Video Operators
1	9:30am		Scott and Linda Plocar	Lance Liermann
8	8:00am 10:30am	Andie Koenig and Matthew Koenig Joey Senkbeil and Matthew Schukow	Dave and Robie Scharinger Dick and Sherry Horness	Josh Schorer
15	8:00am 10:30am	Emmet Kunze and Greyson Reiss Rylan Bahr and Bryce Peter	Jan and Deb Grunewald Mark and Karen Plocar	Scott Timm
22	8:00am 10:30am	Brody Timm and Ethan Fenn Chloe Grunewald	Dale and Donna Bitter Dick and Lee Schoessow	Mark Schorer
29	8:00am 10:30am	Cooper Schmidt and Macey Schueler Emily Harris and Kaitlyn Koenig	Betty Butler Nathan and Jenny Cassity	Craig Lallensack

January	Ushers	Elders
8:00am	Team 1	Aaron Kuhlow
10:30pm	Team 4	Dale Hopf

Date	Altar Guild
Dec 19—Jan 1, 2023	Kristin Reiss and Robie Scharinger
Jan 2—15	Wendy Forward and Debbie Henschel
Jan 16—29	Connie Bitter and Linda Plocar
Jan 30—Feb 12	Donna Wolf and Viki Grunewald