



Trinity Lutheran Church

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PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

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Out of the Cold is a community supported organization that answers the call to serve those experiencing homelessness in our community by provide shelter, food and support services during the transition to permanent housing.

Trinity will be serving as a host site for Out of the Cold from January 1 through January 17.

This is an excellent opportunity for us to serve our less fortunate community members during these most uncertain times.

We need 2 volunteers from 7:45 - 10:15pm each night during our host period. They will help to welcome guests, check them in, serve dinner, interact with guests and help them get settled for the evening. An Out of the Cold staff person will also be present during that time. Out of The Cold overnight staff arrive at 10pm, so hosts can leave shortly after they arrive. Additionally, we will need a few volunteers to help load the truck on Monday, January 18th at 8:15 am.

If you are interested in volunteering anytime during January 1 through January 17 or have any questions, please contact Sue Glad at susieglad@gmail.com

This is a good way to give back to our community.

READINGS

December 20

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
 Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55
 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38

December 27

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
 Psalm 148
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:22-40

TRINITY EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

YouTube Worship Service w/Bulletin
 Recorded & Emailed
 11:00 am Deeper Water Zoom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

H olden Evening Prayer Recorded & Emailed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Service w/Bulletin
 Recorded & Emailed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

YouTube Worship Service w/Bulletin
 Recorded & Emailed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

YouTube Worship Service w/Bulletin
 Recorded & Emailed

JANUARY 1 - 17

Out of the Cold Guests will be hosted by Trinity for dinner, overnight & breakfast each day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

YouTube Worship Service w/Bulletin
 Recorded & Emailed
 11:00 am Deeper Water Zoom





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Angela Garritano	1
Melissa Phillips	1
Eric Fedorko	5
Laurie Smith	5
Elowen Kendall	9
Rick Whitmer	9
Dolores Kiel	10
Alexa Oselinsky	11
David Oselinsky	12
Dee Frisque	13
Sean Grubbs	15
William Adams	16
Barbara Roberts	16
Bette Larson	18
Kevin Trostle	19
Dennis Weidel	23
Jane Weller	24
Gina Motter	25
Marc Frey	28
Liam Merritt	29
Scott Crain	30
Nancy Owens	31

St. Olaf Christmas Festival: All Earth is Hopeful

Experience the St. Olaf Christmas Festival, one of the oldest musical celebrations of Christmas in the United States. Led by five conductors, it features more than 500 student musicians who are members of the college's world-renowned choirs and orchestra. The festival features a rich repertoire of classic Advent and Christmas compositions, familiar carols, hymns from around the world, and contemporary pieces from a diverse range of composers and cultures, offering music that both celebrates the Norwegian American history of the college while also highlighting beautiful works from around the globe.

The 2020 Christmas digital stream from St. Olaf, *All Earth Is Hopeful*, it is still available as an archived stream. Here is a link to that stream : <https://www.stolaf.edu/multimedia/play/?e=3196>.



We were notified that

ANNE RICHARDS

Passed away on
Monday, December 7th

She was the wife of
Pastor Elton Richards
who was our interim pastor
while Pastor Ron was away
in Kentucky for the year
back in 2000-2001.

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From the Pastor's Desk



December 20, 2020

Dear Beloved of God,

Our Advent Season draws to a close this weekend. Our Christmas Celebrations, radically different from other years, will nonetheless, soon be here. This week we read of the Christmas Story:

The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.
(Lk 1:35-38)

Mary is invited by the angel to participate in God’s breaking into this world in the form of a child who “will be called Son of God.”

What an amazing invitation. Zechariah, Elizabeth’s husband, had doubts when this same angel informed him, while in the temple’s Holy of Holies, that his old, barren wife would have a son. He asked for a sign, to “prove” this message from the Almighty. So, he’s given a sign, he is struck mute for the duration of Elizabeth’s pregnancy. That sure showed him!

Mary, on the other hand, accepted the message without doubts other than how this blessed event might take place. She understood how one became pregnant and she has not had that experience. Still, she opened herself to the promise that she would give birth to God’s only-begotten Son. “Let it be with me according to you word.” Wow! Amazing, but then, being as young as she was, she reflects perhaps the age of innocence. “Let it be with me…”

Just how difficult was it for Mary to be the mother of the Son of God? Based on the sacrifice she can afford for her purification she was among the poorest of the land. How often have you agreed to a request that at first glance struck you as something relatively easy and fun, only to discover after embarking that the request was much more challenging and difficult than first anticipated? Still, like Mary, God helps us fulfill those duties and tasks to which he calls us.

That is true of individuals and families as well as communities. This announcement from the angel reminds us that we here at Trinity have been invited to participate in God’s working in the world. As Jacob Marly discovered far too late: “Business? Humankind was my business!” The same can be said of us today.

To that end, we have and continue to support with time, talent and finances, programs and ministry like the Food Bank Toys for Tots, Interfaith Human Services, to name but a few. This year, we have also accepted the challenge of hosting the ministry “Out of the Cold.” A program that offers the homeless among us shelter from the cold of winter nights. Our guests will be with us from January 1 through January 18. Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts in the evenings and, since breakfast and dinner are provided by the host congregation, desserts are needed. Check the Weekly Piper for details or contact the Church Office.

Like Jesus, born into a poor family, born in the cold, in a barn, our hearts go out to those today in similar circumstances. Offering our facilities and providing volunteers is one way we care of Jesus today, giving thanks to God for inviting us to join in what God is doing in the world. This may not be easy or always fun, but it is worth doing and the blessing for all concerned have yet to be realized.

In this and so may other ways, we rejoice and give thanks, as Tiny Tim says so well, "God bless us, everyone."

God bless you and your loved ones richly this Holy Season and throughout the New Year.

Love, joy and peace,

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Ron

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OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes are on a table outside the front doors of the church.

Please don't forget to stop by and pick yours up. We will have them outside until Tuesday, December 22nd. So if you are out running errands and are in the area of the church, please take a couple minutes to stop and pick your up.

THANK YOU!!

Sunday Worship Service YouTube Link

In order to simplify posting of the services on Sunday Morning, we will be posting all services to one web address:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TrinityLutheranSC/>

The current week's service, as well as, the previous week's services will be there for you to choose. This should simplify the process since the YouTube address will be the same each week.

You will still receive an email each Sunday with this link and the bulletins.



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