

# Trinity SONRISE News

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*Trinity Lutheran Church -- On the Sunrise Side of Michigan January 2019*

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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you in the shadow of Christmas and at the dawn of Epiphany. The hymn “Lasst uns alle” (Let us all) first appeared in a sermon of Pastor Martin Hammer, in Leipzig, in the year 1620. It is ascribed to Urban Langhans and Saxon choirmaster and deacon who lived in the middle of the sixteenth century. The four verses of “Let us all with gladsome” voice has appeared in each of the three Lutheran hymnals including Lutheran Service Book as what I would call a good segway hymn leading into the new year, (see verse four). Each verse will provide an outline thought for my new year’s greeting to you.

1. Let us all with gladsome voice  
Praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,  
His own Son hath given.

God has given us his bidding that we praise and worship him. He not only made us, but he has also redeemed us. Praising God alone who made the earth, the heavens and all therein sums up his first table of the law...that we should love the Lord with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our strength. But with the appearance of Jesus our Savior into the flesh, we have even greater reason for rejoicing. He has given us His own Son.

2. To this vale of tears He comes,  
Here to serve in sadness,  
That with Him in heav'ns fair homes  
We may reign in gladness.

A great exchange is here. God comes to earth so that we might live in heaven. God serves in sadness in order that we might reign in gladness. We spend a lot of time speaking about what is fair. What God has done for us in sending Jesus is the least fair thing I can imagine. We deserve nothing, Jesus gave everything. We do nothing for God, Jesus does everything for us. Our lives on earth are full of grief and woe, and yet Jesus comes to serve among us so that our joy may be complete when we live in heaven.

3 We are rich, for He was poor;  
Is not this a wonder?  
Therefore praise God evermore  
Here on earth and yonder.

The measure of our wealth in this verse has nothing to do with money. Rather it has to do with what we now possess compared to what we could never have...except for Jesus. What sin accomplished was complete separation from God. It brought death. It does not matter what we possess, if we are all assigned to die, does it really matter? What Jesus does is die in our place in order that we might live forever. He is poor, in that he dies a criminal’s death. We are rich because all who believe in him will now live forever.

God, did not leave our Savior in the grave. Because of his perfect obedience, he raised Jesus from the dead so that all who believe in him might also rise from their earthly grave. Not only does God save us, but Jesus, himself promises that he will never leave us or forsake us. So we pray with the author of this hymn.

4 Christ, our Lord and Savior dear,  
Be Thou ever near us.  
Grant us now a glad new year.

Amen, Jesus, hear us.

In Christ,  
Rev. Timothy Azzam

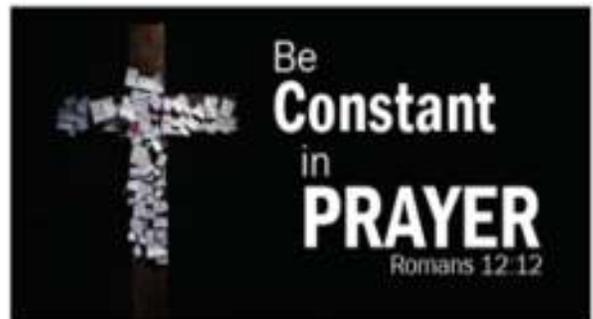


- ◆ Kathy and I would like to thank all of you for the many cards, greetings, prayers, and gifts that you have given us this past year and just in the last few weeks. May the Lord grant all of you a blessed 2019 as we serve Him together.
- ◆ We would also like to introduce to you Kristie Hissong, of East Tawas, our new secretary. Mrs. Hissong will be working on Tuesdays and Fridays for now. Please say hello, but then give her space to learn her new job. Thank you.



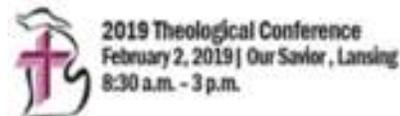
◆ Leaving money on the table. I can remember leaving some change on the dining room table when I was a boy. When I came back for it, it was gone. Mom had picked it up and put in her Mite Box. You may be inadvertently leaving \$500 on the table if you are a Thrivent insurance or investment holder. Each year every Thrivent member is entitled to create an action team to serve a person, an organization, or celebrate. An easy application and a \$250 grant, available twice a year...seed money for your activity is “laying on the table.” Thrivent agent Kelly Armbruster is going to be at Good News Ministries on Saturday, January 12 at noon to teach us all about it. Recently action grants from Thrivent kick started the Flood Bucket project at Trinity, provided for Sunday School and Senior Christmas bags for Christmas, and supported the Angel Tree efforts. A \$20. Investment in a Thrivent product makes you a member. Let the office know if you want to learn more about this.

- ◆ Prayer is dangerous. It can change you. It can disrupt your life/routine. Don't pray and let everything be the way it is. Pray, and receive peace, guidance, understanding, faith, purpose, protection from evil, and a deeper relationship with God. Jesus prayed often, and He tells us to be constant in prayer (Romans 12:12). Join us at “Be Constant in Prayer” and learn more about this gift from our heavenly Father. Register at [www.michigandistrict.org/theological19](http://www.michigandistrict.org/theological19)



**Keynote Speakers**

- Rev. Dr. Victor J. Belton
- Rev. C. Bryan Wolfmueller
- Mrs. Constance L. Denninger
- Rev. Christopher K. Paavola
- Rev. John R. Rathje - Facilitator



**PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN SERVE AT TRINITY:**

Opportunities include: Ushering, Greeting, Setting up the Altar, Teaching Sunday School, Substitute Teachers, Two positions on board: Evangelism and Social Ministry. Speak to the Pastor and he will direct you to the appropriate person. Thank You



## Mid-Week Stewardship Thought

### The Privilege of Giving

It's difficult to think of giving without remembering the giving of the Macedonians (2 Corinthians 8:1-5). Here was a group of Christians who were experiencing "extreme poverty." Their mindset was not, "Let's get together a little offering and see what we can get back." No, their mindset was, please allow us "the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints."

The Apostle Paul writes, "Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For...they gave...even beyond their ability."

Perhaps they had a different perspective than many givers today have. Perhaps they saw what they had rather than what they were lacking. Perhaps they realized that, having Christ and His gifts of life and salvation and forgiveness of sins, they had everything. They were rich!

Maybe it's time we acquired a new perspective too. It's not difficult to do. The Macedonians provide the key: "They gave themselves first to the Lord." Graciously God does give back to the giver: joy, contentment, fulfillment, security, and His overwhelming peace.

**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for blessing me. Help me to be a blessing to others by giving so generously of what You've given to me. Amen.

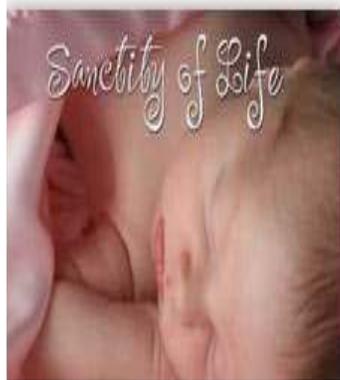
**Blessings on your journey as a steward!**



### Winter Weather

For worship cancellations, call the church office at 739-9292 and listen to the answering machine message.

Also, check scroll on Webpage.



### SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

To Supporters of Iosco County Right to Life: On January 20, 2019, we will celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SoHLS). SoHLS is a day for Americans to focus on the value of each and every human life. It is celebrated every year on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, which legalized abortion in every state for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy.

We invite you on Sunday, January 20, to remember the loss of more than 59 million unborn children since 1973 and help Iosco County Right to Life celebrate the precious gift of life for all. More information will be posted in the Sunday bulletin regarding the annual "WALK FOR LIFE" in East Tawas.

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**2019  
Contribution  
Envelopes**  
are available  
in the your mailboxes.  
Don't forget to pick them up!

**REMINDER: Please DO NOT use your old 2018 envelopes in the new year.  
Your envelope numbers in 2019 may be different than  
the previous year and your contributions may be  
credited to someone else's statement!**

**Winter Worship Schedule**



The winter worship schedule is in effect.  
Bible study and Sunday School will begin at  
9:00am and  
Worship Service will begin at 10:00am.



**Altar Flowers**

Flowers may be ordered  
To beautify our chancel  
area. The new chart has  
been posted. Flowers are  
\$22.00.

Please make checks payable to TLCW and place  
in Kathy Boschma's mailbox (treasurer for  
TLCW)

**Stewardship - Mission Support for 2019**

As of January 1, 2018, Trinity will continue to designate a "Mission of the Month" for your prayers and financial support. Listed below are the twelve monthly missions selected. You can use a mission envelope that is in your envelope packet or pick one up from the pew racks or the usher stand at the back of the sanctuary to support the "Mission of the Month."

Each month we will support a different Mission as indicated below:

- January-----Gideon's
- February-----LCMS Joint Seminary Fund
- March -----Lutheran Hour – Local Radio Broadcast
- April -----Wellspring Lutheran Services
- May-----P.O.B.L.O. (People of the Book)
- June -----Here We Stand Campaign
- July -----Lutheran World Relief & Disaster Response (LCMS)
- August -----Adopt a Seminarian
- September -----Harbor Light Pregnancy & Information Center
- October-----Concordia University – Ann Arbor
- November -----F.I.S.H.
- December -----God's Children-Haiti (formerly Bon Samaritan) – Ann Hume

If you are already supporting missions not listed, please continue to do so by clearly designating that particular mission on the Mission envelope.

*Bill Davis, Stewardship*

**The December Financial Report will be printed in the newsletter as soon as it is available.**

# Happy Birthday!

|                   |      |                    |      |
|-------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Roger Tack        | 1/1  | Henrietta Fortney  | 1/17 |
| Cory Gerow        | 1/4  | Arnold Kreuzwieser | 1/17 |
| Jimmy Luthmann    | 1/5  | Shirley Frink      | 1/19 |
| Sharon Endicott   | 1/6  | Carol Urquhart     | 1/19 |
| Samantha Garrison | 1/6  | Jonathan Dettmer   | 1/20 |
| Adam Travis       | 1/8  | Karen White        | 1/23 |
| Ann Dawley        | 1/10 |                    |      |
| Shane Kapus       | 1/10 |                    |      |
| Jim Manning       | 1/11 |                    |      |
| Ella Durfee       | 1/13 |                    |      |
| Bradley Gresens   | 1/13 |                    |      |
| William Gresens   | 1/16 |                    |      |

# Happy Anniversary!

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Gary & Mary Jo Richter | 1/7  |
| Robert & Nancy Perry   | 1/12 |
| Mike & Judy Hohf       | 1/26 |
| Gerald & Karen Abee    | 1/27 |
| J.D. & Chris Hock      | 1/28 |
| Ed & Susan Pisarski    | 1/30 |

## Greeters

**10:00 am**

|      |              |
|------|--------------|
| 6th  |              |
| 13th | Tim Westberg |
| 20th |              |
| 27th |              |

## Homebound

Richard & Phyllis Fitzgerald  
Alice Dettmer - Medilodge-Tawas City

## Ushers

**10:00 am**

|      |                       |
|------|-----------------------|
| 6th  | Lou & Miriam Kuhlmann |
| 13th |                       |
| 20st |                       |
| 27th |                       |

## Elders

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 6th            | Rodger Wenzel  |
| Communion 13th | Mitch Davis    |
| 20st           | Charlie Rainey |
| Communion 27th | Roger Tack     |

## *Know the Elders*

The Board of Elders concerns itself with the well being and spiritual life of our congregation and pastor. **Pastor Azzam and your Elders are happy and eager to hear from you!**

**They may be reached at:**

**Pastor Azzam - 739-4820**

**Mitch Davis, Jr. - 989-820-1469**

**Charlie Rainey - 989-724-6704**

**Roger Tack - 989-293-8050**

**Rodger Wenzel - 989-724-6800**

**Ron Weidenfeller - 989-724-7701**

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**Sunday Worship**  
(One Service) @  
10:00 AM

**Sunday Bible Class**  
9:00 AM

**Sunday School**  
9:00 AM

**Secretary Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Friday  
8:00AM - 4:00PM

**Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar Draft**

**January 2019**

| Sunday  | Monday                           | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday                 | Friday | Saturday |
|---|----------------------------------|---|-----------|--------------------------|--------|----------|
|   |                                  | 1 News Year's Day<br>Office Closed  |           |                          |        |          |
| 6 <b>Miss Box Sunday</b><br>10:00 am--Worship   | 7                                | 8<br>8 am--Men's Bible Class<br>9:30 am--Ladies Bible Class                                 | 9         | 10<br>10 am--Bible Class | 11     | 12       |
| 9:00 am--Adult Bible Class<br>9:00 am--Sunday School                                  |                                  | 10 Noon--P.N. Office Hours<br>10:30am-1pm--Crafts & Quilts                                  |           |                          |        |          |
| 11U--Bells of Glory Practice  |                                  | 6 pm Elders Meeting<br>7 pm--Adult Bible Class  |           | NO Church Council        |        |          |
| 13  | 14                               | 15<br>8 am--Men's Bible Class<br>9:30 am--Ladies Bible Class                                | 16        | 17<br>10 am--Bible Class | 18     | 19       |
| 10:00 am--Worship & Communion<br>9:00 am Adult Bible Class<br>9:00 am--Sunday School  |                                  | 10 Noon--P.N. Office Hours<br>10:30am-1pm--Crafts & Quilts                                  |           |                          |        |          |
| 11U--Bells of Glory Practice  |                                  | 7 pm--Adult Bible Class   |           |                          |        |          |
| 20  | 21 <b>Martin Luther King Day</b> | 22  | 23        | 24<br>10 am--Bible Class | 25     | 26       |
| 10:00 am--Worship   |                                  | 8 am--Men's Bible Class<br>9:30 am--Ladies Bible Class                                      |           |                          |        |          |
| 9:00 am--Adult Bible Class<br>9:00 am--Sunday School                                  |                                  | 10 Noon--P.N. Office Hours<br>10:30am-1pm--Crafts & Quilts                                  |           |                          |        |          |
| 11U--Bells of Glory Practice  |                                  | 7 pm--Adult Bible Class   |           |                          |        |          |
| Deadline for Newsletter and Calendar  | 28                               | 29  | 30        | 31<br>10 am--Bible Class |        |          |
| 10:00 am--Worship & Communion<br>9:00 am--Adult Bible Class<br>9:00 am--Sunday School |                                  | 8 am--Men's Bible Class<br>9:30 am--Ladies Bible Class                                      |           |                          |        |          |
| 11U--Bells of Glory Practice  |                                  | 10 Noon--P.N. Office Hours<br>10:30am-1pm--Crafts & Quilts<br>Pastor at meeting in Standish |           |                          |        |          |
|   |                                  | 7 pm--Adult Bible Class   |           |                          |        |          |