

# Trinity **SONRISE** News

January

*Trinity Lutheran Church*

*on the Sunrise Side of Michigan*

**2023**

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## January 2023

The Name Jesus – Luke 2:21 – “And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the name of Jesus — “the Lord saves.” That’s who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith.

January 6 – Epiphany – Matthew 2:11 – “And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.” For the wise men and for us, worshipping and offering gifts go together. How could this not be since our God is the great Giver of gifts? We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to His image, we imitate His generosity.

January 8 – Baptism of Our Lord – Matthew 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’” God sent His Son into the world to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this one great, true offering.

January 15 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany – Ephesians 5:27 – “...so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.” Our Lord has cleansed us with His blood — in His sight we are now pure and holy. He has given Himself, laying down His life for us. Now we are His spotless and beautiful bride. By His sacrifice, we are moved to sacrifice. By His cleansing, we find a desire to ourselves be clean and live blamelessly as He is blameless.

January 22 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany – Matthew 8:8 – “But the centurion replied, ‘Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.’” The Word of the Lord is powerful and effective. What God says, goes. “Let there be light” (Gen. 1:3). And there was light. His Word is still effective and creative for us: “This is my body, which is given for you” (Luke 22:19). “Your sins are forgiven” (Matt. 9:2, Luke 5:20, etc.). This is why it is no burden for us to live according to the Word of God: we know that His Word is always aimed at our blessing.

January 29 – Transfiguration – Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place

# STEWARDSHIP

## Privileged to Be God's Stewards

God has called us to be His stewards (Genesis 1:28; 2:15), and He equips us as His stewards to use our time, talents, and resources faithfully for His purposes. Because stewardship is about serving, enabling, taking care of, funding, helping, and bringing hope and life to all, we should seek to have a better understanding of what it means to be faithful stewards in God's kingdom. Through faith, we become God's stewards, and our deeds of stewardship come from being stewards. Stewardship is about receiving God's blessings thankfully, managing them faithfully, and giving them generously. From the LCMS Board of Stewardship we read, "Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes."

In spite of our weaknesses and unworthiness, God honors us with the privilege and responsibility to be stewards of all that He entrusts to our care. *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"* (1 Peter 4:10). Growing in a biblical understanding of Christian stewardship is a continuing process. By our own strength, it is impossible for us to be God-pleasing stewards. In order to be God's stewards, we need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts. The Holy Spirit shapes and molds us through a lifelong process of sanctification so we can become trustworthy stewards. With new hearts, we embrace our role as God's stewards. We become new people who are God-centered rather than self-centered. We acknowledge that God owns, controls, and sustains all things. *"The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein"* (Psalm 24:1). God not only calls us to be His stewards, He equips us to accomplish the work that He has prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 4:10).

Being a steward is a relational concept. We do not live in isolation. Our primary relationship is with God Who has created and redeemed us through Jesus. We live to love and support our neighbors, and we want them to know Jesus as we do. As God's stewards, we live in relationship with creation, so we are not to misuse the earth, the seas, or the air.

As God's stewards, it is a mistake to view stewardship as only relating to managing and giving money. As we carry out our responsibilities as God's stewards, it involves the use of money, but it is much more. God's Word tells us that our stewardship involves all of life. Through faith, we believe that God is the creator, owner, and sustainer of all things, and He has given us the wonderful privilege of being His stewards.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair

### January Mission of the Month Gideons

Gideons International is a body of believers dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone, and together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ. Gideons International exists as an advocate for the lost, to bring them the saving knowledge of the Word through not only placing and distributing Scriptures, but also through personal witnessing and by associating together for service. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile organization, you can use a mission envelope that can be found in your envelope packet.

If you already support a mission, please continue to do so by designating that particular mission by name on a Mission envelope.



Wayne Fortney



**Homebound:**

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

**Military:** Alex Anderson

Jason Cooper

Courtney Pierce (Army) Stationed in Germany

Karina Pierce (Army)



The winter schedule began on Christmas Day, December 25, 2022, with only one Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. This schedule will be in effect through March 26, 2023. March 26, 2023.

Holding the service at 10:30 a.m. allows for the plowing of the parking lot on snowy days and gives time for the roads to be plowed and salted. We are sorry for any inconvenience.



**One Worship Service  
Sundays  
10:30 a.m.**

**December 25, 2022  
through  
March 26, 2023**

**Bible Study  
9:15 a.m.**



- Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study meets in the Sunday School wing. For more information call Ruth Golm at 989-724-5679.
- Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. – in Sunday School wing.



## T.L.C.W. News

Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) usually meet the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

The **January meeting next meeting is moved back a week. It will be held on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** Hope to see many of Trinity's brave winter residents then!

### Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!

TLCW would like to thank you again for all who baked and purchased the Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale goodies!! Your purchases made \$582.00 more available for local mission projects and Michigan and National Lutheran missions!



Thank you to Ron and Nancy Weidenfeller for donating the lovely Christmas tree which stands in the front of the church.

Thank you to Cindy Slater for the welcoming fresh arrangements for the front door and entryway. They are very pretty and much appreciated!

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas.

Thank you to all who brought food for the Advent Soup Suppers and to all those who attended.

Thank you to Sue Welther and Greg Pancost for providing beautiful vocal solos during the Christmas services.

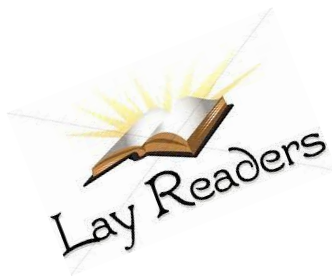
Thank you to Bruce Welther for making sure everything gets done in a timely fashion around the church.



### Help Needed to Undecorate the Church

It's always nice to see the church so beautifully decorated for Christmas. Now it's time to take those decorations down. We will be undecorating the church on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. If you can spare a few hours to help, it would be much appreciated!





## Lay Readers Wanted

Volunteers are needed to read the Old Testament and the Epistle during Sunday worship service. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, a sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the back of the church. The lessons can be emailed to you ahead of time, so you can become familiar with them.

## Winter Weather is Here

For worship cancellations, we will use our automated phone system. Make sure we have your correct phone number and email address.



## Welcome New Members



Trinity Lutheran Church is happy to welcome new members Roy and Judy Michelsen. Roy and Judy transferred their membership from St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Eastpointe, Michigan to Trinity in November of this year. You have probably seen Roy and Judy around. They have been attending Trinity since April 2021, before their permanent move to Oscoda and transfer to Trinity in November. Welcome Roy and Judy!

## Church Directory



### LAST CALL FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS AND CORRECTED INFORMATION.

We are missing lots of photos of our members and friends and would appreciate a photo of you and your family for inclusion in the directory. You can email a photo to:

[churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org](mailto:churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org) or you can bring in a photo for us to scan.

Please check the list of names and phone numbers on the table next to the office door. Let us know if your information is incorrect. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you to members that have confirmed their information and submitted pictures. Directories will be available after the first of the year. If you haven't checked your information, please do so as soon as possible. If we do not have your birthdate, please let the office know. New church directories will be printed and distributed soon.



- 1/1 Roger Tack
- 1/4 Cole Gerow
- 1/5 Jimmy Luthmann
- 1/6 Sharon Endicott
- 1/6 Samantha Garrison
- 1/8 Adam Travis
- 1/10 Ann Dawley
- 1/10 Shane Kapas
- 1/11 Jim Manning
- 1/13 Bradley Gresens
- 1/16 William Gresens
- 1/17 Henrietta Fortney
- 1/17 Arnold Kreuzwieser
- 1/22 Janet Ovcjak
- 1/23 Karen White



- 1/7 Gary & Mary Jo Richter
- 1/27 Gerald & Karen Abee
- 1/28 J.D. & Chris Hock
- 1/30 Ed & Sue Pisarski

### *Know the Elders*

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

Their phone numbers can be found in your church directory.

- Mitch Davis, Jr.
- David Golm
- Roger Tack
- Ron Weidenfeller



*Meeting*  
Thursday  
January 12, 2023  
2:00 p.m.



Thursday,  
January 12, 2023  
1:00 p.m.



# QUIZ

1. On what day is the feast of Epiphany celebrated?
2. The six Sundays which follow Epiphany are known as the time of?
3. What does Epiphany commemorate?



- Epiphany celebrates 'the revelation of God in his Son as human in Jesus Christ'.
- The six Sundays after Epiphany are known as the time of manifestation.
- On January 4, 2023, Earth reaches **perihelion**, which is the point in the planet's orbit where it is closest to the Sun

## HUMOR



## DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the February Newsletter is January 22, 2022.



- Answers to Quiz
1. January 6
  2. Manifestation of Jesus to the World
  3. the Magi's visit to Jesus; the baptism of Jesus; and the first miracle of Jesus.