



Trinity

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ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 19 Following Worship

Trinity Times January 2025

Pastor Tim Nappe's Paragraph

"(Jesus) said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven."

(Matthew 16:15-17)

As you are reading these words, we are finishing up the last few days of 2024 and moving rapidly toward 2025. For some of us, there are still a few days of frantic shopping to get our last minute Christmas items, but it will soon be too late. Ready or not, Christmas is going to be here! Then there will be one last week of December and we will be entering into the New Year of 2025!

In the Church calendar, we will still be in the season of Christmas. That season runs for twelve days, from December 25th to January 6th. And on January 6th, we enter into a new season of the church year. It will be the season of Epiphany, which will run until Ash Wednesday.

Epiphany is an intriguing season. That name means "revelation or revealing." It is a season of breakthroughs. The lessons all center around the theme of people coming to recognize who Jesus really is. He is not merely a 30-something carpenter from Nazareth. People are having their eyes opened! They are coming to the revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Savior of the world, the Son of God!

The lesson at the top of the page is Peter's recognition that "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!" And Jesus commends him for coming to that realization. Jesus tells him that this is not something that "flesh and blood" would come to understand, but this is a divine revelation! The Holy Spirit of God the Father has revealed this to you! You have come to recognize the Good News, the true identity of God's chosen Passover Lamb.

The season of Epiphany falls during some of the darkest weeks of the whole calendar year. These are the days of shortest light and longest darkness. But these are also the days that we hear stories of heavenly flashes of insight! People are coming to recognize that Jesus came to bring hope, life, and light into this world and into our lives!

And that is my prayer for you as we come into this New Year. May 2025 bring you new insights of the power and depth of God's love for you! May you come to realize who Jesus Christ is in fuller, more profound ways in this New Year! May your relationship with Him grow deeper and richer as you come to know Him more and more!

Bev and I want to extend our gratitude to you for your prayers and support during this past year and we look forward to the coming year. We are anxious to see what God has in store for all of us and for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Merry Christmas to all of you and a very blessed New Year!

Pastor Tim

January Worship Notes

1st Sunday Bucket of Bucks for ATLAS,

other Sundays Noisy Offering for January and February— Welcome to Sibley Ministry

January 5th, 1st Sunday of Christmas: 10:00 am Worship. Communion at the Rail. John 1:1-18. Lord Jesus Christ, you alone have seen God and you came to reveal Him to the world. May we listen to your words, see through your eyes, and come to understand the depths of your mercy.

January 12th, Baptism of Our Lord: 10:00 am Worship. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. John the Baptist tells us that Jesus came to separate the wheat from the chaff. Lord, help us to grow in faith and maturity, that we might be wheat that is collected into the granary rather than chaff that is burned in the fire.

January 19th, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany: 10:00 am Worship. Continuous Communion. Annual meeting after church. John 2:1-11. Dear God, thank you for your willingness to take on human flesh and become like one of us. As you reveal yourself to the world, may we be among those who recognize you and rejoice, rather than those who refuse to acknowledge who you are.

January 26th, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany: 10:00 am Worship. Luke 4:14-21. Dear Savior, your presence separates light from darkness, good and evil, life and death. There is very little middle ground. It is one or the other. Give us the courage to stand firmly with you in this life, so that we stand with you forever in the next life.



A "thank you" to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. Some decorators worked on Saturday ... some worked other days during the week.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Parsonage Open House. Was fun to see so many parishioners enjoying fellowship. *Pastor Tim & Bev.*

Team Trinity would like to thank those who donated goodies and other items to our Christmas Gift and Bake Sale. It was a very successful Christmas sale. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to all who shared flowers with us for the Christmas Eve Service and all who contributed in any way to help make the service meaningful. God's blessings to all of you and have a Happy New Year!

Thank you everyone for the cards and other gifts that we received through out the Season. Everyone has been so generous to us. *Tim & Bev*

2024 COUNCIL & COMMITTEE CHAIRS Thank you for your leadership in 2024.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Council President - Jan Henningsen, **Vice President**— Brenda Tutje

Treasurer— Vicki Zylstra, **Secretary**—Linda Fick -712-577-3758,

A special **thank you** to the out going council members:

Jan Henningsen, Linda Fick, Daryl Tutje and Taylor Hibbing

TELC COUNCIL MINUTES for 12.10.2024

Call to order: Vice President Brenda T called the meeting of TELC council to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Kim Schnepf, Pastor Nappe, Linda Fick, Steve Rosenberg, Daryl Tutje, Connie Wollmuth, Robi Brose via conference call, Brenda Hibbing, Taylor Hibbing, Vicki Zylstra

Absent: Kelly Buchman, Jan Henningsen

Devotions were led by Pastor.

Pastor's report was given. He mentioned that the call committee should begin to meet.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting by Vicki and seconded by Kim, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Balance	\$ 64,579.23
Sunday School	\$ 950.17
Luther League-Youth Group	\$ 8,735.66
Parking Lot – Lights	\$ 4,000.00
Projects Fund	\$ 8,748.01
Missions	\$ 5,225.00
Folker's Endowment (Maintenance)	\$ 2,682.84
Security Cameras	\$ 365.00
Emergency	\$ 42,431.44
Lights-Fellowship Hall	\$ 561.00
Furnace	\$ 550.00

A motion was made to approve the report by Taylor and seconded by Daryl, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Worship/music: Brenda Krahlung will be lining up the music for Christmas Eve. Placed the Advent wreath on the old baptismal font to make it easier for the acolytes to light the candles. Vicki Zylstra will check into a new keyboard and the cost.

Christian Ed: Christmas program will be Dec. 15 during worship service. Goody bags have been put together for the kids to get after the Christmas program. When Sunday School resumes after the Christmas break, there will be a need for another Sunday School teacher. Jackie and Kayla are working on this.

Stewardship/Evangelism: Trays for the shut-ins have been assembled and delivered. Thank you to those who helped deliver. Pastor will be doing characters for Lenten services again this year. We will do the Seder meal again this year on Maundy Thursday. Noisy offering for Jan and Feb will go to the Welcome to the Community ministry sponsored by OCMA. Need to get the training completed for the visitation team.

Building and Property: Lighting has been installed. Will check to see if the dumpster gets emptied on a regular basis. The refrigerator in the parsonage is leaking, will have it looked at to see if it can be repaired or if it needs to be replaced. The screen door at the parsonage needs to be replaced.

Executive: working on the budget for 2025.

Still need people to fill the council ballot

TELC COUNCIL MINUTES for 12.12.2023

Old Business:

Reports are due for the annual report
Still need people to fill the council ballot

New Business:

Budget for 2025 was reviewed. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Taylor to approve the budget.
Motion carried.

Mission dollars are going to be distributed as follows - \$3,225 Reaching the Unreached, \$1,000 to each ATLAS, Upper Des Moines, and Rides Bus

Annual meeting will be followed by a potluck dinner

iPad/music – a motion was made by Linda and seconded by Vicki to purchase a new iPad to be used when recorded music is needed instead of using someone’s cell phone. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kim and seconded by Brenda to give LCMC a donation of \$750 vs \$500 that was given last year. Motion carried.

A Written appointment of proxy for Special Shareholders of Country View Manor, Inc 12-16-2024 was read. A motion was made by Vicki and seconded by Brenda H to sign the statement “Yes, I agree to sell Country View Manor, Inc to Osceola Senior Living LLC (Osceola Hospital). The Board has full authority to negotiate on my behalf.” Motion carried.

When the church received Alvin Jurrens Estate and Bernhardt Eckhoff memorial the money was put in the emergency fund. Discussed moving the donations to the memorial account and put in undesignated. Following the meeting the executive committee decided to transfer the money to the memorial account.

Communion for January – Vicki

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Steve and seconded by Kim, motion carried. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Fick, Secretary



2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Financial giving statements for 2024 will be in your mail box by January 12th. Please examine closely. If there are any corrections that need to be made, please contact the office. Call (754-3645) or email (telc@premieronline.net). Thank you for your support in 2024.

2025 CHURCH ENVELOPES: The envelopes for 2025 are in the church mailboxes. Each month a project envelope is included in your packet. This envelope will now be used for the current project we are raising money for. There is also a monthly MISSIONS envelope. Just a little reminder: **Please remember if your donation is for two funds to write separate checks. Doing this, makes it so much easier for the tellers. Thank you!**

January Birthdays



4	Teagen Warner
5	Jeff Krahling
6	Brenda Rosenberg
12	Norah Jensen
14	Jennifer Zamorano
16	Barb Echter
21	Roland Rusche
23	Barb Seivert Evan Henningsen Bruce Wunder
24	Dawn Blochowicz
25	Dona Ellerbroek
28	Jessica Alexander



Special Services & Events



We will be gathering to
UNDECORATE the CHURCH
Saturday, January 4th
9:00am

All help is WELCOME!

LCMC 3 Days of Prayer

January 2—For Our Congregation & Leaders

“Lord, we pray that You bless our congregations and leaders with Your favor and with Your provision and power to carry out the ministry and mission You have in store for us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.”

January 3—For Those Who Don’t Yet Know Jesus as Savior and Lord, and For the Prodigals

“Lord, give us Your heart for those who don’t yet know you as Savior and Lord, and for the prodigals. Create in us a boldness to love them and serve them and to share our God-stories with them as opportunities arise. Open our eyes to be aware of everyday encounters in which we can minister Your love and Your power to those in need. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

January 4 - For Our International Partners

“Thank You, Lord, that You have bound us together with these sister churches and leaders and partner networks. We pray that You will give them protection and provision. We pray that You will show us how we can come alongside them, encourage them, and serve with them. Lord, grant our brothers and sisters Your favor in their cities, communities, and countries. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Annual Meeting Sunday



TELC ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 19th

following worship

11:30am—POTLUCK

PLEASE sign up to bring a salad or dessert

Meat provided

General Fund Project Accounts as of 12/20

Future Project	\$ 10,193.01
Emergency	\$ 4,434.00
Furnace	\$ 550.00
Lights—fellowship hall	\$ 561.00
Maintenance (Folker's Endowment)	\$ 2,682.84
Missions	\$ 750.00
Parking Lot (for lights)	\$ 4,000.00
Security System	\$ 365.00
Digital Piano	\$ 500.00

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Offerings

November 24, 2024

General Fund: \$3,132.00
Noisy Offering: \$84.67
Attendance: 115

December 1, 2024

General Fund: \$3,595.00
Bucket of Bucks: \$66.33
(ATLAS of Osceola County)
Attendance: 93

December 8, 2024

General Fund: \$2,632.00
Noisy Offering: \$67.73
Attendance: 106

December 15, 2024

Sunday School Program
General Fund: \$4,304.00
Noisy Offering: \$153.79
Attendance: 178

Next Issue December 22, 24 & 29

*November & December Noisy Offering
for Elderbridge (Sibley Dinner Date)*



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Serving Us for January 2025

DECEMBER 24

Organist: Lola Sjogren
Lector: Keith Zylstra
Acolyte: Jocelyn Hager & Roland Rusche
Sound System: Todd Ackerman
Ushers/Greeters: Carol & Duane Leach
Head Ushers: Todd Ackerman & Don Hibbing
Altar Care: Brenda Rosenberg
Communion Helper: Brenda Hibbing

December 25 NO WORSHIP

DECEMBER 29

Organist: Lola Sjogren
Lector: Ken Eben
Acolyte: Alexis Braun
Sound System: Kevin Wollmuth
Ushers/Greeters: Greg & Maralee Onken
Head Ushers: Todd Ackerman & Don Hibbing
Altar Care: Brenda Rosenberg
Coffee Fellowship: Church Council



January 5

Organist:
Lector: Jan Henningsen
Acolyte: Ganyn Glade
Sound System: Dan Berkland
Ushers/Greeters: Stan & Linda Klaahsen
Head Ushers: Ron Prins & Ray Schuster
Altar Care: Connie Wollmuth
Communion Helper: Vicki Zylstra
Coffee Fellowship: **VOLUNTEERS**

January 12

Organist:
Lector: Kevin Wollmuth
Acolyte: Quinnly Taylor
Sound System: Daryl Tutje
Ushers/Greeters: Jan Henningsen & Connie Wollmuth
Head Ushers: Ron Prins & Ray Schuster
Altar Care: Connie Wollmuth
Coffee Fellowship: Love Work Group

January 19

Organist:
Lector: Vicki Zylstra
Acolyte: Jocelyn Hager & Roland Rusche
Sound System: Kevin Wollmuth
Ushers/Greeters: Glenn & Linda Fick
Head Ushers: Ron Prins & Ray Schuster
Altar Care: Connie Wollmuth
Communion Helper: Vicki Zylstra

ANNUAL MEETING MEAL

January 26

Organist:
Lector: Sandy Eben
Acolyte: Jocelyn Hager
Sound System: Todd Ackerman
Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Sandy Eben
Head Ushers: Ron Prins & Ray Schuster
Altar Care: Connie Wollmuth
Coffee Fellowship: TEAM TRINITY

Thank You!

PLEASE remember to find a substitute if you are not able to fulfill your assigned time.