

UPCOMING EVENTS

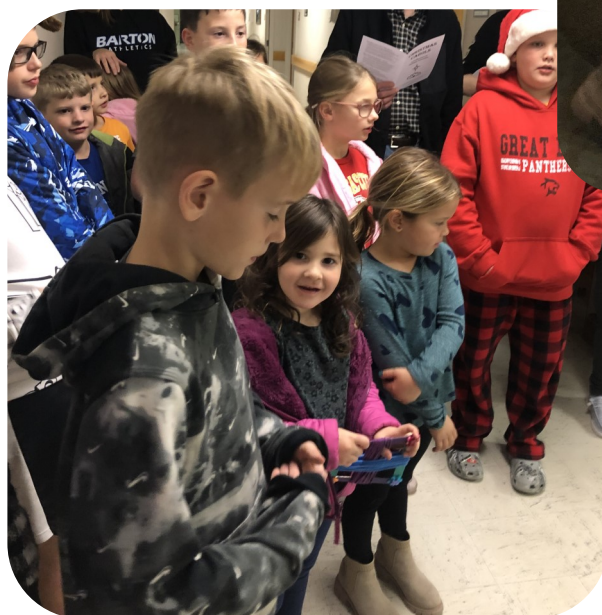
The Trumpet

JANUARY 2024

TRINITY LUTHERAN

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The KICKS children went caroling on Nov. 29th. We made 3 stops and visited many of our residents. Each resident received a special gift made by the children. It is always a joy for the kids to go carol and talk with the residents.

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. –Romans 5:8

Here we are at the beginning of a new year and there are two things that come to mind. The first of course is how can this be 2024 when it seems we just got started on 2023? The second thing that comes to mind is what can I do better with this year?

And while I probably have lots of company on that first question, I'm pretty sure I'm not alone on that second one either. After all, it's a new year—a chance to do something different; a chance to do better or even be better. At least that's what the world tends to tell us. We must continually improve ourselves, change ourselves, make ourselves better; and if we don't, or if we can't keep up...the world has a way of discarding people that don't live up to its standards.

And yet, as we know (or should know anyway), God has a totally different way of looking at those that the world either ignores, discards, or even steps on.

There is a story told about a well-known speaker who started his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty.

"Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

He then told the crowd, "My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless; but no matter what happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you."

And who loves us more than God? So, no matter what's happened or what will happen, you'll never lose your value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to Him.

As some of you may have noticed, whenever we have children who come up during communion, they each received a blessing that tells them that they are loved and blessed children of God. They didn't have to do anything to receive this blessing; they didn't have to earn it or prove themselves worthy. They receive it simply because they are loved and blessed children of God, and so are each of every one of you.

So as you look at that list of New Year's resolutions and try to figure out what you can do to be better or do better, remember that it doesn't matter how good or bad last year went or how the coming year may be, you are a loved and blessed child of God who is worth more than the world could ever understand.

And that's why that small child who we celebrated and welcomed so recently, not only gave us the greatest gift of all, but gave it to us because we were dirty, crumpled, creased and stepped on by sin, but most of all, because he loved us.

May you all have a blessed New Year and live as the loved and blessed child of God that you are.

Pastor Jay

LCMC's Annual 3 Days of Prayer will be January 2-4, 2024. We invite all members to join us during this time. We will host a prayer time in the Chapel each day at 12:00 p.m. There will be a prayer guide available during worship on the 30th & 31st for you to pick up and join in at home if you can't make it to the church. You can also go to LCMC's website for the prayer guide or to download the LCMC app. to receive daily reminders. lcmc.net

Newly elected council members

President – John Krug
 Vice-President – Lynn Fleske
 Secretary – Christi Penka
 Worship – Rhonda Anshutz
 Education – Open
 Ministry – Ruth Lanterman
 Operations – Randy Wetzel

Endowment

Brenda Wetzel
 Gary Kaufman
 David Lanterman
 Sheila Fleske
 Heather Meissler

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report November 30, 2023

	For the Month	Year-to-date 2023	Year-to-date 2022	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	19,295.00	259,144.40	232,874.46	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	106.00	1,357.00	1,050.00	
Other Revenue	203.90	9,885.87	1,377.96	
Total Receipts	19,604.90	270,387.27	235,302.42	
Expenditures through 11/30/2023	23,736.94	247,484.60	221,154.64	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	(4,132.04)	22,902.67	14,147.78	
		Year-to-date 2023	Year-to-date 2022	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2022
Budget Receipts:				
Average per Sunday		5,398.84	4,851.55	547.29
(48 Sundays in 2023)				
(48 Sundays in 2022)				
Total Unified Budget Receipts		259,144.40	232,874.46	26,269.94
Budget Requirements		301,166.25	352,734.46	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		(42,021.85)	(119,860.00)	

Missions

Awakening Lives to World Missions

alwm.org

From the Director

As we near the end of 2023, we thank God that ALWM International continues to grow as God calls us into new partnerships. I just returned from a 2-week trip that included Cambodia, Bangladesh and Myanmar (although the ministries are not new to me or ALWM, it was my first time in the latter two). It was a powerful time of ministry. A lot is happening with our ALWM ministry partners and missionaries, with people coming to Christ, expanding ministries, new outreaches, and challenges for prayer. Please read below, as well as the updates at our new website (alwm.org). We are praying for more people and churches to join with us in prayer and support of these servants and their teams. To God be the glory!

We are continuing to resource and mentor churches for more effective global outreach, too! Here is a recent recommendation of our coaching ministry from southern CA!

"I am writing with great enthusiasm to highly recommend Rev. Bill Moberly, Founder and Director of ALWM. I have known Bill for twenty years and witnessed his unwavering commitment, passion, and dedication to serving others through his faith, professionalism, and compassion. Currently, our church is working with Bill to coach and develop our mission, outreach, and benevolence programs. Clearly, Bill can work at a high level, crafting a strategy for the local church and implementing an outstanding program through ALWM. He is brilliant at what he does. We have seen it. Supporting him is a significant investment in an effective ministry."

-Rev. Tom Brashears, Good Shepherd LC, Irvine, CA

Dr. Hang & Vital Links Vietnam

I received this note recently from the Pastor of Khanh Hiep Church, thanking us for the water filtration system our ALWM Vital Links team installed this summer:

"I am Pastor Ka Sa Ha Vang, representing the Khanh Hiep Church... thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayers and touching hearts to remember us and our church... Just recently, our church received a water filtration system from your kindness, assembled by Hai and the brothers from Truong Minh Giang's church. This has provided us with clean water for our church and the community here. We are deeply moved beyond words. We offer our gratitude to the Lord and ask for blessings upon the benefactors (Living Word Lutheran Church in Milbank, SD) and also Pastor Bill, and Van, for helping with this."

How about you or your church? We have other partner churches in Vietnam in need of a system like this, which is about \$1000 installed, serving in each case a church and the surrounding village. Learn more about our multi-faceted Clean Water / Living Water Ministry in Vietnam at <https://www.alwm.org/vietnam>.



How about a mission trip next summer? Is God calling you? Perhaps Vietnam 2024! Would you like to Visit Pastor Sam and I team as we do some ministry at the schools? How about Laos with the Thorstads, or South Africa with Pastor Matt? Please visit us at alwm.org/missiontrips!

Pastor Sam & ALWM Cambodia

Registration with the newly elected government this summer caused some delays, so the new ALWM Mission school in Preh Vihear will open in December! We will begin small, and add a grade at a time along with English, Computer, and Bible, which begin this year:



Schedule of Events

- } January 10-KICKS begins
- } January 17-KICKS
- } January 24-KICKS
- } January 31-KICKS



The holidays came and went and we are all ready to get back to some sort of routine, or at least I am. KICKS will kick off the Spring semester on January 10th at 5:30. Once again we will be divided into 4 classes, each classes having a lesson based on their age and understanding, followed by a craft, game, experiment and more. Last semester was a joy to see all the kids grow in faith and to learn more of the traditions of our church. As always if you would like to help with KICKS by reading a story to the kids, helping in the kitchen or donating contact Rachel Kitch. The dessert sign-up sheet will be in the gathering area of the church if you are interested in providing a dessert for any of the Wednesday meals.

Registration for the LCMC Youth Gathering is now open, please contact me if your child is interested in going so we can get registered for the event.

Little Blessings Preschool

New year provides us with new opportunities...we are learning to tie. We will begin with shoes. Wish us Luck!!

We will play games, puzzles, and other hands-on activities to help the children learn/practice letters, numbers, and shapes. Bible lessons will be God never Sleeps, God made Light, God will Provide for Me, and God Made the Planets.

We will also be taking applications for the 2024-2025 preschool year. If we have enough children, we will offer both am and pm classes. Please see contact information below if you know of any families wanting a Christian based preschool education.

Our program this year is Monday through Friday 8:00 – 11:00. We offer both 3- and 5-day options. There are a few spots open, so if you know someone needing preschool, contact Diana Welshonse @ 620-793-8816 or by email @ tlc.littleblessings@gmail.com.

Blessings,

Diana Welshonse



Trinity Lutheran Church

DISCOVERIES AFTER-SCHOOL/SUMMER PROGRAM
& LITTLE BLESSINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Trinity Ladies Fellowship

Rebecca Circle

Rebecca Circle enjoyed their Christmas party at Ruth Lanterman's house December 10 at 5:00 pm. We had 10 ladies present for a fun evening of visiting & delicious goodies. Following our meal we assembled gifts for our seven nursing/assisted living home residents. They received lap robes, Christmas ornaments and Christmas goodies. We topped off the evening with a White Elephant gift exchange. This year was especially fun as several gifts were "stolen" more than once. There was lots of laughter, and everyone went home with a gift that they loved. We look forward to a new year of Bible Study, quilting, serving funeral lunches and supporting our missions with proceeds from the soup supper fundraiser we will be hosting on February 18, 2024. We would love to share our meetings with any of the ladies of Trinity. Our next Circle meeting will be held in February. Maybe you can join us then.

*"Blessed is she who has
believed that
the Lord would fulfill
his promises to her!"*

Friendship Circle

Friendship Circle held their annual Christmas party on Wednesday, December 20th at 11:30. They will enjoyed a potluck lunch along with a lot of fun and fellowship. Women of Trinity, you are always welcome to come and join us on the third Wednesday morning of each month at 9:30 in the Library for Bible Study and fellowship.

Quilting Dates

The Trinity Quilters will resume meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays and the fourth Thursdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. The January dates will be:

Tuesday, January 9

Tuesday, January 23

Thursday, January 25

We welcome anyone to come and join us. If you can tie a knot, iron a sheet, or cut with a pair of scissors we will find something very important for you to do. This mission is to provide quilts to those in need, and more importantly to show others that we care through our Christian love.

Noon Bible Study to take holiday break
Will Resume January 3, 2024!

You are invited to participate in this noon bible study! This group has met for over 15 years from 12:10- 12:50 in the church library. We are a group who wants to strengthen our faith and learn to become better followers of Jesus .

The structure is very informal. The format is that we each bring our favorite bible and maybe a commentary. After opening with prayer, we read a few verses and then compare translations and commentaries to see what teachings may apply to each of our lives. There is no official leader, we are all equal participants.

We invite you to join us! If you have questions, you can contact Krista Smith (620-786-5959).

FELLOWSHIP MEALS AVAILABLE

PLEASE USE AS A MINISTRY OUTREACH!

IT'S SIMPLE!

In the past, the Trinity Ladies Fellowship has individually prepared meals as they were made aware of needs within the congregation. A group of members have prepared meals to go.

If you know of any member or a friend that could use a meal, please feel free to go to the freezer in the basement and sign out a meal. All we ask is that you add the name and date on the sign-up sheet! There are meals in the freezer that are available to be used! Meal includes casserole, vegetable, bread and dessert!

We will prepare more meals when the current supply is down to a few meals!

Thank You
Thank You

Thank you for the children coming to carol,
this truly meant a lot to me.

Les Stewart

Thank you for the
friendship meal. It was
delicious. Thank you to
Ruth for delivering it to
me.

Bev Jurgensen

Thank you for your continued support of Barton
County Emergency Aide. Your contributions help
us to be able to continually support those in need.

Nancy Sundahl

Prayer Page for January 2024

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Allen Ukens

Homer Kruckenburger

Les Stewart

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Ladine Hartman

Resident of Brookdale

Helen Wetzel

Joyce Nagel

Residents Out-of-Town:

Nancy Soeken, Hutchinson

Wilma Steadman, La Crosse

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Deon Lupton, Larned

Betty Barnard, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Goddard

MISSION PARTNERS

Barton Co. Association of Churches

Core Community-Journey to Resolve
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Oaks Indian Mission, Oaks, OK

Barton Co. Emergency Aid

Matt & Christina Smith

Awakening Lives to World Missions

Dakota Boys & Girls Racnch

Star of Hope

MEMBERS CURRENTLY NEEDING HEALING:

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Ron & Janice Ensle, Vicki Boxberger, Alene Clarke, Sheryl Corn

Delores Schneidewind, Lola Michael, Dottie Anderson, Les Stewart,

Robert Rowland, Marlene & Mak Brack, & Kathy Delimont

WE PRAY FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN OUR MILITARY:

Kelly Vogel, Army (grandson of Deloris Schneidewind)

Lane Wilson, Marine (grandson/Judy Messersmith)

Austin Anschutz, Army Aviation (grandson/Merle & Liz Klima)

Adam Watkins, Joshua Helm, Army, (grandson/great grandson/Wilma Steadman)

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS NEEDING HEALING:

Tony McGee (BiL/Gene & Cindy Smith)

Robert Smith (brother/Gene Smith)

Nathan Thayer (grandson/Shari Miller)

Patti Klima (sister/Maynard Miller)

Pat Dirks (mother/Darla Clarke)

Danine Smith (sister/Darla Clarke)

Vickie Owston (daughter/Joyce Nagel)

Nick Okeson (friend/Anne Linenberger)

Connie Petersen (cousin/ Bev Juergensen)

Roberta Holden (Judy Messersmith)

Cirus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed Rodriguez; Rachel
Corn & Family (family/Steve & Sheryl Corn)

Janet Meyers, Jasmnka Jevtic Fiso & Otto (friends/ Steve &
Sheryl Corn)

Carl Zollman (father/Carla Maneth)

Garret Reed, son of Stan & Kelly Reed (friend/Dorothy & Doug
Quade)

Rob Smith, Lynn Smith (BiL/sister/Kathy Delimont)

Darwin Folkerts, Donita & Don O'Hearn (Deanna Swank)

Erika Kohart (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Mary Ann Leroy (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Pam Merten (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Linda Stone (Sister/Vicki Anderson)

Jim New (friend of Hofeling)

Linda Essmiller (friend of ArNell Briel)

Daniel Klima (Son of Merle & Liz Klima)

Karen Monroe (Judi Brack-Johnson)

Johnna Kendall (cousin, Judi Brack-Johnson)

Robert Roth (Friend, Judi Brack-Johnson)

Kathy Henry (friend/Judi Brack-Johnson)

Hennie Harris (cousin/Judi Brack-Johnson)

Laurie Schaffer (Friend of Christi Penka)

Sandra Geschwenter (Friend of Christi Penka)

Philip Donecker, Travis Milsap, Chris Haberman,

Brian Breese (Friend of Penka's)

Annabella Davis (friend/Deloris Schneidewind)

Ben Daubert (Tom & Carolyn Humburg)

Joel Daubert (Tom & Carolyn Humburg)

Laurie White; Rhonda Feldman

(friends /Marty Schloemer)

Gunner Jackson (family friend/Kim Kummer)

Chelsea VanVeleet (friend of Kim Kummer)

John Winter (friend of Kummer's)

Jamie Howard (Niece of Ruth Stietz)

Roger Suchy (Brother/Connie Belt)

James Michael (son/Lola Michael)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Janie Mooneyham,

Arvella Kirkhart (all family of Tom Kirkhart)

Kathy Drake (Mother of Ami Kennedy)

January 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed 7:00 p.m. BLDG & GRNDS	3	4	5	6 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
			LCMC 3 days of Prayer			
			Pastor Gone			
7 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Pastor Gone	8 5:30 p.m. TLCD Board Meeting	9 9:00 a.m. Quilting 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Council	10 2:00 p.m. Pastor @ Riverbend 5:30 p.m. KICKS	11	12	13 5:00 p.m. Worship Service Recognition of Council
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28 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	29	30 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	31 5:30 p.m. KICKS			

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