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Philippians 4:4,5

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.”*

Are you having fun yet? Has America truly granted you life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? The apostle Paul was a happy camper, at least he was a happy tent-maker. Yet, his life was filled with hardships, shipwrecks, even imprisonments. What was the key to his happiness? The Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord was his companion throughout life, no matter the circumstances. The Lord filled his life with love, joy, peace, contentment, forgiveness and the certain hope of heaven.

Let the Lord Jesus Christ be your life, your riches, your purpose, your future, and you will be happy. And your joy, like that of Paul's, will be contagious.

Pastor Mark Kock

Check out our church web page each week for highlights and spiritual messages. [www.telcoscwi.org](http://www.telcoscwi.org)

## **“Who Are We, Members of Trinity Lutheran?”**

We are a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ, who gather to receive the gospel of our Lord and Savior in Word and Sacrament for the strengthening of our faith and equipping of our lives to serve in his world and to his glory.

## Miscellaneous News

- **Blessing Baskets:** The gift cards for the Blessing Baskets are now available for the taking. There are clothing cards, diaper cards and money cards for turkey and food certificates. Please return the item by December 13. Any questions, call Rosanne at 294-1755.
- **On Thursday, December 17 the Blessing Baskets** will be assembled. If anyone wishes to help wrap and sort, please join us at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Church.
- **Quilts:** If anyone is interested in purchasing a quilt, a free-will offering is requested to help offset the cost of materials. Please see Laverne Renspe or Joyce Dehmer with questions.
- **Ladies Aid Christmas Party!** The party will be held on Thursday, December 17 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bingo will be played and if you wish to participate, please bring a \$2.50 gift.

## Reaching out with the Gospel

- **Jesus Cares Ministry:** On November 14th we gathered with 4 participants. Pastor led a simplified Service using symbols, songs and rhythm instruments. There are other people with developmental disabilities in our communities **who need to hear about Jesus' love for them. We are striving to carry out Christ's Great Commission by teaching His Word to people with developmental disabilities. Our next gathering will be held on December 12.**
- **Help our "Jesus Cares Ministry."** We need several to dress up as a character for the Christmas event as we present the good news of **Christ's birth in drama. The presentation occurs Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 a.m.** Volunteer to Pastor Kock or Doris Martinson.

- **The ABCs of Christianity**
  - \* A course of instruction in the basic teachings of the Christian faith.
  - \* For members and for friends who have questions of religion or are not currently attending a church or Bible study.
  - \* Come! Invite a friend to join you on Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

## December Worship Highlights

### December Worship Schedule

- Sunday Worship, 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
- Advent Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.  
Dinner, 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- Christmas Eve, 7:00 p.m. with songs and recitation by the Sunday school children.
- Christmas Day, 9:00 a.m.
- **New Year's Eve, 7:00 p.m. with Lord's Supper**



### Christmas Caroling December 20th—4:00 p.m.

Sing the Christmas gospel to seniors of our church and community. Hand out cookies, baked with love. All ages are invited to join this event.

- The Adult Choir wishes to prepare songs for the Advent and Christmas seasons of the Church year. Rehearsals will be before the Advent Wednesday services at 6:40 p.m.
- Should we use disposable communion cups? Do health concerns of spreading viruses or flu bugs lead us to do this? Are there other good reasons to make the switch? Are there reasons not to? Pastor Kock and the Board of Elders—Jim Brown and Kevin Rogers welcome your input and thoughts on this matter.

## Search the Scriptures & Grow in God's Grace

- Trinity offers you several opportunities to be part of a Bible Study and grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and his holy Word. Check them out and make room in your weekly schedule to attend.



Sunday, 9:20 a.m. "Teaching Christian Values to our children"

Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7:00 p.m.

Not meeting in December

Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 a.m. "The Fruit of the Holy Spirit"

Saturday Men's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.

(3rd Saturday of each month) "Making God-pleasing Decisions"

- The Inner Court

- Sunday Bible Study for High school youth at 9:20 a.m.

- Now studying Psalm 23

- High School Game night—Second Saturday of each month, 7:00 p.m.



### Cookie Bake December 12th

All High school youth are invited to a fun event, Saturday, December 12 to bake cookies that will be distributed later in the month to seniors of our church and community. Peggy Rydeen is hosting this event. Other adults are welcome to help.

### Women's Advent Breakfast December 5th—8:30 a.m.



You are invited to join us for breakfast and a 35 minute film called "The Census & The Star - Exploring the Mysteries of

Jesus Birth." Please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex.

- Trinity was unable to field a team for the annual Youth Volleyball Tournament, November 22 at West Lutheran High School. The youth would like to get together for volleyball locally. Would you like to help make arrangements? See Pastor Kock
- Tender Loving Care Preschool  
Teacher Paulette Enerson
  - openings for more children, ages 3-5
  - meets Tuesday & Thursday, 9—11:30 a.m.
  - Any donations, please place in classroom at the end of the hall, second room on the right. Thank you. The decision regarding the use of any donation is left to the discretion of the Preschool Committee.

- Sunday School: The offerings given by our Sunday school are for a ministry in Nigeria, Africa, to broadcast God's Word through radio.
- Christmas Eve Service: All children are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Service December 24, 7:00 p.m. The children will learn recitation and songs for the service. Several children will be assigned characters of the Christmas gospel to portray. Complete rehearsal times for the Christmas Eve service will be announced soon.



## Serving Jesus with our Gifts & Talents

- **The Quilters** have supplied 148 quilts they made to various missions, shelters, gifts and the food shelf for needy people. We welcome anyone to join our group. The Quilters meet every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- **Special Ministries** wish to thank everyone that donated their used *Meditations* devotional booklets. It is our prayer that you will continue to collect these. Our ministry continues to grow. Presently we have over 51,000 inmates. The message of the Gospel is deeply appreciated by those we serve.
- **College Companions:** We have 22 members who are full time college students. A college companion is a member who is willing to “take on” a member who is in college by keeping them in prayer and encouraging them in their walk of faith. Willing? A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Contact Pastor Kock or Melinda Wells if you have any questions.
- **A “Special Thanks”** to all that donated items to the Ukraine relief.

*Serve the Lord with gladness!*

- Income and expenditure information for October.

BUDGET UPDATE		
	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	\$16,585	\$68,018
Expenses:	\$19,518	\$70,215

- **Reminder:** The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$19,167,00.
- **Assistance Fund** is the name of the fund our congregation operates to give financial support to those of our church in material need. Fred Loescher is entrusted with managing this fund. It is important that we continually supply the Assistance Fund with our gifts so that resources are there to help those in need and to express the sincere love of Christ and his Church. If you have need of assistance, speak to Fred Loescher. All conversation will be kept confidential.

## Opportunities for Fellowship



**DECORATE  
the Church**  
Annual Christmas Tree  
& Church Decorating  
Friday, December 4th

We will start decorating at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Bring a pot of chili to share, or another dish or dessert and enjoy fellowship in the Lord.

- **Brothers:** All men of Confirmation age and up are invited to the **Men’s Breakfast, Saturday, December 19, 8:30 a.m.** Enjoy good food, great company, and study in God’s Word.
- **Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society (LWMS)** As we celebrate this joyous Christmas, remember that you have brothers and sisters all over the world, sharing our joy of the birth of Jesus, our Savior! Although many of us will never meet these siblings in Christ here on earth, we will raise praises together in heaven one day.
- **“Befriend a Mission”**  
 Home Mission: Pastor Aaron & Abbie Strong  
 6936 Brier Creek Lane  
 Las Vegas, NV 89131  
 World Mission: Ronald & Karen Baerbock  
 PO Box 43683  
 Tucson, AZ 85733

## Pray for our Members in the Service

- Pray for our members in the service Mike Beck
- Pray for your fellow members who are shut-ins, hospitalized, or struggling with illness or other matters. Rejoice in the blessings of health, family, work, and accomplishment that the Lord gives your brothers and sisters Love one another sincerely.

