

The  
**NEWSLETTER**  
Of

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**FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S DESK**

**CALLS AND MEETINGS IN December**



<b>Home</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Hospital</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Shut-Ins</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Meetings &amp; Classes</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Hours Counseling</b>	

**BAPTISM**

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, Jack Adam Reiss received the gift of Holy Baptism. On the same day three adults received the same wondrous gift: Jamie Lynn Hollingsworth, Gessa Gonzalez and Jackie Gonzalez. We pray God's blessings upon each and all of these.

During 2019, there were 29 baptisms at Trinity, 14 infants, 9 children and 6 adults. What a wonderful blessing from the Lord.

**WELCOME**

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 adults were welcomed into the communicant membership of Trinity through the Rite of Confirmation:

Nancy JoAnn Donaldson	Amie Lyn Johnson
Gessa Gonzalez	Barbara Ellen McHaley
Jackie Gonzalez	Rickey Eugene McHaley
Jamie Lynn Hollingsworth	Leo Wayne Sellers, Jr.
Sharon Jean Sellers	

During 2019, 23 communicant members were received through confirmation: 8 juniors and 15 adults. We thank our Lord for adding to his church.

The following members also completed the Fall Adult Inquirer's Class: Jeane Koenen, Jake Koehler, Teri Koehler, Eileen Peterson, George Thummel. These folks

attended several classes: Luna Zuroff, Tina Sowers, Pete Miller, Ryan Schuler, Christy Schuler. Patty Boldridge and Sonya Boldridge, also completed the class.

During 2019, there were 5 marriages at Trinity: Katie Navinskey and Damien Helton, May 11<sup>th</sup>; Ashley Pride and Dalton Stalder, September 14<sup>th</sup>; Reagan Maxwell and Dustin Falk, October 5<sup>th</sup>; Megan Blazic and Austin Hamilton, October 19<sup>th</sup>; and Morgan Martin and Riley Miller, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

In 2019, 14 funerals were conducted from Trinity: Roger Kley, 71; Eursalea Gaul, 87; Timothy Neill, 61: Ellis "Mac" McDevitt, 86; Thomas Gregg, 76: Ronney Coulter, 68; James "Mike" Shannon, 79; Carilyn Blasi, 80; Edna Higley, 86; Vicky Felton, 50; Lou Roberts, 80; Michael "Mick" Davenport, 72; Elizabeth Kuhnert, 86; Deana Lyons, 89. We pray the Lord's comfort to all the loved ones of those named above. We remember the hope-filled words of Jesus, "Because I live, you also will live."

**VOTER'S ASSEMBLY**

Our Voter's Assembly, on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, extended a Divine Call to Pastor Marty Reed to become associate pastor here at Trinity. As you know, Pastor Reed has been serving here since September 1<sup>st</sup> on contract. We pray God's blessings to Pastor Reed as he considers our Call.

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**

In our three Candlelight Services we had 610 in attendance and on Christmas Morning 137 were here to worship, a total at our Christmas services of 747. Thank you to our Adult Choir and Chamber Choir and to soloist Rhonda Gierstorf ("Gesu Bambino"); to choir accompanist Cheryl Lanter; to Organists, Melissa Blanton, Nathan Farrell and Sylvia Thompson; to choir director's, Lottie Lee and Rhonda Gierstorf. Most of these people were here for all four Christmas Services. We at Trinity are very blessed to have so many

committed, hardworking musicians. Thank you also to the Ushers, Elders who cleaned and vacuumed after each service, to the youth and leaders (Curley's, Lowe's, Wieland) who decorated the church, to all the Altar Guild ladies who did so much, taking care of the Altar and flowers through December, to all the folks who gave poinsettias (there were 60 of them), to the Greeters, Acolytes and Doormen; to Seminarian Tyler Arends for bringing the message on Christmas Morning; for Diane Schletzbaum for decorating and putting outside the "Welcome" signs. Thank you for Debbie Jewell for doing all the bulletins and doing the back-and-forth computer work which finally enabled us to send out 7,000 Christmas invitations, one to every home within twenty miles in every direction from Trinity. Over 90 visitors were here. Also, thanks to Bart Lennington who set up chairs and contacted people to work and organized and did lots of things to make things run well. One sad note: I missed many members whom I know were in town but chose not to worship with us. Maybe next year.

### **NEW MEMBER POTLUCK**

Please remember our New Member Potluck on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Noon, in the church basement. Bring a covered dish and your tableware. Chicken, potatoes and rolls will be provided.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board of Directors for 2020 will be Jim Duitsman (President); Randy Jewell (Vice-President); Doug Fridell (Secretary); Ron Estes (Treasurer), Bart Lennington (Elders); Adam Goodpasture (Finance); Mike Lowe (Parish Education); Tom Brincefield (Day School); Terry Hamilton (Properties); and Don Lassen (Evangelism). Thank you to all these men who give many, many hours carrying out the responsibilities of their positions. Thank you also to Ed Bosshammer, who had done an excellent job as Secretary for the last six years.

### **ADULT INQUIRER'S CLASS**

Adult Inquirer's Class begins again on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m., in the church basement. Whom do you know that you can invite and bring? How about your spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister, neighbor, grandchild, co-worker, friend, in-law, father, mother, girlfriend, boyfriend, someone who is not walking with the Lord, not worshipping faithfully, not confessing Jesus as Savior and Lord, not a member of a church, is a member of a church but does not go, someone who simply wants to know more about the Bible. First, pray that the Holy Spirit will lead the person to accept your invitation. Then invite them to come and offer to bring them. Talk to them about coming three times. And then when they say "Yes", come with them. And, if they say

"No", keep praying for them, live a life devoted to Christ for a witness to them of what a Christian life looks like.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

In 2019, we had 347 members who did not come to Holy Communion. Some of these came to worship on Sundays when we did not have communion at all three services, and some came only on the festivals, Christmas Eve and Easter. At Trinity communion was given 109 times in 2019. The catechism says that ignoring the Lord's Supper is a despising of our Lord Himself, the Lord who gave Himself into death on the cross that we might have His Body and Blood in this Sacrament and the forgiveness, life and salvation that come with it. Please pray with us that all our members, your brothers and sisters in Christ, will be at the Lord's Table in 2020.

### **SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**

In January, we will be mailing a special letter to former students plus friends of Trinity School. Our goal is to receive \$50,000 for the School Endowment Fund in 2020. This Fund was started 50 years ago, in October 1969. We are praying that in 2020 many will make generous gifts so that we can reach this very important goal.

### **KAIR RADIO BROADCASTS**

We are now looking for KAIR Broadcast Sponsors for 2020. As of this writing we have seven, so we are looking for 45 more. Cost is still \$50.00 per Sunday.



### **THINGS TO REMEMBER IN 2019**

Our Parish Nurse, Marcene Selberg, began putting "health articles" in our monthly Newsletter. Our Building Committee (Bryan Becker, Jim Duitsman, Bart Lennington, Terry Mills, Rachel Goodpasture) contracted Larry Lisbona to be the architect for our building plans. A first church Hoops Basketball Tournament was held. New coverings were put on the church's stained-glass windows. Costs: \$29,486.50. We purchased the Seventh Day Adventist Church and the lot west of it for \$4,500. Diane Schletzbaum, Marcene Selberg and Pastor Ziegler attended a seminar, "The Art of Radical Hospitality" at the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. Women's Ministries sponsored many activities: the Tea Party, Bible Study, L.W.M.L., Novel Ideas, W.I.P. Night, and Chain of Hearts. Each month a different class at Trinity School was featured in the Newsletter. We borrowed \$50,000 from Lutheran Church Extension Fund to help pay for the Garage/Maintenance Building. Tuition at Trinity School was \$1,210 a year for member children and \$1,350 for non-member children. We designated the second Sunday of each month as Debt-Down Sunday until we get the Garage/Maintenance Building paid for. Mike Farrell



## **With these gifts this is how our BENEVOLENCE**

### **PICTURE looked at the end of the year:**

<b><u>BENEVOLENCE</u></b>	<b><u>GOAL</u></b>	<b><u>GIVEN</u></b>
Bethesda Home	\$ 1,100.00	1,081.00
Luth. Heritage Found.	600.00	690.00
Lutheran Hour	900.00	1,253.00
Luth. World Relief	3,500.00	3,475.00

The picture looks good. We made our goals for two benevolences and almost made them in two other areas. Thank you to all who used their benevolence envelopes during the year.

Total received for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering was \$21,120.25. This was given by 101 families.

We are now looking for sponsors for our 2020 KAIR Broadcasts. As of this writing, we have 7. We need 45 more. Cost is again \$50.00 per Sunday.

The debt on our Garage/Maintenance Building is \$40,583.69. The second Sunday of the month is, "Debt Down" Sunday. Extra gifts received through the Building Fund go to pay down principal.

\$3.75 in the Initial Offering envelope will cover the cost of the envelopes and \$4.80 in the Portals of Prayer envelope will cover the year-cost of this devotional booklet.

There is still some 2020 offering envelopes on the table in the narthex. If you have not picked up your packet, please stop by the church and do so.

Our budget for 2020, adopted by the Voter's Assembly on December 22<sup>nd</sup> is \$1,037,623. Estimated income is \$1,016,751.30, a shortage of \$20,871.70. Please pray that all of our members will be faithful and generous in their every Sunday giving.

## **SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**

In 2019 our Trinity Lutheran School Endowment Fund received \$33,894.40 in gifts, memorials and farm income. This amount has brought the given-assets of this fund to \$1,526,481.24. This invested amount produced income of \$168,360.62. Of this amount, \$162,000.00 was put into the budget to help pay teacher salaries. \$5,000 was used for teacher moving expenses, and \$3,000 was given to the Day School Committee for various expenses.

Memorials were: Wilbur Neill - 50.00; Wayne Donaldson - \$50.00; Thrivent Choice Dollars were \$931.00

Someone asked recently how large the School Endowment Fund would have to be to entirely pay all the school expenses. My answer was 15 million. We have a ways to go.

This month we are sending out a special mailing to former students and current friends of the school, asking

for a gift to help us raise \$50,000 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this endowment fund. We pray that you will respond to this mailing with a generous gift.

Our School Endowment is tremendously important to our Trinity School and its future. Please pray for its continued growth and contribute to that growth through your gifts, memorials and bequests.

## **TECHNOLOGY ENDOWMENT FUND**

This fund is increasingly important for our Trinity church and School. It is out of the income of this fund that we will eventually pay for computers, software, copiers, telephones, all technology. In 2019 this fund received \$3,830.21 in gifts and memorials. It now has given-assets of \$116,224.17. Income in 2019 from this invested amount was \$5,787.56. Saved income from this fund paid for the new telephone system in the church and school.

Memorials in 2019 were: Roger Kley - \$45.00; Eursalea Gaul - \$850.00; Sam Nelson - \$100.00; Deana Lyons - \$260.00. The fund received \$12.34 from Scrip.

Thank you to all who gave gifts for this fund through the envelope in our packets. Please continue to remember it with your gifts, memorials and bequests.

## **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This is the fund that gives scholarships to our young people who attend Lutheran Colleges for whatever course of study. This year we have three young people attending Lutheran colleges, each receiving a scholarship of \$3,300. They are Tyler Arends (Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne), Mikayla Lowe (Concordia, Seward) and Abby Reed (Bethany, Mankato, Minnesota). From its beginning in 1965 the fund has given \$220,129.14 in scholarships.

In 2019 the fund received \$3,305.19 in gifts. It now has given assets of \$151,834.28. Income in 2019 from this invested amount was \$10,985.67.

As the cost of college education goes up, it is very important that our scholarships get bigger. This can happen only as we have more to invest so that we will have income to give. This is where you and I come in. We give the gifts which one invested from which this income comes.

In October we received a special gift of \$1,500 from Mike and Georgia Peitsch for this fund. A gift of \$20.00 was received in memory of Thomas Gregg, the fund received \$339.50 from the Reformation envelopes and \$614.19 from the New Year's Eve envelope. Through the years, 32 individuals gave gifts through the Memorial Scholarship Fund envelope which is in your packet. Let's pray that in 2020 every person in Trinity will use this envelope.

## **THE TRINITY LUTHERAN LEGACY SOCIETY**

In love for their Lord and looking to the future of His work here at Trinity, these folks included in their wills and trusts. All of their gifts continue to bring blessings to Trinity every year. No names were added in 2019.

1974-Minnie R. Kaaz	1997-Dorothea Kuhnert
William L. Zschoche	Dorothy Glaman
1975-Minnie Estes	Harriet Nass
Freda Kaaz	1999-Helen Walton
1977-Hattie Handke	Agnes Faurot
1979-Cora Stolp	2000-William Zabel
1982-Miss Carolyn Stuff	Marie Larson
Mary Carson	2002-Marie Peters
1983-Lulu Banks	Durel & Lilly Seetin
Minnie Rathert	2003-Roy Estes
1984-Mary Bender	Oscar Coen
Lydia R. Coen	Hazel Jaynes
Edna Handke	Ernie Bareiss
Walter J. Neumann	2004-Art Zabel
Harry M. Niemann	2005-Ellen Lee Hawk-
1987-Hugh Smith	Gantenbine
1989-Leota Boatright	2007-Lars Larson
1990-Rose Malone	2008-Amelia Ostergard
Beverly J. Conrad	2009-Erma Morris
Albert F. Schmidt	2011-C.J. Estes
Henry C. Jacobsen	Rosie Estes
1991-Walter Zabel	2013-Leland Adams
1993-Louise M. Thaden	Bill Sellers
Charlotte Klostermeier	2014-Dorothy Jacobson
Revida Blehm Doyle	2015-Louise Shockey
1995-Lucy Grimming	Robert Voigt
Florence Jacobs	Mary Jo Rahatz
1996-John E. Baker	2016-Beverly Bareiss
Elizabeth (Girlie) Nass	Darlene Sowers
Louis & Helen Stolp	2017-Linda Hundley
Carl & Lillian Vogel	2018-Janice Smith
	Ed Sowers

## **LOOKING BACK**

### **Ten Years – January 2010**

.....In 2009, there were 32 baptisms, 30 confirmations, 2 weddings and 16 funerals.

.....On Christmas Eve we had a REAL BLIZZARD, 323 people were present for the three Candlelight Services.

.....Average Sunday attendance in 2009 was 432.

.....On December 17, the computer server room was flooded with water from the sprinkler system.

.....We ended the year \$16,170.24 behind in the home budget. Total budget for 2010 was 822,559.00.

### **Twenty Years Ago – 2000**

.....Esther Barg was our new Director of Christian Education.

.....Average Sunday attendance in 1999 was 501.

.....December confirmands were Mary Acheson, Richard Hetz, Brian Hitchens, David McRae, Mark and Sandra Reno, Todd Reno, Tom and Elaine Torbett.

## **Thirty Years Ago – 1990**

.....Jeff Kurtz, David Long, Kathy Neill, Susan Smith and Merrell Young were confirmed.

.....The Mission Endowment Fund was started with an initial gift of \$160.00 from Mrs. Nancy Nelson in memory of Robert and Esther Ziegler, Sr.

.....A bequest of \$3,000 was received from the estate of Mrs. Rose Malone.

.....The Pew Cushion Fund had grown to \$1,642.50.

## **Forty Years Ago – 1980**

.....John and Roschelle Bisping, Debbie Boyer, Betty Cline, Sue Eylar, Jeanne Harris, Linda Hundley, Jody Jacobson and Gail Myers completed Kennedy Training.

.....For 1980 John Kiehl was president of Trinity and George Kenney, vice-president.

.....Priscilla Guild purchased uniforms for the School Basketball team.

.....Jon Schultz was Called to be Trinity's first Director of Christian Education.

## **PASTOR'S ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

We began the month of December by listening to Elizabeth Sammons (daughter of Richard Schuster) talk about a book "The Lyra and the Cross", a historical novel about Stephen and Paul and what is said about them in Acts. In the next couple of weeks, we continued and finished our study on stewardship, looking at what the Scriptures say about giving, tithing, generosity, materialism, lack of giving, etc. Then, we looked at two "Glimpses" – one of the "Monkey Trial" (Scopes) of 1925 and the second on the origin and development of the King James Bible.

Thank you to the December cup washers: Diane Schletzbaum, Eric and Ledeen Berry, Christine Geoffroy and Marcene Selberg. Thank you also to Linda Goodpasture, our coffee maker. And, thank you to the men who each Saturday, set up the table and chairs: Rick Dorssom, Ethan Piper, Evan Piper, John Hornbostel, Kelly Persinger, Linda Dorssom.

These people had perfect attendance in December

Ron/Sheila Bilderback	Eugene Mueller	Jeff Long
John/Roschelle Bisping	Robbie Kincaid	Jim Miller
Stacey Bokonich	Loretta Lassen	Mary Merrill
David/Penney Long	Ed Bosshammer	Judy Fridell
Monica Donaldson	Marcene Selberg	Ryan Halling
Christine Geoffroy	Debbie Jewell	

During the year, David, Penney, Jeff Long and Mary Merrill attended 51 Sundays (perfect); 50–John Bisping, Stacey Bokonich; 49–Ed Bosshammer, Eugene Mueller; 48–Roschelle Bisping; 47–Debbie Jewell, Loretta Lassen

## Glory to the Newborn King

We celebrate Christmas because God gave Jesus on the first Christmas. He's the first Christmas present sent from God above – bringing peace, joy, hope, and love.

Family time is together time, to connect our hearts with love as we share from John 3:16 "God so loved the world." The time we sit down around the table as a family builds a bond for the next generation.

God's one and only Son is the light who leads you and me. He's God's great offering – the Savior of the world.

"Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, our Hope is here, the Prince of Peace has come to us, this gift is miraculous – Behold the Child, His name is Jesus."

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, our Children's Sunday School department experienced the joy of sharing the news of the newborn King for our Christmas Program. What a blessing it is to truly have a part in the Greatest Story ever told! Tell everybody about the love Jesus brings – "Glory to God in the Highest."

You are invited to join our Sunday School family at Trinity Lutheran. We have classes for age 3-adult every Sunday morning at 9:15. Join us as we sing in joyful worship to our King!

Sylvia Thompson, Sunday School Coordinator

### HOW TO DESTROY YOUR CHURCH

- Don't attend.
- If you do attend, arrive late, and leave early
- Visit other churches often.
- At every service ask yourself, "What do I get out of this?"
- Never volunteer for anything. Let the pastor do it.
- Gossip
- Be critical of the pastor and the musicians.
- Don't give or wait until the end of the tax year to see if you have any extra money.
- Don't talk with others or encourage them.
- Don't forgive when someone offends you.
- Avoid praying for your church.

### THANK YOU

Each Sunday of our Adult Inquirer's Class we have refreshments during our 15-minute break. In the class just completed, the following people provided the refreshments. Thank you to each and all.

Don/Cindy Lassen	Terry Mills	Melissa Fuhrman
Sheila Bilderback	Lacey Drimmel	Diane Schletzbaum
Mike/Lois Farrell	Bruce Spilman	Donna Davenport
Pattie/Sara Becker	Amie Johnson	Debbie Schneider
Nancy Donaldson	Eileen Peterson	Mitch/Jessie Oswald
Eric/Ledeen Berry	Wayne/Sharon Sellers	

## Health Note for January 2020

January is National Blood Donor Month. In light of that I would like to thank all the many people, past and present, who have donated blood at Red Cross blood drives here at Trinity. You have made a difference in the life of someone you may never know! We must remember that blood and platelets cannot be manufactured. They can only come from volunteer donors.

The American Red Cross was started by a nurse named Clara Barton shortly after the civil war. She was inspired by the Swiss Red Cross network while visiting in Europe. Back home she campaigned for an American Red Cross to provide disaster relief in the US and abroad and assist the US military. The traditional purpose of the American Red Cross was to "give relief to and serve as a medium of communication between members of the US armed forces and their families and provide national and international disaster relief."

During WWII the Red Cross started a national blood collection program and that collected 13.3 million pints of blood for use by the armed forces. After WWII the Red Cross started the first nationwide civilian blood program to supply blood and blood products to all who needed them.

The American Red Cross organization is responsible for many programs that provide assistance, and promotion of health. Blood donation is just one of these, but it is one that doesn't cost any money to support. Just a little of your blood and your time!

If you are at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds, and are in generally good health, you can donate. There are a few restrictions regarding some health conditions or medications, if you have a question about whether you are eligible to donate you can ask me or contact the Red Cross ([redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or 1-800-733-2767). If you are unable to donate blood you can always encourage your friends and family to do so. Let's celebrate National Blood Donor Month by donating blood either here at Trinity or one of the blood drives in our community!

Blessings,

Marcene Selberg RN, Parish Nurse

references: A Brief History of the American Red Cross,  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)  
[www.americasblood.org](http://www.americasblood.org)





## **Newsletter Article January 2020**

Dear Friends:

Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world... I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness"* (John 9:5; 12:46). And Jesus also said to His disciples, *"You are the light of the world"* (Matthew 5:14).

The season of Epiphany talks a lot about light. The season begins on January 6<sup>th</sup> with the light of that special Star that guided the Magi to Jesus. And the season ends with our Lord's divine light blazing brightly on the Mount of Transfiguration. During this season you'll hear many more Bible lessons that concern light: the Light of Jesus and the light Jesus' disciples reflect in this world.

Strangely, the Season of Epiphany happens to coincide with the darkest part of the year. In winter, there are fewer hours of daylight and a greater likelihood of winter weather. During these dark winter days depression and sluggishness are more evident in some. We've learned that light therapy can be helpful in treating certain types of depression. Among those battling depression, some have reported an improved outlook and attitude about life after spending fifteen minutes to an hour under special lights.

It's interesting that during this dark time of the year in the church we focus on the Light of Christ. In God's house, through Word and Sacrament, we have the privilege of being bathed with divine Light. Yes, Jesus is *"the Light of the World"* (John 8:12, 9:5)! But more importantly and more personally, Jesus is our Light: my Light and your Light. The Light of Jesus has pushed back the darkness of sin in our lives through the forgiveness of sins and the Light of Jesus has pushed by the darkness of eternal damnation through His assurance of heaven's glorious light awaiting us. The Light of Christ, the light of the Gospel, improves our outlook and attitude, not only in these dark winter months, but in this New Year, and in all the years God give us in our pilgrimage on earth! In fact, His light has had such a profound impact on us that we now see ourselves as light-bearers. Like Jesus, we are the light of the world. As His people, we reflect the Light of Jesus. We have the privilege and honor of bringing the Light of Jesus, the light of the Gospel, to everyone around us!

Of course, that's a tall order and a tremendous task. But there's no need to be depressed about or sluggish in this, because we have a great God! Our glorious God is always with us. Our great and glorious God constantly forgives us. And our God gives us the courage, strength, and power we need to reflect His light, so others can be delivered from darkness of unbelief and be bathed by the Light of Christ.

In this New Year, may the Light of Christ shine so brightly into your life that you eagerly and joyfully reflect His Light to everyone you meet!

A blessed New Year to you,

**Pastor Reed**

### **Ironmen Basketball Starting January 5th**

**Proverbs 27:17** As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Living a God-centered life can involve a little sweat, fun and competition. Ironmen basketball a men's basketball group meets every Sunday evening through January and February and March in the Trinity gym from 6:00pm to 8:00. The cost to play is \$10.00 for all sessions. This ministry exists to give men of the church and the surrounding community the opportunity to play basketball in a welcoming environment. Toward the beginning of the event we have a brief time of prayer to lift up our joys and concerns. It is our desire that those coming to Ironmen Basketball would not only be able to use the gym and play basketball but would be able to surround themselves with other Christian men. It is also our hope that those who do not follow Christ would come to follow Him and grow in their knowledge and obedience.

Contact Jeremy Blanton or Ross Fuhrman for details

## BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN 2020 FROM TLS

### National Lutheran Schools Week is January 26-31, 2020

During Lutheran Schools Week, we celebrate those teachers and students who faithfully serve in Jesus' name. National Lutheran School Week provides our schools with the opportunity to come together in service. During this week of celebration, we pray that the events that we have planned and the opportunities we provide give glory to our great God.

**Students sing in church on Sunday, January 26, 2020.**

The week will include service projects and lots of fun activities for the students each day and each day they will also learn about our theme:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Joy: Fully      Thank: Fully      Peace: Fully      Faith: Fully

**Thank you to all who attended our Christmas programs in December!**



### FUN AT THE ATCHISON COUNTY PARADE (Thank you to the Fuhrman and Porter families for the Float!)



### KINDERGARTEN READERS!



Lisa Brookover, principal



# Fun in FIRST GRADE

January 2020



Children run up to hug Pastor Reed when he pops in the classroom to say hi.



Here is snow girl Draya Harris, wrapped up in white crepe paper, with a scarf and big buttons, at our Christmas party.



It's never dull here in first grade! With 14 active, intelligent, inquisitive students, you will usually find us talking and learning, singing, reading, or quietly concentrating on our work while listening to various types of instrumental music.

In the last couple of months, students have memorized "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (all verses), and "God Loves Me Dearly," their two favorite hymns. They often spontaneously start singing while working, then we sing through the entire hymn. What a joy it is to be in a Lutheran school!

Writing stories has become one of our favorite things to do. We also look forward to learning about American history, more about the different things God has created, New Testament Bible stories, and so much more yet this year.

Thank you for your support of Trinity Lutheran School, and these wonderful first graders! We are all so blessed to be here.

Mrs. Reed

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14



First graders wearing pajamas on December 19th, to watch movies and eat cookies at the AR (Accelerated Reader) party. Students met their quarter goal of reading and taking comprehension quizzes.



First graders ❤️ to read!! They are reading and talking with partners during a reading lesson.



Landon Lentz and Chloe Brincefield work together on coding during Hour of Coding Week.



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## MORE THAN MONEY MATTERS WEB SERIES

Join Thrivent online to kick off your 2020 financial goals by attending the More than Money Matters web series. We're here to help provide financial clarity and encourage wise money habits to help you achieve your goals.

### **Thursday, January 9 | Swipe2Save: Saving Money in a Cash-free Age**

Saving money isn't easy to do and the old standbys of change jars and envelopes don't work in the increasingly cash-free age of smartphones. Attendees will explore how to build the habit of saving that will help you reach your goals.

**7:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Register here:** [bit.ly/swipe2s](https://bit.ly/swipe2s)

### **Thursday, February 6 | Economic Update**

It seems that some financial topic is in the headlines every day. Should those headlines influence your decisions around your financial strategy? Attendees will learn how to use economic data to make wise decisions about their money.

**7:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Register here:** [bit.ly/econupTF](https://bit.ly/econupTF)

### **Thursday, March 5 | Identity Theft: What You Need to Know**

The first full week of March is National Consumer Protection Week. Every two seconds, someone becomes a victim of identity fraud. It can put finances and credit ratings at risk—and that's just the beginning. This discussion will help participants learn how identity theft can occur, how to take steps to prevent it and what to do if their identity is stolen.

**7:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Register here:** [bit.ly/IDTheftTF](https://bit.ly/IDTheftTF)

For questions please email [KansasandMissouriTMN@thrivent.com](mailto:KansasandMissouriTMN@thrivent.com).

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January 2020						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 7:00 pm Finance Comm. 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	3 6:30 pm 55+ Potluck 7:00 pm NA	4 7:00 pm NA
5 Worship 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 9:15 am Family Bible Hour 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast 7:00 pm NA	6 1:15 pm Staff Meeting 2:00-6:00 pm Blood Drive 6:25 pm Kennedy Calling 7:00 pm NA	7 1:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm Fellowship Committee 7:00 pm NA	8 8:30 am School Chapel 9:00 am Morning Break 6:00 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm NA 8:00 pm Board of Directors	9 6:30 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	10 7:00 pm NA	11 9:00-11:00 am Fleece Blanket Project 7:00 pm NA
12 Worship w/Communion 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 9:15 am Family Bible Hour 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast Noon - New Member Potluck 7:00 pm NA	13 1:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:25 pm Kennedy Calling 6:30 pm Theodora Circle 7:00 pm NA	14 9:00 am Pastoral Conf. Atchison 1:00 pm Quilting 2:00 pm Altar Guild Meeting 6:25 pm Elder's Calling 7:00 pm NA 8:00 pm Building Committee	15 8:30 am School Chapel 9:00 am Morning Break 6:00 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Day School Comm. 7:00 pm NA	16 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	17 7:00 pm Baptismal Inst. 7:00 pm NA	18 7:00 pm NA
19 Worship 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 9:15 am Family Bible Hour 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast 11:45 am Lunch and Learning 7:00 pm NA	20 1:15 pm Staff Meeting 4:45 pm Evangelism Com 6:00 pm WIP Craft Night 6:25 pm Kennedy Calling 7:00 pm NA MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY	21 1:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm NA	22 8:30 am School Chapel 9:00 am Morning Break 6:00 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm NA	23 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	24 7:00 pm NA	25 9:00 am Novel Ideas 7:00 pm NA
26 Worship w/Communion 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 9:15 am Family Bible Hour 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast 4:00 pm Inquirer's Class 7:00 pm NA	27 1:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Chain of Hearts 6:25 pm Kennedy Calling 7:00 pm NA	28 1:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm NA	29 8:30 am School Chapel 9:00 am Morning Break 6:00 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm NA 8:00 pm Adult Bible Class Teachers	30 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	31 7:00 pm NA	

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