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**Worship times: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
and 6:30 p.m.**

Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.

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FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S DESK



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BAPTISM

On November 24, at the Thanksgiving Service, **Ella Mae**, infant daughter of Austin and Megan (Blazic) Hamilton received the gift of Holy Baptism. Her sponsors are Sara Hamilton and Evan Hamilton. We pray God's continued blessings upon Ella Mae.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Sunday, November 13, we had our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Once again, Terry Mills and the Fellowship Committee did a great job, preparing and serving a wonderful meal. Some 200 people were in attendance. A BIG thank you to Terry and her crew.

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER

On Saturday, November 19, we had our Annual Day of Prayer beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at midnight. 159 people were here to spend an hour with the Lord in prayer and meditation. Thank you to all who came for this special ministry.

COOKIE/CANDY WALK

While people were praying in the sanctuary our Trinity School teachers had their candy/cookie walk in the church basement. Lots of goodies were for sale, brought by church and school families. Over \$1,200 was received. This will go to supporting our teachers going to the Lutheran Teacher's Association

Convention which will be held in 2025. I understand our teachers are going to make the candy/cookie walk an annual event. Thank you to all who made and purchased.

ADVENT SERVICES

Advent Services began on Wednesday, November 30, and will continue on December 7 and 14. Pastor Reed will be preaching an Advent series entitled, "The Three Wise Women of Christmas", talking about Mary, Elizabeth and Anna. Offering will go to the home budget. School children will sing.

LOYALTY SUNDAY

Thank you to all who came on Loyalty Sunday and walked to the Altar with your pledges. Our Finance Committee is in the process of estimating income from these pledges plus other income and putting together the final budget for 2023. This will be presented and voted on at the Voter's Assembly on Sunday, December 18 at 7:45 p.m.

HAPPENINGS

Lots of things will be happening at Trinity in December. Besides the Advent Services and Suppers each Wednesday, the Altar Guild ladies will have their annual Christmas Dinner on Tuesday evening, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. At the same time the School Christmas Program for pre-school-2nd grade children will be held in the gym. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 18, at 9:15 a.m. (The Bible Class time) in the gym. The Christmas Eve services will be at 6:00, 8:00, 11:00 p.m. as in the past. On Sunday, December 25, we will follow our regular schedule: 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. (S.S. and Bible Classes), 10:30, and 6:30 p.m. with Holy Communion. The New

Year's Eve Service will be at 6:00 p.m. (note the change in time). We will follow our regular Sunday schedule on New Year's Day, January 1, 2023. On that day we will have the installation of officers and committee people at the 10:30 service. Christmas caroling will be on Friday evening, December 9. Meet in the church sanctuary at 5:45 p.m. The nursing homes will require masks. A lite meal will be served in the church basement afterwards.

VETERAN'S DAY

On Veteran's Day, November 11, our School had a very nice program honoring our members who have served in the Armed Forces. The different songs of the different services were sung as well as our National Anthem. Col. Shane Gierstorf talked about what serving was like today. Men and women who have served in the various branches were asked to stand. Those from Trinity now serving are Jennifer Lassen, David Neill, Dylan Klawuhn, Robert Berry, Aaron Cairo, Libby Harper, Shane Gierstorf, Cameron Fridell and Joshua Hughes.

FURNACE

We are having to replace the furnace at the 818 N. 6th St. parsonage. We are replacing the original furnace put in in 1964. I do not know what the original furnace cost, but we do know that the cost of the parsonage and the three lots it sits on was \$34,000. The cost of the new furnace will be \$11,600.00.

KAIR RADIO BROADCASTS

It is time to gather sponsors for our 2023 KAIR radio broadcasts. We already have six (6), so we need 46 more. Costs is \$50.00 per Sunday. Our first broadcast was on April 4, 1971. Cost then was \$13.50. Simply mark your gift, "KAIR BROADCAST".

DEACON MIKE CARNEY

Deacon Mike Carney has now completed his studies for the pastoral ministry. In coming weeks, we will be making plans for his ordination. He is this year, teaching the 6th grade at our Trinity School, as well as preaching almost every Sunday at Immanuel Lutheran in Netawaka.

BOOKSTORE

Remember our Bookstore during this Advent and Christmas season. Give your child, grandchild, nephew, niece a Christian book for Christmas...your spouse, too. There are many good books plus other items in our Trinity Bookstore. Stop in and Roschelle will show them to you.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Last month, I mentioned several people at Trinity whose work behind the scenes help make Trinity what it is. Linda Goodpasture is one of these people. Every Saturday night she is here making coffee in the cafeteria and church basement for Sunday morning. Two ladies who did this in the past were Jessie Miller and Linda Zabel. Three other ladies who did lots of work around here last summer, who most never saw, were Diane Schletzbaum, Joyce Duitsman and Sandy Reno. They are the ones who planted, weeded and watered our flower beds. And, probably no one saw the men who mowed the lawns last summer. They were Glen Buckley, Adam Goodpasture, Terry Hamilton, Austin Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Phil Sinclair, Joshua Hetz and Pat Elias.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Three men elected to the Board of Directors on November 6, were Doug Fridell (Secretary), Shane Gierstorf (Finance) and Terry Hanshaw (Properties). Thank you to Terry Hamilton, and Adam Goodpasture who have served faithfully and worked hard for the last six years.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Worship attendance at our two Thanksgiving Services was 199. Many of our older folks were here. Missing were most of our younger people and their children. Here are some lines from my Thanksgiving sermons. "One of the blessings growing older and seeing more and more of life is that we see more and more to be thankful for. When we are young, we take so much for granted. So often we take life itself for granted until we experience the death of a loved one or a good friend. We take our health and energy for granted until we have some health problems and begin to experience the aches, pains, and tiredness that comes from getting older. Our thanksgiving expands as we grow older and see more of the wonder and mystery of life and more of the giving generosity of God." Thoughts to think about.

We continue to pray for those who have not been to Holy Communion this year. We hope to see you in December.

May God bless you richly during this Advent Season as we prepare for Christmas and fill you with wonder and thanksgiving as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Peace!

Pastor Robert Ziegler

THE FINANCIAL PICTURE

Home	Needed in 2022	\$ 981,380.00
	Given in 2022	943,990.94
Missions	Needed in 2022	36,369.60
	Given in 2022	36,929.75
Building	Needed in 2022	30,461.76
	Given in 2022	30,311.40

We lost more ground in November. At the end of the month we are BEHIND \$37,389.06 in the HOME budget. In the MISSION budget we are BEHIND \$2,439.85 and in the BUILDING budget (for the first time in a long time) are BEHIND \$150.36. We recovered \$2,530.00 in our Thanksgiving offering which certainly helped us do some catching up. We are praying that we will be able to do lots of catching up in December. We have some members who have not yet given in 2022. We are going to send one more letter and envelope to them this month. If you are one of these, we pray that you will respond in love for your Lord and church.

Gifts continue to come for "\$122 in '022". Eighty-nine families have now given \$11,482.00 for this special effort. These gifts go into Dream Fund III.

Special gifts during November were:

Bethesda Home	\$ 40.00
School Sponsor Plan	100.00
School Library	200.00
Trinity Place Endowment	55.00
Lutheran World Relief	100.00
KAIR Broadcasts	100.00
Trinity High School Endowment	305.00
Loaves and Fishes	50.00
Food Pantry	10.00
Portals of Prayer	10.00
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	35.00
Emergency Fund	25.00
Flower Fund	5.50
Hurricane Offering	451.00
Technology (current) Fund	10.00

With these gifts this is how our BENEVOLENCE PICTURE looked at the end of November:

<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>GIVEN</u>
Bethesda Home	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 750.00
Luth. Heritage Found.	700.00	567.46
Lutheran Hour	1,000.00	1,040.00
Luth. World Relief	3,750.00	1,592.20

We are praying that December will be a really good month for meeting our benevolence goals. There is no

question about the needs of Bethesda Home, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation and Lutheran World Relief. The envelopes for each of these is in the front of your packet. Please remember that Bethesda Home is our Synods home and ministry for the mentally challenged. Lutheran World Relief helps where there is famine, disaster, terrible need.

Gifts in the Reformation Envelope were \$625.00. These go to our Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Scholarship Fund. Gifts received in the New Year's Eve envelope will also go to this fund. From this fund we give scholarship grants to our young people who attend Lutheran colleges, seminaries, nursing schools and high schools. Eli Harper this year is receiving a scholarship to attend St. Paul's High School in Concordia, Missouri. Because the costs of going to college continue to go up and up, it is important that our Memorial Scholarship Fund continues to grow.

We are now asking for KAIR Broadcast sponsors. Cost is \$50.00 per Sunday.

If you have not made your pledge/commitment for 2023, please do so as soon as possible. We need these to put together our budget and estimated income for 2023.

We encourage you to use your offering envelope every Sunday, write on the outside what is on the inside, use one of the generic envelopes if you forget to bring yours.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to these people who brought refreshments for our Adult Inquirer's Class this Fall.

- Millie Kruger and Charlotte Ziegler
- Don and Cindy Lassen
- Pat Sowers and Kay Gerhardt
- Roschelle Bisping and Monica Donaldson
- Wayne and Sharon Sellers
- Pastor and Charlotte Ziegler
- Eric and Ledeen Berry
- Lacee Drimmel and Sheila Bilderback
- Terry Mills
- Cathy and Alan Higley
- Jerry Gormly and Debbie Jewell
- Mitch and Jessie Oswald
- Marcene Selberg
- Mike and Sarah Wilson

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Trinity Lutheran Church was very involved in Operation Christmas Child. We collected items all year and with those items the Middle and High School youth (along with some Girl Scouts) packed 100 boxes. The congregation donated another 18 boxes, bringing us to a total of 118 boxes as a Church.

We are also a Drop-off Location. This means other community members brought their boxes to us. We boxed them up and brought them to St. Joseph. In St. Joseph, they put them on a Semi and took them to the processing center where they will be shipped overseas. As a Drop-off Location we collected 332 boxes. As a part of the St. Joseph regional team, we collected 8,114 boxes. Our regional team goal was 7,911, so we surpassed our goal. I would like to thank some people who made this possible. Thomas Brincefield, Lori Leonardi, Camille Hollingsworth, Terry Mills, Jennifer Curley, Barb Sowers, Charlotte Ziegler, Kathy Armstrong, Amy Spillman, Jamie Collins, Neil Wieland, Jim Duitsman, Joyce Duitsman, Mike Farrell, and Eric Berry all volunteered to collect, box, and/or bring boxes to St. Joseph.



SMILE WHEN YOU SHOP

Every little bit helps! So, when you shop online shop Smile.Amazon and a small portion of your order will be redirected to Trinity! When you chose your charity, be sure to search, Trinity Lutheran Church, Atchison, Kansas. Here are the steps to sign up:

- Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)
- Sign up for a new account (if you haven't already signed up)
- Once logged in, it will ask you to sign up for your charity. Search, Trinity Lutheran Church, Atchison, Kansas.
- Start Shopping! (Be sure to always start at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)).



TRINITY CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

It has been over a year since we last reported on the Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund. When we established this fund in 1984, this is what we wrote:

“It is our DREAM that Trinity will eventually have a full-time Director of Youth and one of the finest youth ministries in the Kansas District. It is also our dream that one day Trinity will have a full-time Director of Music and a fine coral and instrumental music program in both church and school. We look forward to the day when continuing education will be available for each staff member each year, when our secretaries will be well-paid and have the best of equipment with which to work, that through this fund adequate resources will always be available for our evangelism, outreach, and public relations ministries.”

Through the years the interest dividend income from this fund has been used for our youth, evangelism, music and public relation ministries.

This year this fund has received \$79,741.90. \$78,888.42 of this amount came from the estate of Amelia Cawthorn who had directed that the money from the sale of her home would go to this fund. Also, a gift of \$10.00 in memory of Roger Benitz was received. Through the year so far thirty-one members have made gifts to this fund, ranging in size from \$5.00 to \$100.00.

Given assets of this fund are now \$346,009.74. Dividend and interest income this year is \$15,598.30. This has been used for the ministries above. There is an envelope for this fund in the front of your packet.

I just read this quote today. “For-profit companies grow to deliver results to investors. But great non-profits gain to expand and develop their mission.” This is what our endowment funds are about.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Light of the World

The Sunday School Christmas program will be Sunday, December 18, 9:15 a.m. All Bible classes are invited to attend the program in the gym. The youth attending Higher Things this summer will be having a breakfast fund raiser also. Grab some breakfast and come enjoy the children sharing the Christmas message through Lights! Everyone will receive a special gift from the children! Merry Christmas!

From the desk of

Pastor Marty Reed

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Let's Celebrate! If there ever there's a time to celebrate, it is now! In December we remember God's great love for the world in the birth of Jesus Christ, God's only Son.

Jesus came into the world *"that whoever believes in Him might not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him"* (John 3:16-17). That's something to celebrate.

Still, celebrations started even before Christ was born.

When Mary was told she would be the mother of Jesus, she celebrated and said: *"My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior"* (Luke 1:46-47).

The celebration continued at His birth. An angel appeared and brought the message: *"Behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord"* (Luke 2:10-11). Then a heavenly hosts joined the angel and sang: *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased"* (Luke 2:14).

The shepherds celebrated when they responded to the angel's message and went and saw Jesus, their Savior. As they returned to their sheep, glorifying and praising God, they shared this Good News with others (Luke 2:18, 20).

The Wise Men celebrated when they found the Christ-Child and presented to Him very precious gifts (Matthew 2:1-11).

So, with Jesus' birth, there were many celebrations. Still today, all who know Jesus as Savior and Lord continue this celebration.

How do we celebrate?

• By remembering why He came. 1Timothy 1:15— *"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost."*

• By rejoicing in who He is. Colossians 2:9— For in Him [Christ] the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.

• By praising Him for bearing our sins on the cross, paying the penalty of death. 2Corinthians 5:12— *"God made Him [Jesus] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."*

• By glorifying Him for rising again in victory on the third day. 1Corinthians 15:3-6— *"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,*

and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep."

• By worshiping Him who right now reigns at the right hand of God and intercedes for us before His Father. Hebrews 1:3— *"He [Jesus] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature... After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."*

• By receiving His on-going ministry here on earth. Luke 24:46-48— *"[Jesus] said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'" Luke 10:16— "The one who hears you hears Me."*

Believers celebrate with the angels who sang: *"Glory to God in the highest."* They celebrate like the shepherds did who saw the Baby, recognized Him as the promised Messiah, and spread the Word concerning Him. They celebrate by worshiping Him who is the Christ-Child, who came into the world to save sinners from eternal death— in God's house with fellow believers.

A blessed Christmas,
Pastor Reed



LOOKING BACK

Ten Years Ago – December 2012

- Brandy Felton and Eric Enzbrenner were married on November 8 and Paige Griffin and Sean Schmidt on November 10.
- Funeral services were held for Donna Bosshammer on November 27.
- Busy Bee Painting, painted the yellow school building, costs \$3,450.00.
- 183 people were here for the Annual Day of Prayer.
- 275 people were present for our two Thanksgiving Services.
- Over 200 people attended the Thanksgiving Dinner in November, headed up by Terry Mills and the Fellowship Committee.
- Vicar Ben Ockree was preaching our Advent services entitled “Isaiah’s Advent Visions”.
- Trinity School had a float in the Christmas Parade that showed that Jesus is the Light of the World. Many students walked beside the float. Daniel Wagner and Kaydence Marlatt were chosen Mr. and Miss Wonderland.

Twenty Years Ago – 2002

- Our school cook, Vicky Harris, 26, her husband Jason, 27 and their daughter Delena, 3, were killed in a car wreck.
- 199 persons were here for our Annual Day of Prayer.
- Our Adult Choir and Bell Choir gave a beautiful concert on November 3.
- A new piano was purchased for the Music Practice Room.
- An anonymous member purchased a “flower cooler” for the Altar Guild.”
- The Youth House became the H.E.L.P. House (Narcotics Anonymous), and the Fellowship House became the Youth House.
- The debt on the new building was \$207,365.78.

Thirty Years Ago – 1992

- Funeral Services were held for Helen Kempin.
- November 21 some 300 people attended the all-church dinner in the gym, celebrating Trinity’s 125th Anniversary.
- On November 22, some 600 people heard Dr. August Mennicke, first Vice-President of Synod, preach the sermon at our 125th Anniversary Service held in the gym.

- For Thanksgiving, we sold (\$1.00) ONE CLUB buttons.
- 413 people attended our two Thanksgiving Services.
- Sewer pipe between the church and mobiles was replaced at a cost of \$2,400.

Forty Years Ago – 1982

- Pastor Ziegler had a Call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, Kansas.
- The Building & Grounds Foundation was established.
- The Hand bell Choir from St. John’s College, Winfield, presented a concert here.
- Gia Uhrmacher, Trisha Wick, Jenny Otte, and Jerry Harris were students in Esther Ziegler’s 8th grade Sunday School class.

Fifty Years Ago – 1982

- These young men from Trinity were serving in the Armed Forces: David Ingels, Larry Kiehl, Steve McGinnis, Dennis Peuker, Bob Ruhnke, Dennis Schroeder, Lewis Shockey, Jr., Brad Sullivan and Charles Zabel.

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BEING LUTHERAN

Beginning in September and meeting until November 15, Adam and Rachel Goodpasture led a study of the book “Being Lutheran: Living the Faith You Have Received.” Those who completed the study, attending at least eight of the eleven classes were:

Jennifer Brincefield	Camille Hollingsworth
Jamie Collins	Joy Lenington
Jason & Jennifer Curley	Debbie Schneider
Linda Goodpasture	Alan & Cathy Higley
Wayne Sellers	Merrell & Vonda Young
Charlotte Ziegler	Adam & Rachel Goodpasture

These folks attended several classes: Doug and Kathy Armstrong, Ledeen Berry, Glen Buckley, Lois Farrell, Floyd and Dawn Kuhnert, Cindy Lassen, Jennifer Lentz, Jill Lowe, Jim and Linda Miller, Phil and Sarah Sinclair, Jesse and Kim Smith, Pam Wilburn.

Watch the Sunday Bulletin for future classes.

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, January 9, 1:00-5:00 p.m. You can sign up by calling the church office or by visiting, www.redcrossblood.org then enter sponsor code TrinityLuthAtchison.

Health Topic December 2022

Wait For the Lord by Annette Toft Langdon RN, BSN, MA

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Wait. Look both ways before you cross the street. Wait. The clerk will get to you soon. Wait. Your test results will be come in a few days. What, wait? Who likes to wait? It often raises anxiety. We like to keep moving, to get things done or resolved and to be tended to now. And then comes Advent, a time of waiting, anticipation and preparation. It seems a bit ironic that as the days get shorter and the darkness deepens, we tend to get busier and there is no room for waiting. Waiting is not easy. It is counter-culture... and it is a posture of the heart that yields an abundance of blessings... if we wait. As you move toward the holidays, here are a few thoughts on ways to wait, to prepare your heart, to make room in your being for Jesus, for more love. • Set aside 5 minutes to pause, quiet the mind, still the body and open your heart...letting peace, joy, love, whatever may come, settle in your being. • Take 5 minutes to focus your heart on one verse or a small portion of scripture. Perhaps taking a psalm or the story of Jesus's birth (Luke 1:26-2:20) and reading just a bit every day. What word stands out, speaks to you, makes you wonder or want to ponder? • Before or during an activity, like baking or decorating the tree, pause to ponder what this activity means to you. What memories does it hold? What gift is wrapped in it? • Carry awareness into the day. Where do you find anxiety, worry, vexation? What might need to shift in your life, your heart, in order to invite in peace and love? • Pause to sing a prayer. Perhaps an Advent hymn or song or make one up from what is stirring in your heart. May your heart be blessed with blessings borne of waiting, of comfort and joy as you prepare and celebrate the Love that comes down to us on Christmas.

I hope you enjoy this brief article as much I did. I feel it contains very good advice as we enter the busy season of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Blessings,
Marcene Selberg RN, parish nurse

Greetings from the 6th grade class.

Currently we are working on our Christmas Play.

This semester we have visited the Topeka Symphony and were surprised how much we are already hearing that genre of music.

We have read several books together as a class and have aced the "AR" tests.

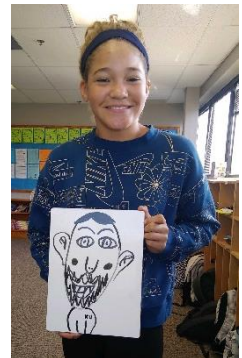
Our girls were participants for the volleyball team and captured 3rd place at the end of the season. Our 6-8th grade basketball team are practicing 3 times a week and looking forward competing.



We also were able to share with the rest of the school our chapel on eternity. The children read passages with other dragged a tape measure out the church door across the street and up the hill.

In history, we just finished chapters on Canada, Mexico and South America. We did oral reports on countries/states within those areas.

Merry Christmas from,
Mike Carney & the 6th grade class



From the principal's desk!

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6-7

A week or so ago I was driving home for the evening and moved some "important papers" (read trash) in my truck and bumped a button near my radio. Perturbed, I heard my news station stop broadcasting and wondered what I had done? Then the "Messiah" began to play. A CD I had left in my truck from last Christmas started playing. I thank God for this beautiful music. This is what I have continued to listen to driving up from Meriden and I am hopeful the deer and antelope leave me alone as I try to sing along with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. With our amazing weather it has been difficult to get into the Christmas spirit, but this music certainly helped me.

We have had a busy few weeks at Trinity Lutheran School and I feel very blessed to watch everyone working so hard to get ready for the Christmas season. Our students have begun practicing for their programs and I know you will enjoy hearing their story of the birth of our Lord and Savior from the voices of our students. I heard them singing "In a Little Stable" and I will admit I teared up remembering singing that song long ago in my youth. Our Chili/Soup supper was a big hit and including the Cake and Candy walk over \$1000 was raised for the teacher LEA fund.

Our students had the privilege of having **Colonel Shane Gierstorf** (US Army Reserve), speak to them at our Veterans Day celebration. We were able to recognize and thank the men and women in our audience who served in our Armed forces on that day. Each branch of the service was recognized, and the students sang each of every branch's song. Col. Gierstorf allowed the students to ask questions after he spoke which was very enlightening. He mentioned several times the importance of faith with service and how important our military chaplains are to the morale of his soldiers. Each of the students at school made thank you cards or posters for our Veterans. Many of these were shared with family members who served here in our home congregation. We thank ALL our veterans for their service and were so grateful our students got to meet many of them, and share thank you cards with them. We ended the ceremony singing "America the Beautiful"

Our Trinity Lutheran Boys Basketball team is getting ready to begin League play next weekend. While the pandemic may have rusted some of our competitive skills, I know our boys will play and be competitive. I reminded the young men that the ball was supposed to go into the basket. 😊 Actually, they have been doing very well. These young men are being coached by **Mr. Mike Carney** and **Mr. Jim Duitsman**. They practice several times a week. I hope some of you can make it to their games in the upcoming weeks. The students who are participating are: **Ben Forbes, Jaxon Leonardi, Mathew Carroll, Landon Becker, Tyler Armstrong, Kaleb Kistler, Ryker Diebolt, Malachi Craddock, and Parker Kinsman**. We wish them well in their upcoming season.

I am looking forward to our Christmas season here at Trinity. I don't have any children at home, so our gift giving is directed toward our grandkids. In today's economy it may be harder to get that gift you want to give. Please remember that our Lord already took care of the gift giving with the greatest gift of all. His precious Son, Our Savior! I wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas season. Remember He is a "Mighty Counselor, a Mighty God, an Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace! God's peace to you all!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Dr. Steve Hobus

Jesus is Born

Luke 2:1-20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

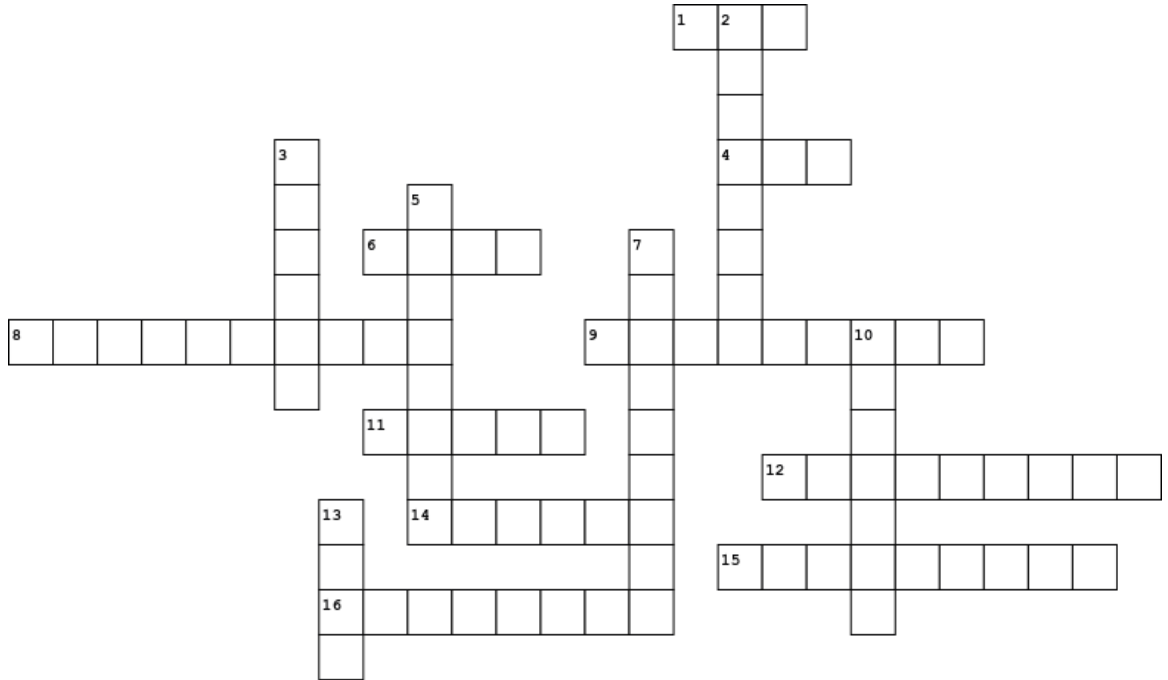
³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be

registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



Across

Down

1. There was no vacancy in the _____.
4. The birth of Mary's child was for _____ the people.
6. A title for Christ.
8. Purpose of the trip to Bethlehem.
9. The city of David.
11. The place where faith resides and Mary held close the events described.
12. The word Luke used to describe Mary's relationship to Joseph.
14. Another title for Christ.
15. Syrian governor.
16. The name of Caesar.

2. Original home of Joseph and Mary.
3. Jesus' first bed.
5. The angel delivered _____ _____ to the shepherds.
7. The first to hear the Good News of Jesus' birth.
10. Luke, in verses 1-2, sets Jesus' birth in world _____.
13. A natural reaction when seeing an angel.



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◀ Nov 2022	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1:00 pm Priscilla Guild 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	2 6:30 pm 55+ Potluck 7:00 pm NA	3
4 Worship 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	5 1:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:25 pm Elder's Calling 6:25 pm Kennedy Calling 7:00 pm NA	6 1:00 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Fellowship Comm.	7 8:30 am School Chapel 9:00 am Morning Break 2:00 am L.W.M.L. 5:00-6:30 pm Advent Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Advent Service II 7:00 pm NA 8:00 p.m. Finance Comm.	8 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	9 5:45 pm Christmas Caroling 7:00 pm NA	10	
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18 Worship 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 9:15 am Family Bible Hour 9:15 am SS Christmas Prog. 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast 10:30 am Adult Confirmation 7:45 pm Voter's Assembly	19 1:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Chain of Hearts/WIP 6:25 pm Elder's Calling 6:25 pm Kennedy Calling 7:00 pm NA	20 1:00 pm Quilting	21 9:00 am Morning Break 6:00 pm Wednesday School 8:00 pm AB Class Teachers	22 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	23 7:00 pm NA	24 CANDLELIGHT SERVICES 6:00 pm 8:00 pm 11:00 pm	
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