

Trinity Tidings for January, 2022

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I had such a laugh the other night. I was scrolling through Facebook when I found a list of funny memes reflecting on 2020, 2021, and soon to be 2022. I suppose if we can't laugh about these last two years, we'd simply sit and cry about them. But the truth is, there have been a lot of tears these last two years.

There has been tremendous loss and grief over the death of family and friends to Covid, loss of employment, political division, racism, and all kinds of inequity and inequality. And it is not funny. To compound matters, the church as we know it is in crisis all across the United States. And yet, for so many of these troubling issues their presence has been both revealed and accelerated because of the impact Covid-19 has had on our lives. This is no secret.

We as a people of God are left with some deep pondering and decision making to do. We can either succumb to the world around us or we can look to Christ and know that this is an opportunity for

change—a change in how we live our lives as a people of God in the world. Our baptisms call us to act out our faith in the world—move from beyond the doors of the buildings in which we worship and into the world where our faith can truly live and breathe change.

As followers of Christ, we are the bearers of justice and equity, the purveyors of peace, and the proclaimers of the good news. We have the ability to do God's work through the systems society and governments have put in place for—we hope—the good of the people. It is in the world that God's people can advocate and work for justice. Together we can turn the tide of poverty, seek out and advocate for the healthcare and medicines people need (Christians have been aiding the sick for 2000 years), find housing for all who need it, clothe the naked, rescue the imprisoned, and so much more.

But how will we do these things? How will we as a people of God work to make changes in a world that desperately needs it? As the year 2022 rolls into our lives, how will we as bearers of the light of Christ shine that light that all may see a way into a future that is abundant in life and love? These will be the questions we will need to address in the year to come.

It is time to step beyond Sunday morning worship and get a foot hold in living out our faith Monday through Saturday. As Martin Luther said, "God doesn't need our good works, but our neighbor does." We are called to speak out when change is needed and act where change is needed. Welcome to

Welcome to 2022. May it be a year of radical change and abundant living. May we see Christ at every turn and may God's work in the world become our joy and our blessing.

Peace,
Pr. Julie



How are We Doing?
Trinity's Financial Summary for November

Average Weekly Giving in November, 2021: **\$3,585.00**

Average Weekly Giving in November, 2020: **\$3,310.20**

Total income to date in 2021: **\$168,225.00**

Total income to date in 2020: **\$167,327.73**

Total expenses to date in 2021: **\$170,700.08**

Total expenses to date in 2020: **\$161,157.65**

Total income in November: **\$15,134.00**

Total expenses in November: **\$13,855.66**

Percentage of Mission Support for 2021: to Synod: **92%**, to Mission District: **92%** **Thank you for your generosity.**

The giving records for 2021 will be open through Sunday, January 9th, 2022. Make sure you use your 2021 envelopes and date your check for 2021. Thank you.

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Elaine Briner, Mary De Long, Cheri Giangiacomo, Aislin Given, Tedd Hickernell, Karen Houck, Matthew Light, Sandra Miller and Joe Shoumlisky.

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Joan Kava, Diane Klinger, Rosie Putt, Betty Reber, Pat Sickles, and Kay Weatherholtz.

The Military: Rena Butcavage, Natalie Ketner, and Justin Klinger.

Family and Friends: Wanda Barnett, Carolyn Bryant, Fred DeLong, Marge Dietrich, Peggy Guido, Glenn Helbert, Betty Kauffman, Shirley Kerchner, Tom Koerner, Hannah Kramer, Jake Powers, Claire Putt, Tom Reppert, Jerry Zachousk, and Ann Zimmerman.

Special Ministries: Our missionary in Tanzania-Stephen Friberg and his Family.

Please let us know when our prayers are answered so we can keep our prayer list current.



Thank you, Rick and Kathy Bashore for preparing and serving the meal for our Advent Fun Shop. Thanks to all who had a craft table-Izannah & Kathy Bashore, Beth Byler, Betty Lou Franzen, Karen Houck, Kurtz Family, Pastor Julie, Lori Shoumlisky and Harmony Wentzel. (See pictures on following pages)

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas, especially Barbara Debiec, Beverly James, and Anne Marie Rinehimer.

Thank you to Helen Hummel and Charlotte Moyer for helping with the pew decorations.

Thank you to Jamie Black and Frank Krick for finding a Christmas tree supplier and setting up the tree.



If you would like to change your Simply Giving Amount or if you would like to participate in the program or withdraw from the program, just pick up a form in the narthex, fill it out and place it in a sealed envelope with Barbara Debiec's name on it.









Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is \$40.00. If you are sponsoring the flowers, please note that there are flower envelopes in the narthex beside the sign up list for altar flowers. Please put your check (payable to Trinity) or cash in the envelope and place in the offering plate. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is \$15.00. We need altar flower sponsors for all Sundays except 1/30 and bulletin sponsors for all the Sundays in January. Please sign up on the appropriate chart in the narthex.

Altar Flower Sponsors for January: 1/9-available, 1/16-available, 1/23-available, 1/30-Mary Jane & Ed Evans in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Bulletin Sponsors for January: All Sundays available.

Helpers for January

Altar Guild: Laura Krick

Council Devotions and Snacks: Cindy Hassler Schappell

Communion Assistant: 1/9-Barbara Debiec

Acolytes: 1/9-Betty Lou Franzen, 1/16-Owen Wentzel, 1/23-Kay Stout, 1/30-Barb Debiec

Lay Readers: 1/9-Kerri Searfoss, 1/16-Laura Miller, 1/23-Bob Bashore, 1/30-Helen Hummel

Ushers: 1/9-Bashores, 1/16-Kurtzes, 1/23-Givens, 1/30-Shoumliskys

Sound System: 1/9-Stephanie Kurtz, 1/16-Wendell Byler, 1/23-Scott Franzen, 1/30-Stephanie Kurtz

Children's Sunday School Teachers: 1/9-Kathy Bashore, 1/16-Harmony Wentzel, 1/23-Kathy Lawry, 1/30-Lori Shoumlisky

Counters: 1/9-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 1/16-Hummel/Jarsocrak, 1/23-Debiec/Rinehimer, 1/30-Franzens.

Bulletin Assemblers: 1/5-Kathy Bashore, 1/12-Barb Debiec, 1/19-Beverly James, 1/26-Helen Hummel, 2/2-Sharon Black.

Newsletter Assembly: Kathy Lawry

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Mary Jane Evans will be 81. Happy Birthday Mary Jane.