



# Trinity Times

January  
2022

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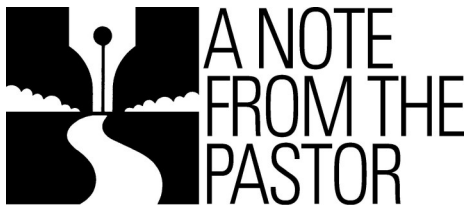


## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage – Matthew 2:2

*On January 6<sup>th</sup> we conclude the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.*

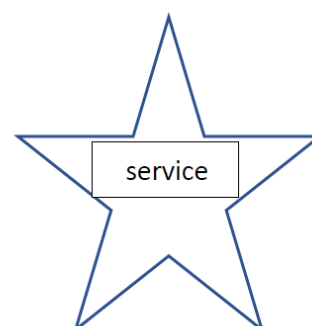
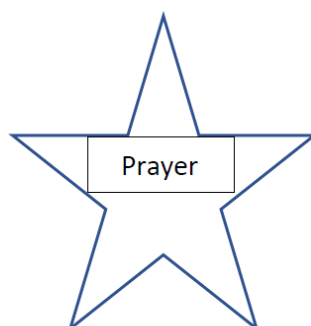
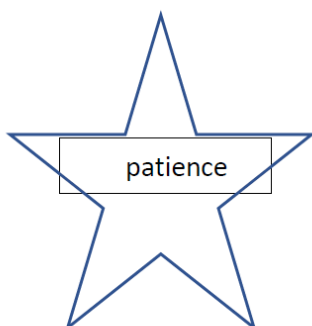
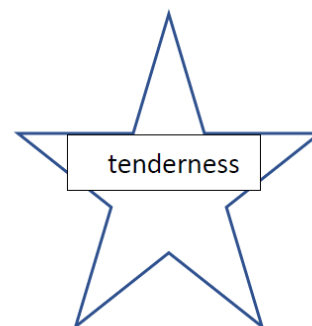
*And like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people. – Sundays and Seasons.*

With that being said, I just want to say: “Ta Da!” The story of the Magi is not just a sweet tale that gets acted out every Christmas in the children’s program. It is one of the most powerful stories in the gospel. It’s almost like the entire gospel is crammed into this one lesson we hear on Epiphany from Matthew 2:1-12. Through our faith, we get to open the present. We get to participate in the sharing the good news of Jesus’ birth. We get to open the mysterious gift under the tree and Ta da, it is the promise in Christ that we get to live in his light. We are called children of the light!

So, what does all this mean? Simply that we don’t need to live in fear of the future with a dark sense of foreboding but get to share the gifts God has given us to help others see the light of Christ!

On the day when we remember Epiphany and the star that lead the Magi to Jesus, I like to connect people with Star Words. The words on the stars are to be gifts to be reflected on during the upcoming year. I have been amazed to hear the stories of how the words have affected people over the year. Like the magi, these words allow us all to go home by another road, our eyes opened to God’s presence in and around us. On Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, I will be handing out Star Words to each person after worship. Take that word, pray about it, and determine how you might use it as a gift this next year. I have been told by some people that they have hated the word given to them but eventually found it to be a gift. If you are not at worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, try one of the words below. Epiphany blessings to you!

Pastor Cathy



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Reprinted from an email dated  
December 13, 2021



Friends,

On the night of December 10 and early morning of December 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. So far, 94 people are reported dead across five states, more than 80 of those in Kentucky. For those unaccounted for, search-and-rescue operations are underway. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and over 300,000 people were without electricity.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and a long-term response plan. Your gifts to support these response efforts will empower our partners to meet survivors' immediate and long-term needs. Given the extent of the damage, recovery will take years as thousands of homes will need to be rebuilt or repaired. With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can accompany survivors on the long road to recovery.

Your gifts to "U.S. Tornadoes" will be used in full (100%) to help people impacted by the tornadoes until the response is complete.

The season of Advent is a time of hope as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. Right now, we have an opportunity to share hope with our neighbors in their time of greatest need. Please join me in prayer and consider giving if you are able.

In Christ's service,  
The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Checks can be made out to:  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Write "U.S. Tornadoes" on your check memo line.**

Trinity will then put all donations together at the end of  
January 2022 and send one check to  
Lutheran Disaster Response.

# Christmas "Good Gifts"



*Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in honor of  
parents: Bob & Alice Bertsch*

*Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in honor of  
grandchildren: Tyler, Carlie, Ryan,  
Emma, Drew, Ava, Oliver*

*Greg Norman in memory of parents:*

*Les & Mabel Norman*

*Greg Norman in honor of brother & sister-in-law, Keven & Rena Norman  
and sister, Cindy Norman*

*Candy Beatty*

*Carol & Robert Dahs in honor of grandkids: Caleb & Elaine Dahs*

*Carol & Robert Dahs in honor of their children and their spouses*

*Pastor Cathy Schibler*

# Christmas "Memorials"

*Mary Anne Wiedenheft in memory of Carlos, Mildred, Charles, and Wayne  
Wiedenheft*

*Larry & Linda Velliquette in loving memory of  
Bea & Burt Velliquette, Alvin Sr. & Gladys  
Gast, and Alvin Jr. & Flo Gast*



Installation of the New 2022 Congregation Council (those in bold) will take place on January 2 at both services

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer (non-voting)

Carrie Wiedenheft (2nd year)  
(to be chosen)  
Jim Bertsch

Chairpersons for:

Congregational Life  
**Faith Builders**  
**Mission Service**  
Property  
Stewardship and Finance  
**Witness and Welcome**  
**Worship and Music**

Candy Beatty (2nd year)  
**Phyllis Nuber (1 year only)**  
**Betsy Stierhoff (new for 2 years)**  
Open  
Jim Bertsch (2nd year)  
**Millie McCready (new for 2 years)**  
**Nancy Vollmer (new for 2 years)**

We sincerely thank Bonnie Lieb, Judy Driscoll, Barb Wobser, Mike Markley, and Sally Warner for their service.

At its January meeting, the Council will select among its members a vice president for 2022.

The Seats and Feets Giving Tree brought in the following this year:

Girl's Briefs - 16  
Girl's Socks - 64  
Girl's Booties - 1  
Girl's Gloves - 1  
Women's Socks - 47

Boy's Socks - 10  
Boy's Briefs - 52  
Fleece Blanket - 1  
Men's Sweatpants - 1

Women's Socks - 35  
Women's Briefs - 34  
Men's Long Underwear - 1  
Men's Briefs - 48

Thank you to all for your donations!



No update since November.

Please continue to pray for our new pastor to find their way here.

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH**  
**Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2021**

**Monday, December 27, 2021**

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
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***Assets***

1.100.102	Checking Account	43,107.58
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	62,702.14
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	456.60
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	96,022.67
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,864.27
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	56,659.59
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,708.59

	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$265,541.44</b>
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***Liabilities***

2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	74.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	96.26
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	12.46

	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$182.72</b>
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***Fund Balances***

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	31,502.70
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	6,151.08
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memoral Fund Balance	32,107.78
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	99,886.94
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	36,342.04
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,708.59
	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$171,045.35</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	56,659.59

	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$265,358.72</b>
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	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>\$265,541.44</u></b>
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# COUNCIL UPDATE

## TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 16, 2021 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Carrie Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, Candy Beatty, Pastor Ralph, Sally Warner, Bonnie Lieb, and secretary, Carol Dahs. Not in Attendance: Mike Markley, Judy Driscoll

Visitors to Council: Nancy Vollmer, Betsy Stierhoff, Millie McCready and Steven Patterson and Melissa Miller

Meeting called to order by President, Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bonnie Lieb

Business of Visitors to Council – Steve presented a request of Trinity to support his desire to start a nonprofit called Supporting Organization (SO) for their Patterson Family Educational Scholarship that they do yearly. This does not make Trinity liable for anything that the SO does. Several members of Trinity's council would sit on the SO board and oversee the SO and their guidelines for giving out the scholarships and audit their books.

Minutes of previous meeting (November) were reviewed. Candy made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes with the correction that Nancy Vollmer's name has two ll's. and Project Share should be Project Noelle under the Worship and Music notes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for October was reviewed. Jim stated that the final payment was made on the new Education Wing doors now that all fixes were made. Sally made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Candy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie has not heard anything from the Call Committee.

Congregational Life – Candy Beatty – Candy said they fed 38 people for Nancy Remy's bereavement meal. Cathy Wobser and Candy put together 77 treat bags for the December 26 service.

Faith Builders – It was requested that the LWR penny jar be put back out for the kids to put their donations in. Phyllis would like to see more youth involved in the reading of the Psalms.

Mission Service – Bonnie Lieb and Judy Driscoll will deliver the gifts for the Luther Home of Mercy on Monday.

Property – Mike submitted a note stating that boilers for the church and parsonage were serviced by Gundlach. Gary Lieb worked with the mechanic from 8 am to job was completed at 3 pm. Jim noticed there was an issue with the sump pump. Gundlach was called and came out and replaced the pump.

Worship and Music – There were approximately 50 people at the Children's Christmas Program. The program was well received in the barn. There will be two Christmas Eve service at 7 and 11. Sally stated that Nancy Vollmer is working setting up lectors and ushers for 2022.

Old Business – Sally and Jim will work on taking pictures for inventory for insurance after the first of the year. They will have this completed by the end of January 2022. Carol has about 15 plus who would still like their newsletter mailed and about the same for emailed copies. Carol has received the financial audit notes from Ann Streat and needs to get these typed up. Trinity's elevator variance for the 2 years back to 5-year rope replacement will go to hearing on December 21.

New Business – It was requested that Trinity ask for support for the Kentucky area tornado victims. Carol will put this in the bulletin and newsletter. We will collect until the end of January 2022. Jim made a motion to use the remaining Pastor and Council Discretionary funds of \$750 towards the tornado relief. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally. Motion passed. After discussion of Steven Patterson's proposal Jim made a motion to support the Patterson Family Scholarship fund. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally. Motion passed. Jim will let Steven know Trinity's decision.



## 2022 Altar and Memorial Flower Sign Up Sheets are up.



Again this year, the church office is asking that you include your dedication on the sign up sheets. This is to help you remember why you signed up for that particular date plus it helps the church office in not having to chase everyone down to get this information. If you do not want to write your dedication on the sheets Carol will still call you to see what you would like placed in the bulletin. If you have any questions you can call the church office and speak to Carol.



**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC  
IN A SPIRIT-FILLED  
ATMOSPHERE!  
COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!**

**JANUARY 9, 2022**

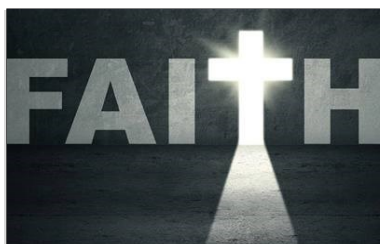
**BETWEEN SERVICES,  
9:30-10:00 AM,  
IN THE SANCTUARY.**

## Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for January 19, 2022

**Chicken Noodle Casserole  
Green Bean Casserole  
Tossed Salad  
Fruit Salad  
Cake  
Rolls**

Jim is still cooking monthly meals for Crossroads. If you would like to support this ministry please send your donation to the church and mark it Homeless Meal.





## **FAITH Member Ministry**

**F**riends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir  
**H**omes/Hospitals/Healthcare Centers

“You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life forever.” – Zig Ziglar

### **FAITH Members** (as of 12/8/2021)

#### **At the Commons of Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky**

Ruth Sieb Rm #107 Birthday - Sept. 19

#### **At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky**

Ruby Stierhoff Rm #114 Birthday - July 26

#### **At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811**

#### **At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870**

#### **At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410**

#### **At The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue, Huron, Ohio 44839**

Shirley Miller Birthday - April 3

#### **Danbury Senior Living, 33770 Bagley Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039**

Viola Liptok Rm #230 419-684-5840 Birthday - Dec. 9

#### **Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870**

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

#### **In their homes:**

Brian & Mary Ann Hickman 51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton 419-732-7398 B: May 25 MA: July 10

Dan & Gwen Miller 5708 Bogart Road, Castalia 419-684-5274 D: May 24 G: Oct. 5

Bernie Neidler 1305 Ogontz St, Sandusky 419-625-4839 B: Nov. 16 MA: Dec. 30

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky 419-684-5627 June 6

Judy Welser 5619 Debra Drive, Castalia 419-684-7232 Feb. 11

Ron Wriker 101 Caswell Drive, Castalia Apr. 6

Send mail to: 5316 Bardshar Rd, Sandusky OH 44870

Paul Wiedenheft 4216 Homegardner Rd., Sandusky OH 44870 Oct. 11

Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Patty Swartz at 419-626-4970.

# JANUARY MILESTONES

## BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 JanMarie Miller   |                      |
| John Harris         |                      |
| Tarah Hershey       |                      |
| 2 Alice Martin      |                      |
| 4 Olivia Gast       |                      |
| 5 Benjamin Stephens | 19 Louis Kurth       |
| Cynthia Nielsen     | 21 Linda Velliquette |
| 6 Madison Stephens  | 22 Tayler Poock      |
| 7 Gregory Norman    | Tara Poock           |
| Nicole Heilmann     | 25 Bonnie Lieb       |
| 9 Evan Miller       | 26 Valri Didion      |
| Robert Kurth        | Elizabeth Moser      |
| 10 Beckett Freeman  | David Huff           |
| 13 Abigail Trout    | Kyleigh Cullen       |
| 16 James Miller     | 27 Avery Moore       |
| 17 Cathy Wobser     | Courtney Orshoski    |
| Joshua Reed         | 29 Andrew Warner     |



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th  
 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 23rd  
 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 48th  
 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 37th  
 31 Jason & Julie Overmyer - 18th



Mr & Mrs Robert Ransom, Lynette  
 Wahl, Jack & Brenda Ried in memory  
 of Dorothy Miller

Gregory, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert  
 in memory of Eugene Calvert

Kim Likes in memory of Carl Densmore

Gary & Bonnie Lieb, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft, Linda  
 Townsend, Patty Swartz, Jerry & Becky Leibacher, Jim  
 Bertsch, Linda Gantz, Greg & Susanne Lemert, Carrie  
 Lemert, Chris & Amy Leibacher, Barry Brunner,  
 Rosemarie Canter, Annette Churchill in memory of Nancy  
 Remy



Patty Swartz would like to Thank family and friends who  
 have been gracious enough to get her to and from church all  
 year.



### A Big Thank you:

Guy Miller and family for the donation of a turkey for the November Crossroads meal.  
 Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft and Anna Dunn for the donation of ham for the December Crossroads meal.  
 Ann & Pierre Van Raepenbush for the cake toppings for the December Crossroads meal.  
 Anna Dunn for making the cakes for the December Crossroads meal.



On behalf of the people of Trinity, our Congregation Council thanks:

- Rob, Mark, Tyler, Ryan, and Carlie Wiedenheft for the putting up and taking down of the outdoor nativity scene.
- To all who helped Candy and the Congregational Live committee get through their first bereavement meal.
- To all who brought food donation for the bereavement meal.
- Gary Lieb for all the property help since Mike is in Florida.
- To all who helped with the Children's Christmas Program.
- To Tyler Yetter for the use of his barn for the Children's Christmas Program.
- To all who have designated Trinity for their Thrivent Choice Dollars.

# JANUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>2</b> <b>Second Sunday of Christmas</b> Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am	<b>3</b> Pr Ralph in the office AM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pr Ralph in Office AM NA 7:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> NA 11:00 am <b>8</b> NA 11 am
<b>9</b> <b>Baptism of Our Lord</b> Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Jam Session 9:30 am	<b>10</b> Pr Ralph in the office AM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Pr Ralph in the office AM NA 7:00 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> NA 11:00 am
<b>16</b> <b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b> Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am	<b>17</b> Pr Ralph in the office AM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Pr Ralph in the office Crossroads Meal 1pm NA 7:00 pm	<b>20</b> Council Mtg 7:00 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> NA 11:00 am
<b>23</b> <b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b> Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am	<b>24</b> Pr Ralph in the office AM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Pr Ralph in the office AM NA 7:00 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> NA 11:00 am
<b>30</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b> Lay-Lead Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	<b>31</b> Pr Ralph in the office AM					

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>2nd Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>
January E	Guy Miller	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	Guy Miller
L	Jim Bertsch	Phyllis Nuber	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	Sally Warner
February E	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	Guy Miller	
L	Jim Bertsch	Phyllis Nuber	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	
March E	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	Guy Miller	
L	Sally Warner	Jim Bertsch	Phyllis Nuber	Candy Beatty	
April E	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	Guy Miller	
L	Cathy Wobser	Sally Warner	Jim Bertsch	Phyllis Nuber	
May E	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	Joyce Patterson	Guy Miller
L	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	Sally Warner	Jim Bertsch	Phyllis Nuber
June E	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	Joyce Patterson	
L	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	Sally Warner	Jim Bertsch	
July E	Guy Miller	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	Joyce Patterson
L	Phyllis Nuber	Candy Beatty	Sally Warner	Jim Bertsch	Phyllis Nuber
August E	Guy Miller	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	
L	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	Sally Warner	Jim Bertsch	
September E	Joyce Patterson	Guy Miller	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	
L	Phyllis Nuber	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	Sally Warner	
October E	Carrie Wiedenheft	Joyce Patterson	Guy Miller	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens
L	Jim Bertsch	Phyllis Nuber	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	Sally Warner
November E	Carrie Wiedenheft	Joyce Patterson	Guy Miller	Millie McCready	
L	Jim Bertsch	Phyllis Nuber	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	
December E	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	Joyce Patterson	Guy Miller	
L	Sally Warner	Jim Bertsch	Phyllis Nuber	Candy Beatty	

**Early service:**

Guy Miller 419-684-5505 Jim Bertsch 419-625-4377  
 Joyce Patterson (May-Dec) 419-366-3297 Candy Beatty 216-789-4312  
 Millie McCready 419-616-3200 Cathy Wobser 419-625-6775  
 Russ Stephens 419-515-0002 Sally Warner 419-684-7850  
 Carrie Wiedenheft 419-307-1370 Phyllis Nuber 419-357-8850

**Late service:**

<b>MONTH</b>		
March 2	Ash Wednesday	Guy Miller
April 14	Maundy Thursday	Millie McCready
April 15	Good Friday	Joyce Patterson
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve	Sally Warner
December 24	Christmas Eve-7p	Carrie Wiedenheft
	Christmas Eve-11p	Jim Bertsch

## **2022 Lector Schedule**





## ALTAR COMMITTEES - 2022

January	Pat Wiedenheft, Chairperson	July	Amy Baum, Chairperson Sheryl Miller
February	Linda Gantz, Chairperson Cindy Norman	August	Cathy Wobser, Chairperson Candy Beatty
March	Pat Wiedenheft, Chairperson Candy Beatty	September	Sally Warner, Chairperson Bonnie Lieb
April	, Chairperson Ellen Kleinoeder	October	Barb Sessler, Chairperson Missy Hacker Susan Cullen
May	Pat Wiedenheft, Chairperson Carrie Killingsworth	November	Betty Miller, Chairperson Janis Miller Cathy Wobser
June	Judy Driscoll, Chairperson Cathy Wobser	December	Ann Streat, Chairperson Sally Warner

### URGENT

Please let Pat Wiedenheft or the church office know if you wish to no longer serve on the Altar Committee.

New volunteers are always welcomed.



# Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

## January 2 - Second Sunday of Christmas

**Jeremiah 31:7-14** - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

**Psalm 147:12-20** - Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion

**Ephesians 1:3-14** - *The will of God made known in Christ*

**John 1:[1-9] 10-18** - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Prayer of

## January 9 - Baptism of Our Lord

**Isaiah 43:1-7** - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

**Psalm 29** - The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

**Acts 8:14-17** - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## January 16 - Second Sunday of Epiphany

**Isaiah 62:1-5** - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

**Psalm 36:5-10** - We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11** - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

**John 2:1-11** - *The wedding at Cana*

**Prayer of the Day:** Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## January 23 - Third Sunday of Epiphany

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10** - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

**Psalm 19** - The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a** - *You are the body of Christ*

**Luke 4:14-21** - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

**Prayer of the Day:** Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## January 30 - Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

**Jeremiah 1:4-10** - *I appointed you a prophet to the nations*

**Psalm 71:1-6** - From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps. 71:6)

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13** - *If I speak without love, I am a noisy gong*

**Luke 4:21-30** - *Jesus says a prophet is not accepted in his hometown*

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Directing Choice Dollars® and Personal Giving: A How-To Guide

### Direct Choice Dollars Online

1. Visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice).
2. Click **Direct Choice Dollars**.
3. Log in by entering your User ID and password.  
(If you haven't yet registered on [thrivent.com](https://thrivent.com), click **Register for account access**.)
4. Choose the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:
  - a. To direct to a previous organization:
    - Click **Direct Now** next to the organization's name, or
    - Click on the **View activity history** link, scroll down and click on the name of the desired organization.
  - b. To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click **Search**.
5. Choose **Direct All** or **enter a specific number** and click **Direct Now**. Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

### Direct Choice Dollars by Phone

1. Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say **Thrivent Choice**.
2. **Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or **2** to hear Thrivent Choice Dollars program Terms and Conditions.  
(If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

### Want to make an even bigger impact?

Make a personal donation at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Thrivent pays the processing fees so 100% of your donation goes to help.\* Click **Make a personal donation** and search the Thrivent Choice Catalog. Once you locate the organization to which you wish to donate, click **Make a Personal Donation**. You'll then be sent to InFaith Community Foundation to make the donation.

\*Thrivent will pay the online processing fees for personal donations made through InFaith Community Foundation up to \$100,000 per calendar year. The Thrivent Choice® charitable grant program engages Thrivent clients with membership and Thrivent Member Networks in providing grants that support charitable activities, furthering Thrivent's mission and its purposes under state law. All grant decisions, including grant recipients and amounts, are made at the sole discretion of Thrivent. Directing Choice Dollars® is subject to the program's Terms and Conditions available at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

