

TRINITY TIDINGS~

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"The new year is our opportunity to refresh our relationship
with the ONE who says, 'See, I am making all things new'"
Revelations 21:5

"BEST LAID PLANS OF MICE AND MEN"

Dear Friends In Christ,

The Best Laid Plans of Mice & Men in 2025 is about to begin as I write this on December 31. I usually don't make New Year's resolutions. I would rather do what a pastor friend of mine and his family would do on New Year's Eve. They would reminisce about the ending year. The reflection on the year was to discern God's abundant blessings which may not have been so obvious when they first happened. And then the Pastor/father would read a story, a Bible story and then something less biblical. He read Winnie the Pooh on the day I joined them. It was enjoyable because the Pastor knew how to read with the right voices. He had Eeyore down pat.

Speaking of New Year's resolutions, there is a picture of a sign I saw recently. It may be in Texas because the guy who posted the picture on his 'X' account is a true-blue Texan. The sign is a Dairy Queen sign that reads, "Ruining your New Year's resolution since 1962."

"Oh, the best laid schemes of mice and men." This is a quote from a Robert Burns poem titled, 'To a Mouse, On Turning Her up in Her Nest with the Plough.' It was written in November of 1785. And we still say some version of that quote to this day. It's about the fact that we can lay out our plans for anything and the next thing we know is that fate has changed things, and we had to change our plan, to Plan B, or maybe Plan G.

We certainly had to change some plans at the end of the year with our cottage meetings. The holidays came upon us, and we had to delay at least one last cottage meeting. We will get back to them this month. At least that is Plan C.

In the meantime, whether or not you make New Year's resolutions let us reflect on the last year of Trinity Lutheran Church, School and ELA. Believe it or not things have been improving. Our goal this year is to finish the Cottage Meeting(s) and move on to the call.

I leave you with the words God spoke to Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. And He also knows the plans He has for Trinity.

God bless you in 2025,

Pr Bob

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PLEASE NOTE: In the event of an emergency, and you cannot reach the church office, you may call Pastor Bob on his cell phone at 219-510-7288.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, with Pastor Bob, continues each week at 10:40am. All are invited to join him as a new class began on Dec 8, on the book of *Hosea*.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. "The Chosen" continues. All are invited to join us! For more information contact Jon Bush at ophiclode.tuba@gmail.com

YOUTH CONFIRMATION will meet beginning Saturday, January 18th at 10:30am in the Fellowship area with Pastor Bob. Sixth thru Eighth graders are welcome to attend.

COTTAGE MEETINGS Pastor is looking for people to host a Cottage Meeting in their home with about 10-12 people per group. These meetings will be to discuss what you are looking for in your future pastor. It will also be a chance

to make suggestions on what service you are interested in doing for Trinity and the Pueblo Community. Pastor Bob will be at most if not all these meeting. Please let Pastor Bob know that you are willing to host a meeting and the date(s) that work for you. After we get the hosts, we will move on to filling the group up with the remaining 8-10 participants. Please note that the more of you that participate the closer we will get to calling the right pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church, School & ELA.

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Saturday Evening 5:30pm
Sunday Morning 9:00am

A time of fellowship follows each service.



NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Our prayers have been with the following members and friends who have been ill and/or hospitalized: Tony Romero, Laurel Allen, Marsha McDaniel Alice LaRose, Cash Blanchfield, David & Connie Boden, Norma Larson, Linda Fenwick, Faralyn Koncilia, Shirleen Pape, Mindy, Stephanie Lowell, Roxann, Stephanie Fisher, Brad Ritter, Amy Coulson, Connie Elson, Cathy, Rich Graves, Jacob Freeman, Cindy Schmidt, Rose Sears, Rick & Anita Lawrenz, Marcie Wright, Victor Voss, Henrietta Voss, Ty Butcher, Melanie Trujillo, Joyce Michelli, Lucille Cochran, Adella Schmidt, Sophia DeSalvo, Randy Wilke, Shirley Ranus, Marlene Graves, Tom Schneberger, May God continue to strengthen and heal them. Our prayers continue for Christopher and Iona as they welcome a teenager to their family. Let us lift up in joy and thanksgiving to God our Heavenly Father all the families and children in Trinity Lutheran Church, School, and ELA.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2---Jeanine Bolt | 9---Emily Giebel |
| 3---Jacob Ahlin-Pineda | 11---Joyce Michelli |
| 6---John Meyer | 13---Lindsey Sheppard |
| 7---Susan Baumann | 14---Terri Beeman |
| 8---Crystal LaDuke | 15---Jack Brunner |

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| 19---Kent Schmidt | 25--Jackson Dilka |
| 20---Matthew Lawrenz | 29--Tobias Meyer |
| 21 Benjamin Halfacre | 31--Randy Bolt |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

7---Susan & Mark Baumann (41 years)

**CONGRATULATIONS AND
 GOD'S BLESSINGS!**



Joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian.

G.K. Chesterton

**TRINITY SCHOOL/EARLY LEARNING
 ACADEMY NEWS**

"ENDURE"

Heb. 12:1-3, "...we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, ...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and prefecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him **endured** the cross...Consider him who **endured** from sinners such hostility...so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."

**EXCITING UPDATES FROM OUR
 SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

Trinity School News

Salutations for a Blessed 2025! Your school has truly been blessed during the 2024 year! Some highlights from the past two months:

JoAnn Collins was recognized at the Annual Thanksgiving Feast for receiving the Rocky Mountain Lutheran District Early Learning Center Director award for 2023-24. Fox 21 news was there to report the event. Congratulations JoAnn (Sorry, I wasn't sure on what your NEW married name is! Congrats on that as well!)(*JoAnn Collins-Jaramillo)

Dr. Ibarra announced at the feast that Trinity School received third place in the Pueblo's Choice 2023 awards. Even our city recognizes what an AWE-some ministry the church has through the school!

December was fast and furious! Preparation for the Christmas concert was frequent... and it showed! The students, teacher helpers and Mrs. Freeman did an amazing performance celebrating Jesus' Birth.

The week before Christmas Vacation the school celebrated with spirit week themed days. Included were Christmas head to toe, Flannel day, Dress your best and PJ day. Pictures were taken for the annual yearbook.

We completed our celebration of our Savior's birth with a party. Mrs. Daberkow made her famous Hot Cocoa bar. (Thank you!)

Mrs. Freeman organized crafts for everyone to create. (Thank you!) CAPTAINS funded the supplies. (Thank you!) Parents, Grandparents and Church volunteers helped the students with their creations. (Thank you!) Pictures were taken with the baby in the manger to commemorate the day. January brings the end of 1st Semester and beginning of the 2nd. Planning will start for the next school event at the end of the month.

This will be National Lutheran Schools week. The school will be decorated with a special theme. Curriculum will be located for the daily devotion. Special events will be scheduled to celebrate the privilege of having a dedicated school that is supported by Trinity Lutheran Church and the LCMS.

Remember that you can volunteer at the school! The teachers have a list. (Similar to the kids Santa List.) There are weekly, monthly and one time only things that you can do to support our staff. Please consider being a PART of the Trinity School Ministry in person.

Part of His Fishnet,
Tracy Kite, Technology Instructor

MORE GREAT NEWS!!! ELA won the **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD** for approximately the 5th year in a row! What an accomplishment! For **MOST INTERACTIVE** Dr. Ibarra won first and was very closely followed by Mrs. Montez in second place! CONGRATULATIONS!

CAPTAINS Meeting-January 9th at 3:30pm in Fellowship Hall. These meetings are for all Trinity adults, (Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles and Friends.) Goal is to support the school and staff through volunteering, fund raising, and organizing events.

BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 5:00pm.

Finally, Colder Temperatures Are Coming. Just a reminder that with the cold temperatures we will still be taking the students outside. Coats, gloves, scarves, and hats are recommended to keep your child warm while a recess.

TREASURES AT TRINITY; We thank Terry and Debby Daberkow for all the time and energy they spent in preparing, planning, and executing the set-up and take down of this event. Thank you and God bless you for your dedication.

THANK YOU!!!

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*Unless we think of others and do something for them,
we miss one of the greatest sources of happiness.*

Ray Lyman Wilbur

OTHER HAPPENINGS

PLEASE REMEMBER THE families of those who have been called home to their great heavenly reward:

December 1---Pat Sanley

December 14—Rick Aguto

December 21---Kathryn Taylor

NEW ADDRESSES:

Betty Graham has moved to Independent Living at Clarendale of Mokena, 21536 S. Wolf Rd., #3003, Mokena, IL 60448.

David Jordan has moved to Sunset Apartment #15.

MEALS ON WHEELS is looking for volunteer drivers to help deliver over 350 meals to Homebound Seniors Tuesday-Thursday. Please call Dorothy Tracey at 719-533-3425 if you are interested in volunteering.

START YOU DAY with the January -March **PORTALS OF PRAYER** ready for pick-up. Get your free copy by the mailboxes now!

CHURCH ENVELOPES for the New Year are now available.

CHURCH UP DATE

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Gaide and Pastor Hauter opened with prayer. 17 members were present. Minutes from the October voters meeting were approved. Dennis Scofield was accepted as a new voting member.

Pastor Hauter – Pastor is contacting the Walsenburg radio station to broadcast our

Christmas Eve service. He will be attending the Winkel in LaJunta on Dec. 10. He also shared with everyone that Rev. Randy Bolt's mother had passed away.

Janelle Sheppard for JoAnn Collins, Director, Board of Childhood Education – They have hired a second person for the Toddler Room and they now have a volunteer assisting with child care. Enrollment for UPK for the next year starts in January. Janelle shared that JoAnn's mother and a niece had passed away. JoAnn recently married and has changed her last name to Collins-Jaramillo.

Treasurer Report – Treasurer Kris Bruun was unable to attend this meeting. President Gaide noted we will be receiving our next Home School Enrichment Program payment in January. Scott Harberts, on behalf of the Elders, made a motion that we spend up to \$800 for QuickBooks training for Kris. Lucky seconded the motion and it was passed.

Board of Trustees – President Gaide reported for John, who is getting bids to fix the roof and expects the price could be up to \$60,000. In addition, the back doors to enter the school need to be replaced. He is working with our principal, Derion Ibarra, to obtain grants to allow us to spruce up our entire facility.

Scott Harberts, Board of Elders – Christmas Eve services are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. They will be assembling Christmas goodie bags on Dec. 22 after church. Earl Graves turned in the instructions for securing a booth at the State Fair. He will no longer lead this event.

Evelyn Daberkow for Derion Ibarra, Principal, Board of Education – We now have 49 students. Our recent popcorn fundraiser earned us \$5,813. Evelyn shared that Derion is very busy in the community raising funds to improve our building. His goal is to add grades 6 – 8 next year, which would give us a school population of 70 children and utilize every square inch of our building. The school Christmas program, From Heaven Above, will be on Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Spirit Week is from Dec. 16 – 20. They are asking for church members to help with crafts on Dec. 19. Lutheran Schools Week is coming up in January and the Fun Run will be the least week in January.

Evelyn Daberkow, Board of Finance – Evelyn announced that contribution envelopes for 2025 are now available.

Old Business: We still need a facility manager.

New Business:

- Annual election result:
 - Becky Hauter added to Evangelism
 - Dennis Scofield added to Elders
 - Emily Giebel added to Board of Education
 - Tom Gaide suggested we suspend term limits. Becky Hauter made this motion which was seconded by Lucky Schneberger. This motion passed.
- Cathy Coffee shared that some LCMS congregations allow communion for some youth that are not yet confirmed. Pastor Hauter stated he is okay with this practice when youth understand the bread and wine are for the forgiveness of sins. This would need elder approval.
- Pastor Hauter asked that we decorate the fellowship hall for Christmas.

Next Council meeting – January 16, 2025

Next Voters meeting – March 9, 2025

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned and Pastor Hauter closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Jo Ann Russ
Secretary

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The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.

Abraham Lincoln

POINSETTIA

The poinsettia is Jesus's life story in one plant; allowing it to be a visible and beautiful reminder of Christ's birth and His death."

The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the [Star of Bethlehem](#) which led the Wise Men to the newborn Jesus.

The red colored leaves are a reminder the blood of Christ shed during His crucifixion. The white leaves represent his purity.

Each a message of Creation, Each a symbol of His love!

This year the Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God by:

Jennifer Bearss: In loving memory of her husband
Rev. Mac Bearss and daughter Kimberly Bearss

Pat Boyer: In loving memory of her husband,
Lester L. Boyer

Andrew & Maria Cicerello: In loving memory of Todd
and Kelly Lisowe

Evelyn Daberkow: In loving memory her father and
mother, Willis and Marie Daberkow and sister
Jackie

Susan and Avery Daberkow: In loving memory of Mel
& Dora Daberkow and Linda and Alan

Nicole & Emma Foxhoven: In observance of Christ's
Birth

The Gaide Family: In loving memory of Clarence and
Dorothy Meisel and Marjorie Gaide

Jim Garberding & Family: In loving memory of
Margaret, Timothy and Mark Garberding and in
observance of Christ's birth

Earl & Marlene Graves: In loving memory of Merle and
Leona Graves and Lloyd and Ruby Moyer

The Harberts Family: In observance of Grandma June

Frank & Joyce Michelli: In loving memory of John,
Pauline, Frank & Stella

The Pavelski Family: In loving memory of Grace Mary
& Bruce Pavelski and Marilyn & Charles Schnell

Tony & Lorna Romero: In memory of our parents
and in observance of Christ's Birth

JoAnn Russ: In loving memory of my sister, Myrna
Braun

Lucky & Jannett Schneberger: In observance God's
abundance blessings to our family

*We thank you all, so very much for providing the
beautiful Poinsettias!*

THOUGHTFUL THINKING

*The strength of a country is the strength of its
religious convictions.*

Calvin Coolidge

*If your life is headed in the wrong direction, God
allows you to make a U-turn.*

Anonymous

