

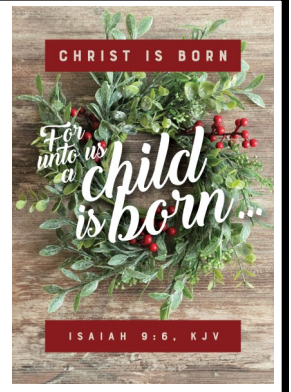
The Trinity Trumpet

December 2022

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*“In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” **John 1: 5***

*“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.” **Isaiah 9:2***

*“If I say, ‘Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,’ even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.” **Psalms 139: 11-12***

Hello Darkness, My Old Friend

Simon and Garfunkel sang this popular folk song in 1965, interestingly enough on an album entitled **I Am a Rock**. Considered a powerful song by many, you recognize it immediately in its opening chords and phrase; the whole song is known to you, and yet you are drawn into a world that is quite familiar; and that I believe is their intention. In the world of the 60’s, no different then today or any time really, turbulence, struggle, and an overwhelming sense of “heaviness” seemed to blanket the times in a darkness. I’m sitting in darkness now with the time change as the winter months seem dark forever. Moving from Nebraska to the far side of Illinois, just 45 minutes from the Eastern Time Zone, affected me terribly in these months.

Darkness also is such a familiar place for us as life is filled with it: loss, pressures to be good enough, feelings of inadequacy, constant critique, fear of the future, and the brutality of people we all deal out on one another so casually that we don’t even realize we are participants most of the time. It’s telling that over the last twenty-plus years we have grown to be a culture of victimization, almost looking for ways to be offended, so that we are ready before another person opens their lips, we feel attacked or belittled.

So, it should be no surprise that hearing “Hello darkness, my old friend. I’ve come to talk to you again,” we understand. Darkness is a companion in life, that can be a motivator or a destroyer. Its with us all the time, in just a moment we slide into it...don’t you? But how can darkness be a friend? It depends on how you see darkness. If all you see in darkness is the absence of light, when its waves rise up you will be swamped in darkness, as if it has washed over, you and blotted out the sun. But if you know, HOPE, that the sun is still revolving around the earth, in the darkness one looks for signs of its light. The moon and stars reflect the power of the light, that is always there and remind me darkness is with me, but it is temporary.

God’s people have always, since the Fall, walked in the darkness. Sin. It has been a constant companion we have chosen and actively choose, though it is cold and deep. Isaiah called out God’s people on it when he stated that they walked in DEEP darkness. As exile loomed large for them, and still they rejected the Prophets words, not “written on a subway walls” the darkness even became a place of denial of being in the darkness at all. That is why it is so terrible. In the dark you get night vision. My son Joshua, who has been working to become a master diver, yesterday said, “first there is light, then darkness, and it’s weird but then it gets a bit light again the deeper you go. Maybe it’s because your eyes adjust. But it’s weird.”

Psalms 139, all about God’s knowing us, calls our bluff so when we say, “even the darkness will hide me” as in God won’t be able to me us or what I am doing, even there darkness is light for our God. Why? Because He and He alone is Light. Every other light is imitation, reflection, artificial. But we gladly settle for them when we are covered in darkness. I just read about people in far northern areas needing to remind one another to sit in front of their “lights” to combat Seasonal Affective Disorder.

This is why I have grown to know darkness as a friend. Because as winter, darkness, and cold surround us – Becky and I go looking for lights. Christmas lights. Where we were there were plenty of places to go and see lights shining in the darkness, breaking the gloom, and pointing to what is coming – Day and Light. Christmas is recognizing the great love and desire of God to dispel the darkness that we have chosen, by taking on our frailty and form so that He could bring His Light to us forever.

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An Invitation to Serious Faith

I will strive to...

PRAY daily
WORSHIP weekly
READ the Bible
SERVE at and beyond Trinity
 Be in **RELATIONSHIP** to encourage
 spiritual growth in others
GIVE of my time, talents & resources

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**Focusing on the CROSS.
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...In the manger lays the most amazing beginning of a new beginning as the incarnate God is pushed into this world, covered in all the same "stuff" you and I are to begin His own walk for us. A walk that faced rejection and failure to recog-

nize what stands before us because we have become so accustomed to the dark. A walk that would complete the bringing of Light, because the birth is not the key, it is His sinless offering of light for darkened people like us, where the light was hung up on a cross for all to see. **Matthew 5:15** A light that didn't get snuffed out or overcome by this world, but that burst in radiance and brilliance from a dark tomb, never to return to it again. And His walk is still going. And so will ours as we go looking for the light in the darkness.

The story behind the song is compelling because we think of the song as being about a looming darkness and our aloneness as we dive in it. In fact, the song is about Art Garfunkel and his dearest friend, Sanford "Sandy" Greenberg, in college who suddenly went blind, and Garfunkel's refusal to let him sink into the darkness. He came to him, filled out forms, read to him, and so much more that Greenberg stated that "Garfunkel's sacrifice saved his life." "He lifted me out of the grave," Sandy stated. And every time Garfunkel came to be with him, he called himself "Darkness." Darkness has come to read for you again. Darkness has come to talk with you again....

God sacrificed His own Son to our life, to our condition to save a world that lives in deep darkness, so that they could see the Great Light. To lift us from the grave by sacrificing and dying so that we would not. We just need to call the Light by name, the Light that has come into the world, Jesus Christ – the newborn king.

Well, what do you know. The sun came up, its bright and warm, and despite any darkness or cold that will arise today – it will not be overcome.

A blessed Advent and Christmas to you all. Pastor Matt

<https://www.cougarboard.com/board/message.html?id=24303317> the story behind the song



This year we will have three Christmas Eve services offered to attend. Services will be held at 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.



Please join us for Advent Worship Services. These will be each Wednesday evening during Advent at 6:30 p.m.

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**CHURCH
BUSINESS**

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
10/23	189	2502.26
10/30	309	4248.00
11/06	160	3907.00
11/13 & 11/20	181, 173	12,425.00
11/27	—	8252.47

The family of Nancy Collins would like to extend our sincere thankfulness for the love and support we have been shown. A special thank you to Pastor Matt Bahnfleth for the wonderful service.

Thank you for the cards, memorials, gifts, messages, visitors, and food we have received.

Words cannot express our gratitude for your kindness and continued support.

Ken Collins

Gary and Kate Collins and family

Stephanie and Adam Harder and family



Nancy Collins— Jim & Karen Hansen,

Alan & Sue Blakestad, Jason & Amanda

Holst, Bill & Reva Bylund, Bonnie Kardell,

Terry & LeAnne McCarthy, Lynn & Callie

Gronberg, Betty Oehlertz, Ken Collins, Peggy Osbahr, Dorothy Nelsen, Virginia Nelsen, Kerry & Andrea Danker, Kelly & Matt Giltner, Roger & Beverly Paul, Linda Andersen, Janiece Schroder, Jerry & Donna Rold, Linda Pieken, Mike & Michael Stanley,

Janiece Ronnfeldt— Donald Hansen, Hervetta Ronnfeldt,

Ronda Holst, Bill & Reva Bylund

Steve Frum—Dorothy Nelsen, Janiece Schroder, Joan Frum

Laura Ann Allen— Lynn Hansen, Leanne Travis, Judy Ring

Thank You from Peace Haven!

A huge Thank You to you all for preparing, delivering and thinking of us at Peace Haven with your generous gift of Aebleskivers & Sausage. The residents loved them. We had a few that had never tasted them before! You now have new fans :) It truly put us in the Thanksgiving season.

With Gratitude, Everyone at Peace Haven

Thank you to Alan Blakestad, as Outreach Committee Chairperson, for organizing this gift of service.



On November 20th, we welcomed Vance Pattee into the family of Christ thru baptism. Vance's parents are Daniel & Johnni Pattee. His sponsors are Chelsy Pattee and Charlotte Pattee.

What is Stewardship?

It is more than money, though that is the greatest place we learn of faith. But truthfully stewardship is YOU. You're everything. That is because everything you have, even you, are gifts from God for you to care for and tend, so that everything around each of us grows in God's designed and desired intention for His creation. But, sin, our age-old rebellion, casts a shadow over all of it. What is known by many as the Fall, author, speaker Chad Bird refers to as the Reaching Up. He says this because the problem and temptation were, and still are, our desire to be "like" God. Right there you see the problem. We want to be God and master over everything, but at best we only try to be "like" God, and all is failure. When I understand that I am a creature, not the creator, my view on everything changes, including my stewardship. Because at the moment of the Fall, every relationship was broken - me to God, me to creation, me to others, and even me to me. It is corrupting.

Stewardship and talk of stewardship is intended to put things in the correct vision, realizing that everything I have including my spouse, home, children, relationship, my health all are given as a Trust. That we would tend them so that in this broken world we might reflect God's desire, building up everything around us to grow, expand, and develop. So, you see when someone says Stewardship, and you pucker up like you just took a bite of a lemon, you are intended to be invited again to be reminded of a question from God Himself – the Creator and giver of all good gifts: What are you doing with what I have given you?

Trinity Lutheran has done well in giving and the support of the ministry entrusted to it, so that unlike many other congregations that struggle and even closed amidst Covid, we are here and stable. That is to be commended and acknowledged for those who have cared for and maintained the ministry through the last few years of challenge. But are we being good stewards? Are we giving to the bottom line that we draw, or is God wishing us to hear His vision for this ministry to reach out to those in need and to grow the kingdom locally, state or nationally, and internationally? Do we give with a short sight and a tight fist when God abundantly pours out on us and calls us to see to eternity and open our hands of blessings to care for and grow the kingdom of God and call people into His presence?

To help us consider and to ponder as we grow and move forward, Stewardship, led by Nicole Krohn and I, are going to be placing some resources into your hands to study, talk about and share; so that together we can grow in Indescribable Joy not only in the giving, but in realizing what has been given. Each month beginning in January there will be a different chapter of the NALC Stewardship Study – The Indescribable Joy of Giving by Chad Bird. I pray you will read, talk and challenge each other as we grow to know God's over abundant blessings in our lives, and forever.

I will offer each month an opportunity after worship near the end of the month to meet with whomever wishes after worship to share insights and support each of us in our journey. We pray your Thanksgiving was a blessing beginning to see how much God has truly given, and how deep His love is for YOU!
Nicole Krohn and Pastor Matt

Congratulations to our Confirmands who affirmed their baptism on October 31st, 2022. Front row: Ava Paulsen, Terra Buboltz, Evelyn Scott, (Pastor Matt Bahnfleth) Emma Blotzer, Ellanor Johnson, Makenna Paulsen. Back row: Tucker Osbahr, Cash Freeman, Collin Harder, Kaden Jorgensen, Chase Wheatley, Ty Nelsen.



Helping hands are needed on Thursday, December 15th from 11 a.m.-1p.m. to help with wrapping the Angel tree gifts. We will meet in the fellowship hall to wrap the many donated gifts. On Saturday, December 17th, more helping hands are needed at 7 a.m. to help pack the Good Guy Food boxes. The food boxes and Angel Tree gifts will both go out on the 17th as well, from 9 to 10 a.m. Helpers to carry the boxes and gifts to the recipients cars are also needed!



2022 Christmas Poinsettia's



- ◆ Joyce Mez– Given in memory of Edward, Alberta, & Robert Schmid
- ◆ Joyce Mez– Given in memory of Max, Wilma, & Ronnie Mez
- ◆ Joyce Mez– Given in memory of Jerry Mez
- ◆ Dorothy Nelsen– Given in loving memory of daughter, Teresa
- ◆ Dorothy Nelsen– Given in loving memory of husband, Don
- ◆ Henry & Sue Paulsen– Given in memory of Cheryl Haynes and Steve Frum
- ◆ Henry & Sue Paulsen-- Given in memory of Jason Woodward
- ◆ Gary & Kathy Soetmelk-Given in memory of loved ones
- ◆ Gary & Kathy Soetmelk– Given in honor of the military
- ◆ Hervetta Ronnfeldt-Given in memory of Russ Ronnfeldt
- ◆ Hervetta Ronnfeldt– Given in memory of Dave, Joel, and Ethan Holst
- ◆ Bill & Reva Bylund-Given in memory of loved ones
- ◆ Ronda Holst – Given in memory of Dave, Joel, & Ethan Holst
- ◆ Ronda Holst – Given in memory of Russ Ronnfeldt and Firp & Marge Holst
- ◆ Jerod & Amber Johnson– Given in memory of loved ones
- ◆ Bob & Kris McCarthy—Given in memory of Patti Duistermars
- ◆ McCarthy Families– Given in memory of Meighan McCarthy-Johansen
- ◆ McCarthy Families– Given in memory of Ayzlee McCarthy
- ◆ Alan & Suzette Blakestad-Given in memory of Ethan Holst
- ◆ Dora Rock-Given in memory of family
- ◆ Jim & Karen Hansen– Given in memory of loved ones
- ◆ Mike & Lesley Krummel– Given in memory of loved ones
- ◆ Maxine Sornsen– Given in memory of Gene Sornsen
- ◆ Maxine Sornsen– Given in memory of Harry, Emma & Ron Sornsen
- ◆ Maxine Sornsen– Given in memory of Mom & Dad, Betty Jean & Clarence, Rose & Dewey
- ◆ Pastor Matt & Becky Bahnfleth– Given in memory of our parents, Don & Joan Bahnfleth and Carston & Merna Koeller
- ◆ Dean & Joy Krohn– Given in memory of our moms

December 04	Wyatt	Andersen
December 06	Margery	Denton
December 06	Molly	Scott
December 08	Oakley	Bodrug
December 08	Betty	Lundergard
December 08	Liberty	Plumb
December 08	Janee'	Schueman
December 10	Madeline	Christensen
December 13	Maxine	Sornsen
December 14	Deanna	Krummel
December 14	Carolyn	Oldenburg
December 14	Eric	Sieh
December 15	Jeffrey	Harder
December 15	Isaac	Krohn
December 16	Maeleigh	Rold
December 17	Brock	Partlow
December 18	Hudson	Harder
December 18	Charles	Lees
December 18	Judith	Williams
December 19	Jameson	Fritz
December 22	Terra	Buboltz
December 22	William	Christian
December 23	Lori	Maurer
December 25	Christopher	Dierking
December 25	Joshua	Krohn
December 25	Janiece	Schroder
December 25	Steven	Schueman
December 26	Ally	Meyers
December 27	Herbert	Rock
December 28	Paxton	Holst
December 29	Todd	Feigenbutz
December 30	Dawn	Harder
December 31	Marcia	Jacobsen
December 31	Michael	Jorgensen
December 31	Katie	Scheffler

Salem Lutheran Home Friends,

In previous years, local churches have generously provided Christmas presents to residents. If you would like to adopt a resident this Holiday season, please bring your donation to the business office on or before December 15th. Please contact Delores Fineran at Salem with any questions.

THANKS FOR MAKING THE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AEBLESKIVER AND SAUSAGE SUPPER A GREAT SUCCESS



Thank you to all our women, men and our youth for making our annual event held on November 17th a success! Thank you for those who helped set up the basement for the event, the clean- up crew, and the ladies that made our delicious syrup to accompany our over 6000 Aebleskivers and sausage. A huge thanks to Sue Paulsen for her endless work with online orders and supervising our youth with preparing the take-out boxes and order pickups. We greatly appreciate the junior high and high school youth for helping at the supper. What a help! We appreciate our youth's enthusiasm for helping with our event. We couldn't do it without them! Thank you to Dean and Joy Krohn, for assisting us for endless hours wherever they were needed in instructing, frying and cleaning up. We appreciate their commitment. At 1:00 p.m. we started 16 pans cooking Aebleskiver. The burners didn't shut off until 8:00 p.m. 210 lbs of sausage was cooked in the basement, which we will all be able to smell for the next several weeks. Thanks again Trinity Lutheran Church family for all your help in our BIG event!! It takes ALL of us to make our supper a success. Thank you for volunteering your time and willingness. We look forward to next year.

Co-chairman-Kristen Krohn and Stephanie Harder

Dec./Jan. Volunteer Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 4th, 9:30 a.m.	
Communion Set Up	NA
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Scriptures & Prayers	NA
Acolytes	Roman Scheffler
Support	Jim Hansen
Sunday, Dec. 11th, 9:30 a.m.	
Communion Set Up	Janiece Schroder & Becky Bahnfleth
Communion	Becky Bahnfleth, Jim Hansen, Amy Jacobsen
Scriptures & Prayers	Kathy Soetmelk
Acolytes	Emery Brockhoff
Support	Larry Chapman
Sunday, Dec. 18th, 9:30 a.m.	
Communion Set Up	Janiece Schroder & Becky Bahnfleth
Communion	Kristen Krohn, Karen Hansen, Dorothy Nelsen
Scriptures & Prayers	Dora Rock
Acolytes	Jersey Hilgenberg
Support	Adam Krohn

Saturday, Dec. 24th, 4 p.m.	
Communion Set Up	Janiece Schroder & Becky Bahnfleth
Communion	Roger Nelson, Leslie Nielson, Peggy Osbahr
Scriptures & Prayers	Jerry Conroy
Acolytes	Parker Krohn
Support	Dean Krohn
Sunday, Dec. 24th, 6 p.m.	
Communion Set Up	Janiece Schroder & Becky Bahnfleth
Communion	Neil Paulsen, Greg Petersen Janiece Schroder
Scriptures & Prayers	Greg Petersen
Acolytes	Bella Lamp
Support	Shela Jacobsen
Sunday, Dec. 25th, 9:30 a.m.	
Communion Set Up	Janiece Schroder & Becky Bahnfleth
Communion	Judy Williams, Donna Rold, Gary Soetmelk
Scriptures & Prayers	Dora Rock
Acolytes	Kendra Hansen
Support	Ron Winter
Sunday, Jan. 1st, 9:30 a.m.	
Acolytes	Maeleigh Rold
Support	Jim Hansen

TRINITY'S FIVE & DIME



Welcome to “Trinity’s Five & Dime”. This section is dedicated to stories, experiences, and devotionals where together we can share God’s spiritual candy. Glory be to God for the opportunity to share with you some thoughts, experiences, and scripture regarding our everyday lives. Praise and glory to God for his never changing word, faithful love, and countless blessings. May his life-giving word nourish us and strengthen us as we strive to fulfill the purposes, He has for us. Amen.

Neil Paulsen



Stepping Out of the Boat

With the month of December at hand, and we start to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, I’m going to push the pause button on the current article on prayer, and do a tree-part story for the Christmas season. A few years back, our adult Bible Study group worked out of a book entitled, “If you want to walk on water, you have to step out of the boat.” In a sense meaning, that when we get a message or word from God to carry out his will, we will sometimes have to step out of our comfort zone to do the work of God. This short story is not something that I personally did to perform God’s will, but rather the act of someone else that I was fortunate to witness. This story takes place on December 23, 2019 around 6:00PM in Council Bluffs, and the setting is on 35th Avenue; which is the street that runs along the south side of Sam’s Club and then turns into Metro Drive that goes by the shopping area of Kohl’s and Target. But our focus is on 35th Avenue where there is a 4-way stop intersection at the entrance of the Sam’s parking lot. Traveling this street and on a regular ordinary day, and navigating this intersection is usually met with frustration and anxiety due to the amount of traffic. So if you haven’t personally experienced this intersection, I’m sure that you can imagine what it’s like from a similar one that you’ve been through. With that image in your mind, now add the extra hustle and bustle of the added number of traveler’s who are doing their last minute Christmas shopping in this busy area, to which I am one of those last minute shoppers. This is usually an area that I try to avoid because of the traffic issues, but I had just left Menards and needed to get to Target to see if I could find the last couple of items on my list, and if that proves to be fruitless, then I would have to resort to doing the unthinkable and go to Wal-Mart on December 23rd to find those items. But I figured I would take this route so I could at least check out how busy Wal-Mart was, kind of a way to prepare myself in case I needed to return there. As I walked out of Menards, a light snow had started to fall, and I left the parking lot and got on to 35th Avenue to make my way towards the 4-way intersection when traffic came to a standstill, and I was the 4th car from the stop sign.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes- November 9, 2022

Members Present: Kathy Soetmelk, Nicole Krohn, Alan Blakestad, Dale Krohn, Ron Winter, Shela Jacobsen, Beth Buboltz, Pastor Matt, and Amber Johnson. Absent: Mike Jacobsen and Sue Paulsen.

Call to Order: Kathy called the meeting to order by reading a devotion on chaos.

Recognizing Guests: No guests present

Thank You Cards: A thank you card was sent to the Monroe Chapel.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Alan Blakestad, seconded by Nicole Krohn, motion carried.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: Previous minutes should read the four Wednesday services will happen “during” advent not “after” advent. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Dale Krohn, seconded by Ron Winter, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: No bills were submitted. A motion was made to approve the report by Nicole Krohn, seconded by Ron Winter, motion carried.

Pastor’s Report: Half of confirmation class attended a leaf raking community service activity. Working on the Thanksgiving service and organizing the Advent services.

President’s Report/Comments: Kathy has been cleaning the narthex. Curtains were placed in the library to hide filing cabinets and other items of storage. Kathy has been sprucing rooms up throughout the church.

Sue’s Report: LYO met on Sunday, October 16th for breakfast and worship in Omaha at “Love Church”. We had 18 youth plus 4 adults. The group ate at Embers before attending worship. The weekend trip to Grand Island was canceled. Next group gathering will be November 27th. The group met on Friday, October 28th and packed 100 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Dale Krohn made a motion to have the church pay for the postage, seconded by Ron Winter.

Council Reports:

Education: Christmas program rehearsal will start the next 3 Sundays of November. Caraway Street puppet ministry performed during Sunday school on November 6th. Lot’s of positive comments from people.

Outreach: Alan will be delivering the Abelschievers to Peace Haven on November 17th.

Finance: None.

Property Management: The furnace has been fixed for the narthex of the church. The parsonage and garage roof projects are complete.

Stewardship: Continued discussion of the welcome cards. Looking at how to make the narthex more inviting.

Worship: There will be three church services on Christmas eve: 4:00, 6:00, and 11:00. Christmas day church service. Decorating the church, also known as, Hanging of the Greens. There will be a light meal following the decorating. Advent services with soup supper.

A motion was made to approve the council reports by Nicole Krohn, seconded by Dale Krohn, motion carried.

Old Business: Continued discussion on the constitution.

New Business: Nominating committee for council members leaving/completing their term. Council members leaving are Mike Jorgensen, Ron Winter, and Alan Blakestad. Need four officers to work on the budget for next year. Need more people listed as signatures to sign checks. This list of people needs to be updated annually. Nicole Krohn made a motion to add Kathy Soetmelk to the signature card on church checking account and to remove names no longer acting as possible signer, seconded by Ron Winter, motion carried.

Membership Changes: No new address changes. Haley Constable is now Haley Phippen. No new members, baptisms, and removal from rolls. Deaths and funerals: Nancy Collins, DOB-10/14/1949, DOD-10/16/2022, funeral-10/21/2022 at AHSTW High School, Officiated by Pastor Matt Bahnfleth. Marjorie Sivers, DOB-01/17/1941, DOD-10/20/2022, funeral-10/24/2022, Officiated by Pastor Matt Bahnfleth. Transfers out: Russell Willett transferring to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Overland Park, KS. Weddings: Haley Constable and Jared Phippen, November 5, 2022. Ron Winter made a motion to approve the membership changes, seconded by Dale Krohn, motion carried.

Adjournment: Dale Krohn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nicole Krohn, motion carried. Next meeting will be held on December 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Johnson, Secretary



**Youth Group
Activities**

Shoebox Packing-

100 in all!

“Friendsgiving” Meal
Shared



December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 2 p.m.– TLCW Meeting 4 p.m.–6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 6:15 p.m. Peace Haven Worship	2 Pastors Day Off	3
4 8 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship/Sunday School Christmas Program	5 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir	6	7 5:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 8 p.m. Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service	8 4 p.m.–6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	9 Pastors Day Off	10 Engel/Herbst Wedding
11 8 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship TBA-Youth Group Baking	12 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir	13 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	14 5:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service	15 11a.m–1p.m. Angel Tree Wrapping 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship 4 p.m–6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	16 Pastors Day Off	17 7a.m–8am.-Pack Good Guy Boxes 9 a.m.–10 a.m.– Angel Tree/Good Guy Box Pick Up
18 8 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship	19 9:30 a.m. Salem Lutheran Nursing Home Worship 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir	20	21 5:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service	22 4 p.m.–6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	23 Pastors Day Off	24 4 p.m.-Christmas Eve Service 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
25 9:30 a.m. Worship MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Office Closed 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir	27 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	28 5:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir Practice	29 4 p.m.–6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	30 Pastor on Vacation	31 Pastor on Vacation

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Worship Services
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion: Celebrated during each worship service.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.