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Worship Times
on Sunday's

Classic Grace -
(Traditional) 8:00 a.m.
Living Praise -
(Contemporary) 10:45 a.m.
*Communion —the
1st & 3rd Sunday's
of every month.*

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Tidings Newsletter

"A Family of Grace"

January



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Special Dates:

- ✠ New Year's Day, January 1, 2025
- ✠ Pastor's Retirement Party, January 13,
Parts and Labor 6 PM-10 PM
 - Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2025
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday, January 15

He is a
SHIELD
to those who take
refuge in
HIM.

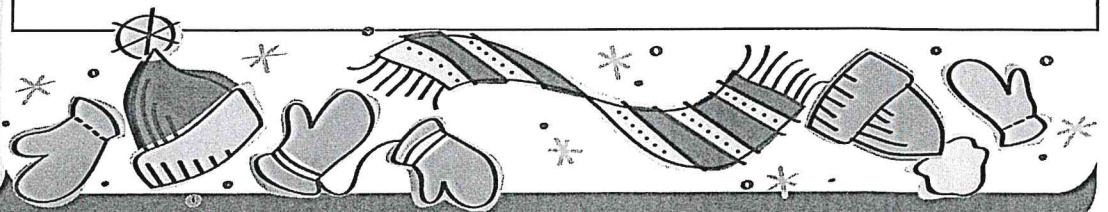
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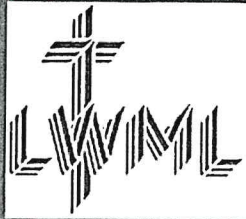
A Prayer for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ,
Be with us today and always.
Be our Light, our Guide,
And our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage,
And our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time
Of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming
Your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely
And unconditionally,
A time for growing
In virtue and goodness.

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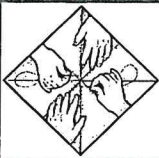
Ruth Guild

Happy New Year!
We will be meeting
on Thursday, January 2nd at 6:00
p.m. in the Parlor.

*We would like to
invite all the
ladies of Trinity
to join us for this
evening get to-
gether.*

Attention Men:

Join us for dinner
and a Men's Bible
Study —Thursday,
January 26th from
6-7:30.



**Quilt
Guild
starts
again
on January**

**6th. We would
love to have you
join us at 9:00
a.m. in the Fel-
lowship Hall.**



*January
Birthdays*

- 1 Chase Powell
- 4 Carter Magelssen
- 5 Monty Anderson
- 6 Braylen Feather
- 8 Joseph Johnson
- 9 Joel Artzer
Gabby Cone
- 10 Norma Johnson
Dustin Blue Whittington
- 12 Dylan Artzer
William Dillinger
- 13 Kevin Fehringer
Cindy Lick
Reese Smith
Claire Moos
- 14 Darrell Artzer
Tristan Yocom
- 15 Emma Stumpf
- 16 Kaida Ann Gonzales
- 17 Porter Halde
Callie Schoenberg
- 21 Jennifer Deines
- 22 Marcia Henry
- 24 Kaitlyn Miller
- 25 Skye Richhart-Kind
- 26 Ryan Potter
Natalie Wood
- 27 Kevin Koehler
Jan Rogers
Karla Stratton
- 29 Pedro Jofre
Lorelei Schiel
- 30 Mitchell Boxberger
Steven Masters
- 31 Norma Dzuruvchin

**Women in the Word
Saturday, Feb. 1
9 A.M.—4 P.M.**

**January
Anniversaries**

- 9 Derek & Sarah Whittington
- 10 Evan & Teri Miller
- 28 Tracey & Jamie Knox
- 30 David & Marsha Schuppe



*He brought me out
into a spacious place;
he rescued me because
he delighted in me.*

2 SAMUEL 22:20, 21

Membership News:

Baptism: Myles Henry Dugan
Parents: Tamara & Justin Dugan

Our hope for the new year:

Deuteronomy 31:8

Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord
will personally go ahead of you. He will be
with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon
you.

Thank you Lord for always being with us!

Pastor Nash's Retirement Party

*Please join us in celebrating
Pastor Nash
January 13, 2025 from 6 PM—10 PM
Parts and Labor Brewing Company
402 Main Street
Sterling, CO*

*Refreshments will be served.
There will be a cash bar.*

*There's additional information and an
area to RSVP on Trinity's Facebook
"Trinity Lutheran Church —Sterling,
CO"*

A Caring Pregnancy Resource Center Annual Fundraising Banquet—2025
Friday, January 26—NJC Ballroom, Sterling, CO

Theme: *Light Their Path*

5:30 PM—Doors open

6 PM—Dinner

7 PM—Program—Tori Shaw

(Please make reservations by January 6th.)

For more information or to make a reservation,
there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or feel free to contact Norma Johnson or
Roberta Bigalk, Executive Director of A Caring Pregnancy Resource Center

Come hear Tori's amazing story of God's redemption and grace.

*BE STRONG and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your
God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*

Thoughts for the New Year
By Max Lucado—When God Whispers Your Name

For the next 12 hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice. Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so I choose.

I choose love...

No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I choose joy...

I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical...the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I choose peace...

I will live forgiven. And I will forgive so that I may live.

I choose patience...

I will overlook inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for the moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I choose kindness...

I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I choose goodness...

I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse.

I choose faithfulness...

Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. Any my children will never fear that their father will not come home.

I choose gentleness...

Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I choose self-control...

I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give
when this day is done, I will place my head on my

goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then,
pillow and rest.



YOUTH NEWS

@ Trinity Lutheran Church

January 2025

Putting our Faith into Action

After finishing a summer and semester long study through the book of Mark, a group of our high school students headed to Denver to serve. In Mark we learned that Jesus is our Savior who came not to be served but to



serve and give his life as a ransom for many (Mark

10:45). As Christ first served us, we took time to serve others and make sure hundreds of shoeboxes were prayed over,

packed well, and prepared to make their journey into the hands of a specific child in Mexico. We learned more about being part of God's bigger mission and how every shoeboxes best gift is the gospel message that is shared with each child. We had a great time serving!



Our middle school-

ers had fun celebrating Jesus' birth at our Christmas parties. We read the Christmas story and celebrated a Christmas style birthday party filled with goofy games. We finished our night giving pastor retirement gifts. We will all miss him! Here are a few pictures of what happened in December. What joy to be part of the body of Christ!



**Put on the new self,
created after the
likeness of God in
true righteousness
and holiness.—**

Ephesians 4:24

Jesus died for you so that you could LIVE! Truly live! He died so you could live a NEW LIFE in Him. Out with the old, the sin way of holding us down. You're forgiven! You're free! Live that change! Extend what has been give to you to others! It's a new year, a new you in Christ Jesus!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Wed Jan—No Wednesday night student ministry due to New Year's

Sat Jan 5— National Youth Gathering team meeting #2 in youth room from 5-6p.m.

Wed, Jan 8 —Wednesday night student ministries resume from 6-7:30p.m.

Sun Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 —HS Youth Group



2025 dates to save:

Confirmation—Sun May 4

Camp Maranatha—May 28-30

National Youth Gathering 2025

In July 2025 we will send a team of high school students and leaders to the National LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana. Our next team meeting is Sunday, January 5 from 5-6p.m. in the youth room. As ratios worked for initial registration, we still have a couple openings in our hotel rooms for a few students. If you are interested in attending, talk to Jen!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 1 Happy New Year!	Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 2  Ruth Guild Meeting 6:00 pm	Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 3	4
5 <u>COMMUNION SUNDAY</u> Second Sunday After Christmas Classic Grace 8:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Fellowship 9:15 am Pastor's Bible Study, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study- 9:30 a.m. Living Praise 10:45 a.m. Service in Spanish 4:00 p.m. HS Youth Group 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 6 Joyful Journey B.S. 6:00 p.m.	Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 7 Joyful Journey B.S. 6:00 p.m.	Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 8 TL Wed. Night Student Min. 6-7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm	Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 9	Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 10	11
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19 <u>COMMUNION SUNDAY</u> Life Sunday 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany Classic Grace 8:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Fellowship 9:15 am Pastor's Bible Study, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Living Praise 10:45 a.m. Service in Spanish 4:00 p.m. HS Youth Group 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 20 Pastor Pedro's Personal Day Off Quilting Guild 9:00 a.m. Martin Luther King Jr Day	Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 21 Joyful Journey B.S. 6:00 p.m.	Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 22 TL Wed. Night Student Min. 6-7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm	Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 23  MEN'S GROUP With dinner at 6:00 PM	Time w/Jesus 12:10-12:40 24 Caring Pregnancy Resource Center Fundraiser Dinner 6 P.M. - 8 P.M. NJC Ballroom	25
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EARLY

USHERS:

Dale Brekel - Team Leader
 Dale Whittington
 Drew Whittington
 Joseph Johnson



LAY READERS:

January 05 – Jen Deines
 January 12 – Becky Smock
 January 19 – Paul Schrade
 January 26 – Mel Harms



ORGANIST/KEYBOARDIST/GUITARISTS:

January 05 – Joselyn Hybiak
 January 12 – Kim McKay
 January 19 – Lisa Klinzmann
 January 26 – Lisa Klinzmann



SOUND BOARD & PROJECTOR SCHEDULE:

January 05 – Tom Johnson and Becky Smock
 January 12 – Jim Wright and Sharon Wright
 January 19 – Cindy Nash and Becky Smock
 January 26 – Brent Davis and Bev Davis



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

January 05 – Matthew Nash & Lux Weber
 January 12 – Abel Friend & Mya Friend
 January 19 – Macie Rhodes & Kendall Rhodes
 January 26 – Fallon Weber & Lux Weber

STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULE:

January 05 – Sharyl Kuskie & Karen Ault
 January 12 – Maxine Dennington & Karen Ault
 January 19 – Maxine Dennington & Karen Ault
 January 26 – Maxine Dennington &



LATE

USHERS:

Ricky Edelen – Team Leader
 Mike Dillinger
 Ed Kiernt
 Josh Vass



LAY READERS:

January 05 – Shawn Aisup
 January 12 – Linda Pejisa
 January 19 – Kaitlyn Foons
 January 26 – Nathan Pejisa



ORGANIST/KEYBOARDIST/GUITARISTS:

January 05 – Marsha Schuppe
 January 12 – Marilyn Fehringer
 January 19 – Marilyn Fehringer
 January 26 – Lisa Klinzmann



SOUND BOARD & PROJECTOR SCHEDULE:

January 05 – Mike Dillinger and Levi Campbell
 January 12 – Don Garrison and Judy Garrison
 January 19 – Shelly Stumpf and Jake Vass
 January 26 – Doug Short and Kendra Short



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

January 05 – Alyssa Potter & Ryan Potter
 January 12 – Aubrey Foons & Rhylee Foons
 January 19 – Callie Schoenberg & Ashlyn Fuller
 January 26 – Jaxten Spielmann & Taysen Spielmann

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

January 05 – Kaitlyn Foons
 January 12 – Cassidy Brekel
 January 19 – Judy Garrison
 January 26 – Shantell Potter & Rosie Spielmann



ALTAR GUILD: Becky Smock



ELDERS: Greg Nienhuser & Doug Stumpf

Shepherding Groups

2025 is a year of changes for Trinity! With the retirement of Pastor Nash, it's important to know who to turn to in times of need and/or celebration. We have an amazing Board of Elders who will be there for us when the need arises. Each elder oversees a group of parishioners called Shepherding Groups. The groups are divided alphabetically, based on last names, but please feel free to call *any* of the elders when you need to speak to someone.

Trinity's Shepherding Groups:

Elder:

Don Garrison	(970) 520-2872
Greg Nienhuser	(970) 520-1092
Marty Smock	(970) 520-0444
Scott Potter	(970) 471-2754
Doug Stumpf	(970) 580-4467
Nathan Pejsa	(970) 580-2660
Doug Smith	(402) 922-0058

Last Name Group:

A-Den
Des-Had
Har-Kr
Ku-Ni
No-Ruf
Run-Sto
Str-Z

The elders are working and have families, so they will get back to you as soon as they can. Pastor Riley will be here Sunday's and also Wednesday evenings during Lent.

As we navigate the coming months, let's remember to continue to be a body of grace! God will work in amazing ways in and through us during this time of vacancy!

To God be the Glory!