

This Week at Trinity - Jan. 10, 2021

Sunday, Jan. 10 – Baptism of Our Lord 11 a.m. Recorded service on **KLWN 101.7FM or 1320AM**, gather in parking lot to listen together.

Livestream KLWN at www.klwn.com or KLWN app on TLC website. Click on button at the top right "Listen Live." A link is on our TLC website.

Monday, Jan. 11 – 6:30 p.m. Council meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, Jan. 13 - 10 a.m. Prayer group via Zoom

7 p.m. Worship & Music via Zoom

Saturday, Jan. 16 - 10 a.m. Pet Pantry, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Jan. 17 – Epiphany 2 - 11 a.m. Recorded service on **KLWN**, gather in parking lot to listen together.

Entering the building - Sign in (at NE narthex or SE Fellowship Hall kitchen); **wear a mask**, use hand sanitizer, and wash your hands. Wipe all surfaces touched with the provided sanitation wipes. If not a TLC member, please list phone number in case of need for contact tracing.

January 5, 2020 - Dear Friends in Christ, Grateful! We are grateful. Grateful for many things. The Call. The conversations. The inherent kindness of the congregation. The help moving – the estimate savings from a semi-trailer is 50%! The superb interim ministry of Pastor Brecke. The extraordinary work on the parsonage (when it is safe there will be an open house). We are grateful! I believe the best years of this 153-year young congregation are in the future. Generally in my weekly communication with the congregation I encourage the faithful to read the appointed readings for the upcoming Sunday. I continue to be amazed the lectionary readings seem to fit the context or need of a congregation at a particular time and place. This week the appointed Old Testament reading is from the first book of the Bible and the first words from Scripture: “In the beginning...” Just before our Gospel reading, Mark writes, “The beginning of the good news....”

This week the readings are:

Genesis 1:1-5: God creates light God creates light

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

Acts 19:1-7: Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus

Mark 1:4-11: Revelation of Christ as God’s servant

This Sunday is certainly not the beginning of Trinity, or even my beginning, but it *is*... our beginning! Thanks be to God! As a part of our beginning I hope to encourage the congregation to, “take faith home” and practice their faith throughout the week.

The weekly attached “Taking Faith Home” is not just for parents with children but for every age in the whole congregation. “Taking Faith Home” is a weekly guide for faith-filled conversations during the church year. It is based on the worship texts of the day and includes examples of each of Four Key faith practices (caring conversations, devotions, service, and rituals and traditions). It includes a weekly prayer, Bible verse, mealtime prayer, blessing, and offers daily Bible readings and Hymn for the week. Not only can it be used at home, but at meetings and gatherings throughout the week. You will be hearing me refer to “Taking Faith Home” with some frequency! I commend its use to you!

It is good to be with you!

Jeffery Alvestad, Pastor

LINK sponsorship: Because of virus precautions, Trinity once again will fund a lunch meal prepared and delivered by Maceli’s to LINK (Lawrence Interfaith Nutrition Kitchen) on Tuesday, Jan. 12. To donate, write the check to Trinity with “LINK” on the memo line or envelope. Thank you for your support. LINK can also use bottled water for its patrons.

A huge thank you to all of the TLC members who took the time to submit a photograph and farewell message for Pr. Brecke. I wish there was enough space that you could see the final product with the timing mechanism that advances each slide and the musical background with one of Pr. Brecke's favorite hymns. We hope to be able to post a file to the weekly eblast that will at least show you the "card" he received by being able to click on the “pdf” address. *Jane Warren*

Committee and ministry leaders are reminded to send their 2020 annual reports as soon as possible. Email to Jacob in the church office tlcoffice@tlclawrence.org. Trinity’s annual meeting is Sunday, Feb. 21, with Feb. 28 as a back-up date.

Those who remember Ben Keseley, former TLC minister of worship and music, may also recall his wife, Pr. Meredith Lowell Keseley. She is featured in the winter 2020 issue of the ELCA's *Boundless* publication as an early recipient (2002)

of a full-tuition seminary scholarship through the ELCA Fund for Leaders program. Meredith has been senior pastor at Abiding Presence ELCA in Burke, VA for over 10 years. Here's the link to "The Cloud of Witnesses," pp. 14-15: https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Boundless_Winter_2020.pdf

With a very unusual holiday season, we missed the annual opportunity to collect for the pastor's discretionary fund.

To donate, any amount is always welcome. This fund greatly helps in the community, as we work with social workers to supplement other assistance available to their clients.

Donors in December: Vicki Julian in loving memory of husband Steve; Mike and Georgie Devlin

Quarterly devotionals "Christ in Our Home" for January-March - Please contact Annielaurie Seifert, 785-865-6512, to have one brought to your doorstep.

Stephen Ministry is Here for You! Pandemic fatigue? Exhausted from all the disruptions to life? Frustrated with challenges like isolation, anxiety over health issues, tension from work and schooling the kids, etc.? Don't face all of this alone - Stephen Ministers are here to listen and care. If you are in need of some listening ears and a caring heart, Stephen Ministers are ready to provide encouragement and support! Contact one of the Stephen Leaders for confidential assistance: Debra Black, 766-6544, debrablack594@gmail.com; Charles Baars, 331-7768, charlesbaars@gmail.com; Ruth Sarna, 842-0230, rsarna@sunflower.com.

No donations for altar flowers yet, but welcome sponsorships for Sunday radio broadcasts. These are valuable to connect in worshipping together, and are reaching some "non-members." Any amount is appreciated; more than one person can sponsor a Sunday (broadcast cost is \$85 each week). Call the church office to pick a Sunday, noting in honor of a birthday or anniversary, in memory of a loved one, etc. A BIG thanks to those who have supported this ministry.

Lawrence Winter Shelter seeks donations, volunteers. Those staying at the Days Inn winter shelter location (which operates any night when temperatures are below 40 degrees) need disposable masks, bottled water, plastic spoons and forks, shelf-stable single meal items which can be microwaved (ramen, soup, and mac & cheese in cups, etc.), small individual bags of cookies, chips, or crackers, granola bars, bananas, and oranges. Drop off any time at the Days Inn, 730 Iowa. Volunteers are needed from 4-5:30 p.m., to separate and bag items; contact lawrencewintershelter2021@gmail.com.

Trinity Lutheran is a partner church of the Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry (TIFP at Trinity Episcopal Church). TIFP provides food to any person requesting food with no requirements, outside Trinity Episcopal's Matthews Center. The pantry was open eight days in December, serving 197 households. Total value of food provided was \$4,137. Since the Trinity Episcopal office is closed, you can support the food pantry by sending a check to Trinity Lutheran with "food pantry" on the envelope or check memo line, and we'll send it to the pantry.

Note: The staff of Trinity Lutheran Church will rewrite, edit or in some instances not publish material submitted for inclusion in the church's newsletter. We thank you for your understanding.

Prayers

Prayers for the ill, injured, recovering; or for support: Erin Brown (granddaughter of L. Ford), Del Barnett (friend of C. Salber), Tylee (granddaughter of Charles and Vivian Baars), Marion Goodrick (B. Kappelman's grandmother), Teri Riemenshneider (T. McNemee's cousin), Emil Wiley, Adrienne (C. & V. Baars' daughter), Vonna Arnold (sister of V. Baars), Dwight Brinkley, Mildred Pickens, Patti (S. Lehman Pickardt's friend), Bob Nyquist, Nancy Reiling, Amy Spain (K. Lyche's cousin), Donna (B. Kurtz's daughter), Jacob Hecker family (W. & A. Hecker's son), Bob Adams (A. Hecker's brother-in-law), Tori Scott (M. King's daughter), Corrine Anderson (M. Clark's friend). Contact Harriet Shaffer, shafferharriet@gmail.com or 841-2158, to add **prayer listing** requests; Ruth Sarna, 842-0230, rsarna@sunflower.com for **prayer chain requests**.

Update - General Fund		
Income includes funds from federal government COVID-19 CARES Act for salaries and utilities.		
	December 2020	YTD
Income	\$46,437.95	\$409,448.18
Expense	\$44,396.90	\$351,317.68

No checkbook? Scan the box to give online!



Or visit <http://bit.ly/NRKUZv>, or use the Give+ app on your phone.

Presiding Minister Pr. Jeffery Alvestad + **Organist** Stuart Taylor **Choir Director** Megan McCoy