

TRINITY *tidings*

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2025

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Process of Hope

As you heard Al Corbett speak at the congregational meeting, Trinity will be moving forward to explore a new emphasis where Trinity will try to develop a new emphasis where we can proclaim the Gospel in a manner that will engage our community, and especially people who presently do not show an interest in being involved with Church.

The way of doing this is to show that the Gospel inspires us to care about things and people others care about. It is about helping people understand the Gospel is not only proclaimed in a Sunday Worship service, but in it's care for people, the community and the world.

Several people have toyed with ideas where people might share a common interest, be it working to help the elderly or children. Working to make our world more environmentally friendly or using resources to provide grow and provide good food for people who often live on highly processed food.

It might be caring for people who find comfort and joy in the creatures who provide companionship, or moving to be a center where people with needs might find a place of refuge and comfort.

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NEW YEAR BIBLE VERSES

2 Corinthians 5:17 -

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Isaiah 43:18-19 - "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Pastor Continued....

Several considerations we will want to make to help determine the path we might take include things like **Impact**, asking how deeply this might effect individuals or how broadly it might impact the community.

Another consideration is **Engagement**. This means can we engage people with these interests to understand why it is also a matter of faith.

A third consideration is **Evangelical Connectedness**. This simply means that people may be inclined to want explore issues of faith because of their engagement with Trinity's initiative.

Other considerations include **Resources**, meaning what resources will be needed to do this well, which brings us to the consideration about **Partners** we may find who have similar interest concerns and other resources.

Probably one of the most important considerations has to do with **Unanimity**, which simply means will this engage nearly everyone at Trinity.

To move forward we need to engage everyone in the congregation to be a part of this kind of initiative.

It will begin with a process which will just invite us to throw out our ideas, and down the road with will measure how those ideas might meet the goals for the congregation.

Down the road, we will have to do research and planning and find ways to engage everyone in this work.

Watch and listen for plans that will begin as soon as January to begin a process of discernment, prayer, brainstorming and working together.

In Christ,

Pastor John



Revelation 21:5 - And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Ephesians 4:22-24 - To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

THANK YOU TRINITY!

Again, I express my thanks to Trinity for your generosity to me and the rest of the Trinity Staff!

Time and again, the people of Trinity share not only such personal expressions of appreciation for our efforts, but you also share it with gifts.

I know this is in your nature, and you share your generosity in other ways with others as well.

But it sure feels good, when you share it with me.

Pastor John

STEWARDSHIP 2024

Thanks to your generosity, Trinity sent financial support to these ministries in 2024:

- \$6,158 - Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA (to support the work of the church, locally, nationally, and internationally)
- \$1,830 - ELCA World Hunger (includes \$530 from Thanksgiving Eve and \$500 from TLC Craft Fair)
- \$1,250 - Lutheran Disaster Response (Hurricane Relief)
- \$315 - Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (Good Shepherd Sunday)

You also gave generously with:

- Hundreds of boxes of cereal collected for the Lutheran Church of the Cross Food Pantry
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets for families in Palatine Township
- Christmas Gifts for families in Rolling Meadows

These are just some of the ways that we made a difference in people's lives in 2024.

A heartfelt thanks for your support!

2025
Happy New Year!

Direct Your 2024 Thrivent Choice Dollars® Grant Funds Before They Expire!

Thanks to Thrivent and its clients with membership, Trinity has received \$12,428 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funds since the program started in 2010.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars® available have until March 31, 2025 to direct any remaining 2024 Choice Dollars®.

You can help support Trinity with your Thrivent Choice Dollars®.

Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



ROLLING MEADOWS NEW GIVING TREE AND A PARTNERSHIP WITH TRINITY!

We are so grateful for the consistent dedication the Godfreys have shown over the years by coordinating Operation Christmas Child. With the Godfreys in the middle of a move and a sense that the cost of shipping shoe boxes costing more than the items in the box, it seemed like a good time to transition this ministry, especially when Rolling Meadows was beginning a brand new Christmas giving program for members of our neighborhood.

While Rolling Meadows program was open to the entire community, Trinity took about thirty names of people and bought gifts for neighbors who had real needs. Most people asked for things like coats and shoes, to understand the extent of the needs in our own neighborhood.

This was new to Rolling Meadows as it was new to Trinity. We hope this will give us a chance to grow together in the future, and let our neighbors in the community know the love of Jesus as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

NEW YEAR'S WORD SEARCH

New Year's Word Search

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January 3, 2025

DEAR TRINITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

When I wrote to you in November, our year-to-date operating deficit through 10/31/24 was \$20,348.20. Many of you responded and a total of \$11,184.00 was collected in the special Christmas Offering envelopes that I sent out with the letter.

In addition to that, some of you also gave increased amounts in your regular weekly offering envelopes or online to the General Fund or to Deficit Reduction.

I am still waiting for some of the December bills to arrive, so I do not have a final number for 2024 at this time, but it is safe to say that the deficit was reduced significantly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS RESPONSE!

Thank You

Financial Update: General Fund 2024

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)
Jan	\$ 9,846.73	\$ 13,875.55	\$ (4,028.82)
Feb	\$ 9,958.20	\$ 14,294.49	\$ (4,336.29)
Mar	\$ 13,389.51	\$ 16,034.69	\$ (2,645.18)
Apr	\$ 9,663.91	\$ 11,608.70	\$ (1,944.79)
May	\$ 10,173.18	\$ 11,543.41	\$ (1,370.23)
Jun	\$ 10,778.95	\$ 12,768.46	\$ (1,989.51)
Jul	\$ 11,078.91	\$ 11,787.07	\$ (708.16)
Aug	\$ 13,857.51	\$ 13,482.48	\$ 375.03
Sep	\$ 10,468.77	\$ 12,235.17	\$ (1,766.40)
Oct	\$ 11,185.00	\$ 13,118.85	\$ (1,933.85)
Nov	\$ 11,347.58	\$ 15,299.10	\$ (3,951.52)
Total Jan-Nov 2024	\$ 121,748.25	\$ 146,047.97	\$ (24,299.72)

Donations can be made electronically from your smartphone using the "Vanco Mobile" app available from the App Store or Google Play, or use our website QR code, or go to the Donations link on our website [tlcrm.com](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRVQ/home) or our secure website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRVQ/home>



Thank you for your continued support!

CREAMY LIME JELLO

- 1 LARGE PKG. LIME JELLO
- 1 MEDIUM SIZE CAN PINEAPPE (CRUSHED)
- 3 CUPS WATER
- 1 LARGE PKG. CREAM CHEESE
- 1 LARGE COOL WHIP

Dissolve Jello in Hot Water, Cool until Wobbly. Whip Jello and Cream Cheese and Pineapple.

Stir in Cool Whip. Pour into Mold and 'CHILL'

ENJOY from Dottie Jachim

**Trinity Ladies Group
Meets Tuesday January 14
at noon right here in
Church.
Please Bring A Friend!**

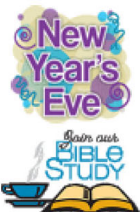










REMEMBER, SECOND SUNDAY CEREAL IS JAN 12, 2025!

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO CHURCH FOR THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY

Word Search Solutions

BABY	FAMILY	RESOLUTION
BALL	FRIENDS	TOAST
CALENDAR	HAPPY	
CELEBRATION	JANUARY	
CLOCK	MIDNIGHT	
CONFETTI	NEW YEAR	
COUNTDOWN	NOISEMAKER	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January Birthdays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Betty Anderson 20 Rebecca Vigna 20 Michelle Henry 25 Chuck Cosman 31 		31  10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study 5:00pm Peaceful Baptist Church - New Year's Eve Worship	1  3:00pm Masihi Church - New Year's Day Worship and Fellowship	2	3	4 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship
5 9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship	6  EPIPHANY	7  10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study  Fellowship Committee 7:00pm Fellowship Ministry	8	9	10	11 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship
12  TLC Second Sunday Cereal Food Drive 9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship	13	14  10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study  Ladies Fellowship 12:00pm Talk, Lunch, Crafts - TLC Ladies Club 4:30pm Girl Scouts - Troop 45736	15	16  CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00pm TLC Council Meeting	17	18 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship
19 9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship	20  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	21  10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study	22	23	24	25 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship
26  Join Us for Lunch New Year's Giving Luncheon - All Churches 9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship	27	28  10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study	29	30	31	1 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship

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