

Trinity News

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A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
"Abundant Grace for Daily Living"

During this time of the Coronavirus, please remember the situation is always changing.

Due to the climbing number of Covid-19 cases in Winnebago County and increased mitigation, we have made the difficult decision to suspend "in-person" worship. We will continue to strictly follow the guidelines set by the WCHD and the state as we live out our Christian mandate to "love our neighbor as ourselves." We continue to worship together by means of Trinity Facebook Page, YouTube and on the Website (www.trinityrockford.org) every Sunday.

For now, we pray earnestly for our nation and world, for those who are ill and those who have lost loved ones.

2021 WALL CALENDARS

Trinity Youth are selling wall calendars again this year as a fundraiser. Calendars are available from the church office during regular office hours. The cost is \$8.00 - if paying in cash please have exact change, thank you!

For those of you in congregate living situations, please contact the office (815-963-4446) so that alternate arrangements can be made.

Church Calendar January 2-16

Saturday, January 2nd – 1 Timothy 6

Sunday, January 3rd – Ecclesiastes 1-3
Virtual Worship on Facebook, YouTube or Website

Monday, January 4th – Psalm 45

Tuesday, January 5th – 2 Timothy 1

Wednesday, January 6th – Ecclesiastes 4-6
Epiphany
Virtual Worship on Facebook, YouTube or Website

Thursday, January 7th – Psalm 125

Friday, January 8th – 2 Timothy 2

Saturday, January 9th – Ecclesiastes 7-9

Sunday, January 10th – Psalm 46
Virtual Worship on Facebook, YouTube or Website

Monday, January 11th – 2 Timothy 3
5:00 p.m. Finance Team (Zoom)
6:30 p.m. Admin Team (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 12th – Ecclesiastes 10-12
6:30 p.m. Virtual Bible Study (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 13th – 2 Timothy 4

Thursday, January 14th – 1 Kings 12

Friday, January 15th – 2 Chronicles 10-11

Saturday, January 16th – Titus 1

Did You Know?

- **Mary Bowen**, our church secretary, is an **Illinois Notary Public** and is able to notarize your documents during office hours. No fees for church members and their families!
- **Trinity News** can be delivered straight to your inbox via email. If you would like to receive the newsletter through email, please email the office at mary@trinityrockford.org or call the Church office at 815-963-4446.
- **Office Hours** are 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday
- **Check out our website** by visiting www.trinityrockford.org.
- **Upcoming deadlines for the Trinity News** are:

January 15th issue is January 1st January 29th issue is January 15th

NOTE: Please make submissions before the deadline.



The Annual Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the church west parking lot.



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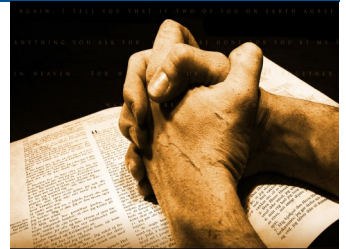
“2021”

2021 begins!!!! Are you ready? It makes a great deal of difference how we start a new year, especially after a year like 2020. The spirit, love, faith, commitment, intentionality, and projected positive goals all help to create an ambience that can allow us, when 2021 is history, to say, “I rejoice in the Lord who has guided me.”

Let me share with you some thoughts to reflect upon:

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| Mend a quarrel. | Think first of someone else. |
| Search out a forgotten friend. | Appreciate, be kind, be gentle. |
| Dismiss suspicion, and replace with trust. | Laugh a little more. |
| Write a love letter. | Deserve confidence. |
| Share some treasure. | Speak up against malice. |
| Encourage youth. | Decry complacency. |
| Manifest your loyalty in a word and deed. | Express your gratitude. |
| Keep a promise. | Worship God. |
| Find the time. | Gladden the heart of a child. |
| Forego a grudge. | Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of
the earth. |
| Forgive an enemy. | Speak love. |
| Listen. | Speak love again. |
| Apologize if you were wrong. | Speak love still again. |
| Try to understand. | Speak love still once again. |
| Flout envy. | |
| Examine your demands on others. | |

As we move into 2021, may God find us faithful!
Pastor Jay



PRAYER

Sharon Lenz
Deb & Bill Bauer
Shirley Wilson
Bob Cook
Mark and
All who are fighting and
affected by the Coronavirus

Heartfelt Prayers for . . .

for the family and
friends of
Marjorie Holmin
and William
Lundberg
who recently
passed away.



The Virtual Bible Study

Pastor Jay will be leading a Virtual Bible Study on the Book of Romans. The Bible Study will meet by the Zoom platform at 6:30 p.m. starting Tuesday, January 12. To be involved, you will need to download the Zoom program onto your computer, tablet or phone. Please call the church office to make a reservation to receive your invitation to join us. This will be offered live at a later date, if you do not have Zoom. Everyone is invited.

Our Mitten Tree

We welcome all donations of hats, mittens, scarves and coats for children as well as adults for our Mitten Tree.

This year, we invite you to bring your donations to the church and leave them under the trees in the West Entrance or bring them to the church office. The items we collect will be donated to various organizations in the Rockford area where the need is greatest. If you are aware of an organization in need of these items, please contact the church office.

