



# TLC Grapevine

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### Worship Services

9:00 am, Sunday

There are no Wednesday Services during vacancy

Sunday School (Sept - May)

10:30 am - 11:30 am



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### ‘Christ is our foundation’: Hurricane recovery continues in North Carolina

December 12, 2024 / Reporter / By Stacey Eising

On the morning of Sept. 27, Hurricane Helene passed over the mountains of western North Carolina, dumping over 15 inches of water on ground already saturated with two days of rain. The result was cataclysmic: rivers and creeks overflowed their banks; water tore down mountain slopes, destroying buildings and washing out roads; trees were uprooted and blown over; mudslides took huge houses down the sides of hills and buried everything in their path. In the wake of all this, Lutherans are showing those affected the love and mercy that Christ has for them.

“In tragedy, in crisis — this is where the light of the Gospel tends to shine the brightest,” said the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Asheville, N.C.

And the people of North Carolina have certainly faced tragedy and crisis. “This is Katrina come to the mountains,” said Skopak. One Emmanuel couple fled their home through knee-deep water, to learn later that a co-worker who lived next door had drowned, swept from his second-story roof. Another member’s house was hit with a 4-foot-deep mudslide. Another couple sat in their home praying, listening to trees crash down around them for hours. A preschool teacher at the school had an art studio in Asheville’s River Arts District — which was completely destroyed when the French Broad River rose 30 feet above its banks. A piece of her art was found 15 or 20 miles downstream in a tree. Another family watched the river flow through their yard — and faced trauma from the horrors they saw float past their windows as the river washed homes and people away.

In addition to destruction and death, the storm left other struggles in its wake. Running water did not return to Asheville until late October, and potable water was not restored until Nov. 18. Further, the storm came at the beginning of western North Carolina’s tourist season — a critical source of income and employment. Few people in the mountains have flood insurance. As winter sets in, many face poverty, devastation and uncertainty about what to do next.

The affected area spans miles and miles of the North Carolina mountains, including many remote communities that are difficult to access, especially now. So many roads were washed out or blocked by mudslides or trees that some towns were cut off completely.

“It is so widespread. That’s what makes it hard to comprehend,” said Sally Hiller, LCMS Southeastern District disaster response coordinator (DDRC). “There are still places they haven’t gotten into yet to do the search and rescue [as of late November].” Hiller says that this is the worst storm she has dealt with in her 37 years as a DDRC.

As of late November, many roads were still out, and Helene’s death toll had risen to 105 in North Carolina alone.

#### Saving a church, one bucket at a time

Fifty miles south of Asheville, in Tryon, N.C., Trinity Lutheran Church — a beautiful little church on the banks of the Pacolet River — suffered foundation damage as the river raged above its banks, running around and under the church. The water was so ferocious that it carved the bank out 10 feet closer to the church. Two Trinity members were displaced from flooded homes.

Thankfully, the water stopped at the sanctuary door, only coming in through a few floor vents. But the river mud and mire that was trapped below the church in the large crawl space posed an immediate threat. It needed to be removed as quickly as possible to prevent mold and further damage.

“It was a lot of upheaval when we first got here, not knowing if we could save the structure,” said Dana Threlfall, who has been a member of the congregation since 1997 and has been very involved in the recovery work. “That Christ is our foundation is really going through all of our hearts right now.”



Several Marines from Calvary Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, N.C., built stabilizing pillars to support the building. Then Trinity's pastor, the Rev. Thomas Olson, along with members of the congregation and other volunteers, began hauling out mud. The Rev. Jonathan Christensen from Mount Pisgah Lutheran Church in Hendersonville, N.C., came twice to help. Other area pastors also pitched in. But after two weeks of great effort, little had been accomplished.

Then, the wife of an elder at Mount Pisgah found a company that brought a utility pump truck for two days. Three weeks after beginning the work, the floor of the crawl space became visible. "That day, we realized that we made it," said Olson.

In the weeks since, multiple Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) have visited Trinity. A team from Minnesota finished carrying out the last buckets of mud, and a team from Indiana finished cleaning the crawl space and removed trees and debris — such as a refrigerator tangled around a tree. LERT volunteers also assisted a Trinity member down the river whose home took on 41 inches of water.

"The mission field can be right here in our neighborhoods," said Robin Nipper, a LERT volunteer from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tell City, Ind. "A lot of times people will say, 'I'll send money, because I can't go to the mission field.' Well, yes we can — it's right here at our back door."

Trinity's congregation is currently worshipping in a rented space. Next steps include securing the building's foundations and restoring the eroded riverbank to protect the building. Grant funds from LCMS Disaster Response are helping support this work.

### **Rebuilding a camp, church and community**

About 85 miles north of Tryon, Camp Linn Haven, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, and Mountainside Lutheran Church, an LCMS congregation on Linn Haven's campus, faced a torrent of water from its surrounding mountains.

Tiersa Lane, the camp's manager and director, was sitting with her daughter in the camp's dining hall when she saw "what looked like a tidal wave coming through the parking lot." Then water began coming through the wall and the door.

From higher ground, the Lanes watched water pour through the camp: A propane tank floated by. Then a dumpster. Then a bunkbed and a mattress. Soon they could see only the roofs of the camp's cabins.

The damage to Camp Linn Haven, and to Mountainside Lutheran, was severe. Water came up around 5 feet in the cabins, and around 3 feet in the church. Mountainside — the only LCMS congregation in eight counties, with members who live up to an hour and a half away — worships in the original camp chapel built by the Lutheran Laymen's League in 1951. Its chairs, hymnals, piano and organ were all lost. The pastor's office and all of the church's records and papers were destroyed. The cabins, left with 5 to 6 inches of mud on the floor, had to be mucked out and gutted down to the foundations, studs and roof.

Then, the weather cleared. "God gave us a dry, good time to work, so we've had a lot of volunteers," said the Rev. Bryan Chestnutt, pastor of Mountainside. Much work has already been done at the camp and church, with the support of grants from LCMS Disaster Response. Camp Linn Haven plans to reopen this summer. As of late November, Mountainside planned to reopen its fellowship hall as a makeshift sanctuary in time for Christmas Eve.

In November, Camp Linn Haven was turning its efforts toward the surrounding community. With few public systems in the mountains, many rely on wood and kerosene for heat during the winter — and the storm took out a major kerosene reservoir in the area. Some residents still do not have road access. In the coming months, the camp plans to offer its retreat center as housing for LERT volunteers to come chop firewood and carry out local service projects.

### **Serving others**

"At the beginning, [Helene] had such an impact on [LCMS] congregations and members that people were focused there," said Hiller. "But now, they're past that first stage, and they're able to turn to the community."

Emmanuel, Asheville, is also serving its community. As donations and supplies have poured in, including multiple semi-trucks from Orphan Grain Train, Emmanuel has distributed these through local partners to people in need. One donation of generators and portable heaters was carried up a mountain by mules to a community still cut off from the road system.

For several weeks, Emmanuel handed out food and supplies from its parking lot. The church also hosted LCMS RSO Forged by Fire, which served thousands of hot meals. "People would get out of their cars and just talk," said Skopak. "Then we got to begin to address some of those spiritual aches and hurts and needs that the people had. ... It's in these moments of loss and despair you have the opportunity to share the hope, the light, the love, the forgiveness, the joy that we have in Jesus."

Mount Pisgah has housed LERT volunteers — sometimes upwards of 20 at a time — from across the country, supported by a grant from LCMS Disaster Response. In late November, LERT volunteers from Michigan, North Carolina and Illinois cleared fallen trees from the property of Doug Moon, outside of Hendersonville.

The Moons were in their house when the storm blew through, uprooting many trees, including one that hit their home. They were without power and water for two weeks.

"[The LERT volunteers] have done a wonderful job helping us," said Moon. "They've got [the trees] gone, and that's a big blessing to us."

At the end of the Moons' driveway, in the stump of a fallen tree that a LERT chainsaw team worked to clear, is carved a cross, visible to passersby.

The devastation of Hurricane Helene will be felt in the mountains of western North Carolina for years. Yet, amid this devastation, God is providing opportunities for Lutherans to care for their neighbors in the name of Christ, reminding them that, even as ground shifts and roads sink, Christ is our foundation. be about."

# Group Meetings



- ❖ **Ladies Guild**  
Ladies Guild will meet on Thursday, January 2nd at 1:30 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Men of Trinity**  
Will meet on Monday, January 6th at 5:30 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Active Christian Fellowship**  
The Active Christian Fellowship will meet on Monday, January 13th at 6:30 pm.
- ❖ **Hannah Circle**  
Will meet on Thursday, January 9th at 1:30 pm.
- ❖ **Altar Circle**  
Will not meet in January, February or March.
- ❖ **Eunice Circle**  
Will meet on Tuesday, January 21st at 9:30 am.
- ❖ **Christian Singles**  
The Christian Singles will meet for lunch on Sunday, January 12th.
- ❖ **Happy Quilters**  
The "Happy Quilters" meet on the 3rd & 4th Thursdays of each month at 9:00am at the church.



## **CHURCH OFFICERS**

President: Randy Yarbrough - 218-766-0695  
 Council Secretary: Paul Borslien - 218-289-2866  
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- A - C
- D - H
- I - M
- N - R
- S
- T - Z

**Then you Elder is:**

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- Ron Oelrich - 218-766-4656
- Eric Lee - 218-966-1023
- Paul Borslien - 218-289-2866

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 Marie Borslien - 218-556-7538

# DISTRICT NEWS

## OFFICIAL NOTICE: THE 25TH CONVENTION of the



**Minnesota North District**  
THE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Missouri Synod

Dates: February 23-25, 2025  
Location: Timberlake Lodge, Grand Rapids, MN  
Theme: "A living hope in Christ" I Peter 1:3-5  
Host Circuit: Iron Range Circuit, Rev. Jim Anthony, Circuit Visitor

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." *1 Peter 1:3-5*



the LCMS has partnered with **MinistrySafe** to provide access to their child protection training and resources.

**LEARN MORE >>** <https://ministrysafes.com/lcms>

*Minnesota*  
**STATE  
BIBLE  
BOWL  
2025**

For more than 30 years MN North has had Bible Bowl competition. The 2025 topic for Bible Bowl will be:

**Life of David**  
**(1 Sam. 16-1 Kings 2);**  
**Saturday, April 5**  
**@ Concordia University.**

Competition is for students in grades 7-12.



**CREATION  
MUSEUM**



**You Are Invited—Bus Tour**  
**December 28—January 2 | \$900-1100/person**  
**Hosted by: St. Mark's Benson**

Includes a stop at Mission Central in Iowa. To sign up or get more information please contact Pastor Wolter: [jwolter78@hotmail.com](mailto:jwolter78@hotmail.com) or 402-335-7518



**Lent Preparation | January 6-8, 2025**  
**At St. Andrew Lutheran, West Fargo**



# A HUGE CATCH

Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

### What you need:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue



### What you do:

1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.

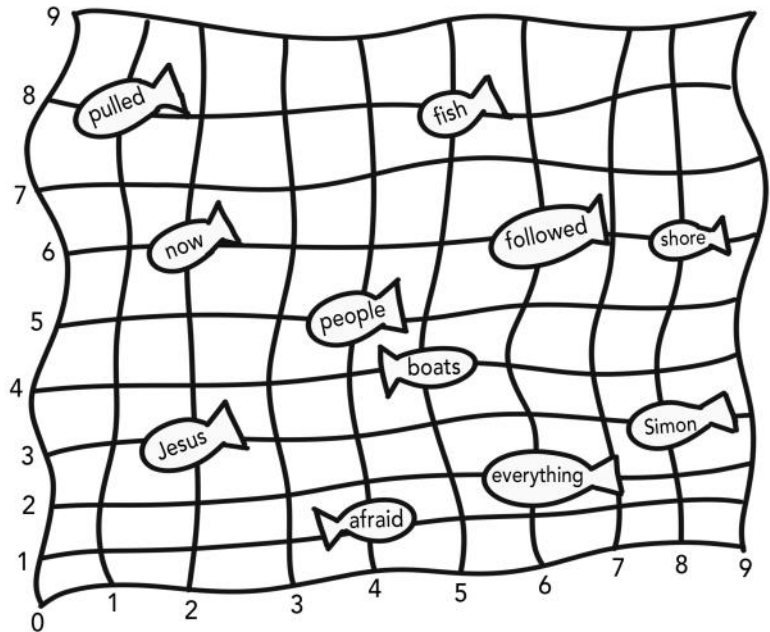
# Activity Page



## FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

*Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.*



Then Jesus said to \_\_\_\_\_, "Don't be \_\_\_\_\_; from \_\_\_\_\_  
(2, 3) (8, 3) (4, 1) (2, 6)  
 on you will \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_." So they \_\_\_\_\_ their  
(5, 8) (4, 5) (1, 8)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ up on \_\_\_\_\_, left \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
(5, 4) (8, 6) (6, 2) (6, 6)

*Luke 5:10-11, NIV*

Answers: Jesus, Simon, afraid, now, fish, people, pulled, boats, shore, everything, followed



When they saw the

STAR, they

rejoiced

exceedingly with

GREAT  
JOY.



*Matthew 2:10, ESV*

# News & Announcements

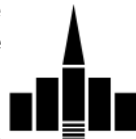
## ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 19th, 2025

10:30 am.

### The Annual Meeting is set for January 19th!

The Council would like to have the Annual Report ready in advance of the meeting so members can have an opportunity to review the information ahead of time. All **Church Boards & Church Groups** please have information you would like included in the 2024 Report to the office by 10:00 AM on January 8th. The report will be ready to pick up by Sunday, January 12th for everyone to review. Put your info in the file folder on the office door. **Deadline 10:00 am on Jan 8th.**



### 2025 General Fund Offering Envelope Sets are in the mailboxes.

Offering Envelopes



**DO NOT USE YOUR 2024 ENVELOPES IN JANUARY AS SOME NUMBERS ARE DIFFERENT**

(You can discard any left over 2024 envelopes)



**The Church Office will be closed on January 1st -2nd for New Years!**



**The NEW Portals of Prayer for January - March are in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.**



In January 2025 the Ladies Aid will join with Afternoon Guild to form one group. The new group will serve coffee on the 4th Sunday of each month. Therefore, there is a need for another group to pick up the 1st Sunday of each month to serve coffee after the Worship Service. If you can help, please contact the church office. *Thank you.*

## Lutheran Island Camp UPCOMING EVENTS



Jan 17-18, Feb 7-8, Mar 14-15

### Confirmation Weekends

Confirmation Weekends are led by Program Director Olivia, with the exception of the Confirmation Instruction time. To register your group, contact Di-  
anne at [licbusiness@islandcamp.org](mailto:licbusiness@islandcamp.org).

Jan 22-26, April 2-6

### Quilt & Craft Retreats

\$160/2 nights  
\$200/3 nights  
\$240/4 nights  
\$280/5 nights

Join us on the Island for a relaxing retreat full of quilting and crafts! Food and lodging is provided. Please bring your own bedding and toiletries. This year, due to the ERC renovations, the Quilt & Craft Retreat will look a little different. Please **CLICK HERE** for a letter from Program Director Olivia outlining these changes.

For any questions, please contact Olivia at [licprogram@islandcamp.org](mailto:licprogram@islandcamp.org).

### What you can do:

- Volunteer for our biannual spring and fall work days
- Sign up and volunteer for a time to serve the island
- Help fund projects for the improvement of camp
- Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp

Prayers are powerful! It is the prayers of our faithful supporters that make the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp fruitful.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." - 1 John 5:14

**THE BATTLE  
CONTINUES...**



Join the **March for Life**

**Saturday, January 18, 2025 12:00 Noon  
Beltrami County Courthouse**

- **Bring your own sign** (some signs will be provided)
- **Invocation and Speakers Before and After the March**
- **Soup and Sandwiches will be served following at St. Philips Social Hall**

***Bring The Whole Family, As This Is A Pro-Life March For  
All Age Groups, From The Youngest To The Oldest***



# JANUARY STEWARDSHIP

## *Repenting of “Feasts that Know No Fast”*

Fresh off the Christmas season and the retail frenzy that accompanies it, January brings a shot of frigid air into the lives of the people we know and love. This is not a meteorological statement either. While it is true that January is one of the colder months for those in North America, the cold front blast that hits us is the full force of credit card spending that fueled the retail frenzy. The bills for the gifts, the parties, the food and the travel have now come due. The credit card makes things convenient, but it also requires more discipline than many can muster. When the bills come in January for December’s celebration, it really puts a damper on things.

Congregations often make the same mistake in stewardship. We often charge forward in doing what we always do or starting new endeavors without counting the cost. But at the end of the month, or the end of year, when the bill comes due, the red ink on the congregational balance sheet smacks the people in the face like a stiff north wind in January. We hunkered down. We circle the wagons. We start to panic. The work of the Gospel suffers.

The fifth verse of “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788) addresses this January situation. The words penned by William Watkins Reid are very needful for us to hear as we start a new year, while dealing with the bills of past efforts and expense.

“Forgive us, Lord for feast that knows not fast ...” This hits us hard, doesn’t it? We love when the money is flowing, the parties are going, and things are getting bigger and better. But there is a time in life, and most especially in our spiritual disciplines, that we need to fast. The purpose of a fast is to step back, lay something aside for a time, and replace it with meditation on Scripture and prayer. This is designed to keep us from turning something that may well be good into an idol that separates us from the God who loves us in Christ.

“For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul ...” In “The Parable of the Sower,” we hear Jesus talk about how the worries and cares of life choke out the growth of the seed of the Word that was planted. We know how this happens in our lives. Professional and youth sports do this. Materialism does this. Travel and leisure and do this. There is a list of things that we enjoy that starve the soul.

But it also happens in our congregations. When corporate stewardship is not managed in a responsible way, it can and does destroy individual stewardship. Is it good individual stewardship to support a ministry that doesn’t take its corporate responsibility seriously?

“For walls and wars that hide your mercies vast and blur our vision of the Kingdom goal.” This is the ultimate end of the idolatry of failed stewardship. We build walls between believers within the church and hamper those who are outside from coming to the Light of Life that is Jesus. The wars we fight over money and its impact on ministry do the same. It eventually blurs our vision of what we are here to do: share the Good News of Jesus. When the wintry blast of January hits us in this fashion, we are called to repent.

When the Holy Spirit uses the cold front of the call to repentance, we meet the God who forgives and restores. That is what He does for individual and corporate stewards. When the bills hit, they call us back to Jesus. He is the One who indeed forgives us our shallow thankfulness and leads us into the bounty of His mercy yet again.



<u>Monthly Receipts/Expenses</u>	<u>November 2024</u>		
General Fund Receipts	\$23,087.58		
PS/CC Receipts	\$10,332.00		
Interest Receipts	\$40.61		
(Transfer to Money Market) Adjustments			
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$33,460.19</b>		
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$37,456.75</b>		
	<b>Monthly +/-</b>		
<b>OVERAGE/SHORTAGE</b>	<b>Year to Date +/-</b>		
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# YOU CAN NOW GIVE YOUR TITHE OR OFFERING ONLINE?!

It's Easy, just follow these steps...

1. Visit Trinity's Website at [www.trinitybemidji.org](http://www.trinitybemidji.org).
2. Click on "Donate" at the top right of the Home Page.
3. On the next page, Click the Donate button and you will be directed to our PayPal page.
4. From here, you can either donate with your existing PayPal account **OR** if you don't have an account you can donate with your Credit Card.
5. Then just complete using your information and submit.

If you have any questions about the process, please call the church office.

## The Benefits Of Online Giving

### STEWARDSHIP

You have the option of giving a one time gift, or having your tithe post monthly.

### CONVENIENT

You can continue to support Trinity even if you are away on vacation or gone for the winter.

### FLEXIBILITY

You can give to the General Fund or choose to give to a specific Ministry of the church.

If you would like help in learning how make your donation or tithe to Trinity online, just stop in to the office, we are happy to help.



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1 Dennis Frederikson

3 Theodore Lang  
Leah Blocker

4 Adam Maatz

6 Owen Potratz, Barbara Wolbeck

8 Tania Kuhrke

9 Hayden Schuette

10 Alyssa Koebke

12 William Lohse

14 Amy Koebke

16 Kathy Fulk  
*Dean & Gayle Christensen (10)*

17 James Branham  
*Rev. Daniel & Linda Domke (52)*

18 Lillian McNamara

19 Sandy Thorson

20 Sue Uhrinak

21 Beverly Parobek  
*David & Carole Holmes (58)*

23 Randy & Darla Yarbrough (41)

25 Jody Stuck  
*Rev. Les & Sue Uhrinak (39)*

26 Steve & Mary Krueger (21)

28 Ben Lang

29 Matt Haas

30 Judy Anderson



**ALTAR FLOWER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

Please sign up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2025!



**ADDRESS/PHONE**

If your address and/or phone number changes, please let the church office know, so your information will be correct in the church database. Thank you!



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**LARGE PRINT EDITION AVAILABLE**

**LARGE PRINT** bulletins are available for those that have difficulty with the regular bulletin. If you would benefit from having one of these bulletins, please ask an usher for a copy.

If you are interested in being a Greeter or an Usher, please speak with one of the Elders.



**WHEN YOU LEAVE GOD'S HOUSE**, please turn out ALL the lights (except in the office hallway) and please check that ALL the entrance doors are LOCKED, even if you didn't unlock them.

**Greeting Cards Available!**



Individual Cards are \$1.00 each. Boxed cards are priced on bottom. Checks are preferred. Please make your checks out to Trinity Ladies Aid and put your payment in the container provided. Thank you.

**Check out the "RESOURCE TABLE" in the Fellowship Hall for FREE Books, Periodicals, Devotionals, and More.**



**Portals of Prayer are in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.**



The first Sunday of Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus and the second Sunday **ALTAR CIRCLE** observes the Baptism of our Lord. Therefore, the paraments are white, the color of purity and eternity.

The remaining Sundays after the Epiphany have green paraments. The last Sunday after the Epiphany is again white for the Transfiguration of our Lord. The emphasis for the whole season of Epiphany is on the self-revelation of God to the world.



A "Gluten Free" option is available for communion. If you would like to take advantage of this option, please speak with Pastor or Elders.

**BEMIDJI AREA FOOD SHELF**

Trinity, along with United Methodist Church volunteer the 3rd Monday of each month at the Food Shelf. The first shift is from 9am-12pm and the second shift is from 12-3:30pm. Both shifts need 6-7 volunteers.







The Food Shelf would not function without all the volunteers who give of their time. Thank you for all you do to help the Food Shelf run smoothly. ~June Roxstrom



Please check the covered bulletin boards in the Church Entrance Hall for posted Letters, Community Events, Concerts, Meals, Fundraisers, local activities and news.

**READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - JANUARY**

- |                |             |               |                 |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 Luke 1:68-79 | 9 Psalm 37  | 17 Psalm 45   | 25 Psalm 53     |
| Mark 2         | Mark 10     | Genesis 7-9   | Genesis 31-33   |
| 2 Psalm 30     | 10 Psalm 38 | 18 Psalm 46   | 26 Psalm 54     |
| Mark 3         | Mark 11     | Genesis 10-12 | Genesis 34-36   |
| 3 Psalm 31     | 11 Psalm 39 | 19 Psalm 47   | 27 Psalm 55     |
| Mark 4         | Mark 12     | Genesis 13-15 | Genesis 37-39   |
| 4 Psalm 32     | 12 Psalm 40 | 20 Psalm 48   | 28 Psalm 56     |
| Mark 5         | Mark 13     | Genesis 16-18 | Genesis 40-42   |
| 5 Psalm 33     | 13 Psalm 41 | 21 Psalm 49   | 29 Psalm 57     |
| Mark 6         | Mark 14     | Genesis 19-21 | Genesis 43-45   |
| 6 Psalm 34     | 14 Psalm 42 | 22 Psalm 50   | 30 Psalm 58     |
| Mark 7         | Mark 15-16  | Genesis 22-24 | Genesis 46-48   |
| 7 Psalm 35     | 15 Psalm 43 | 23 Psalm 51   | 31 Luke 1:68-79 |
| Mark 8         | Genesis 1-3 | Genesis 25-27 | Genesis 49-50   |
| 8 Psalm 36     | 16 Psalm 44 | 24 Psalm 52   |                 |
| Mark 9         | Genesis 4-6 | Genesis 28-30 |                 |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ~Matthew 2:10-11</p>			<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>1:30 PM Ladies Guild 5:30 PM Board of Elders</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Sunday School</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 PM Men of Trinity</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 PM Bells</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:00 PM 6th Grade Confirmation 4:15 PM 7th &amp; 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:30 PM Hannah Circle</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Christian Singles</p> <p><i>Youth Groups Serve</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 PM Active Christian Fellowship</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 PM Bells</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:00 PM 6th Grade Confirmation 4:15 PM 7th &amp; 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM "Happy Quilters"</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Annual Voter's Meeting</p>  <p><i>Men Serve</i></p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM Eunice Circle 6:00 PM Bells</p>	<p>22</p> <p>4:00 PM 6th Grade Confirmation 4:15 PM 7th &amp; 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM "Happy Quilters"</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p><i>Ladies Guild Serves</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 PM Bells</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4:00 PM 6th Grade Confirmation 4:15 PM 7th &amp; 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	