

Trinity Carillon

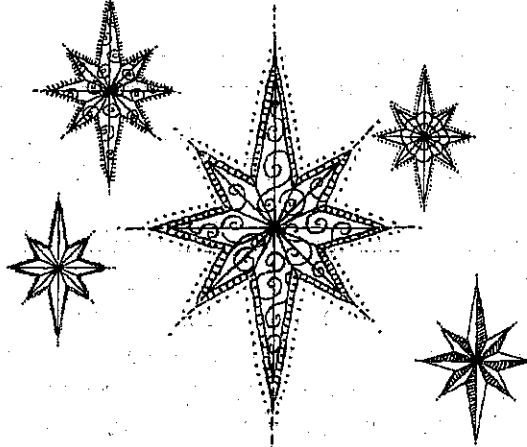
December 2009/January 2010

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TLS Student Council



is collecting new hats & mittens and clean, gently-used winter coats and clothes.

Collection in the Fellowship Hall

DECEMBER

JANUARY



TLS Students
Wednesday
December 16th
7:00 PM

Sunday
December 13th
(TLS Pre-School 4:00pm)
Sunday School 6:00pm



Wednesday, December 9th
 2pm and 7pm
 The Blessings of Faith

Sunday, December 13th
 8:30am and 11am (C)

What are you looking for this Christmas

Wednesday, December 16th
 2pm and 7pm

Christmas story as told by TLS students

Sunday, December 20th
 8:30am (C) and 11am

Music and the Spoken Word Christmas Cantata

Christmas Eve 7pm
 Family Worship
 The First Gift of Christmas

Christmas Eve 11Pm (C)
 Candelight Service
 The Real "Light" of Christmas

Christmas Morning
 A Gift to Share
 10am (C)

Sunday December 27th
 8:30am and 11am (C)

A-Christmas-Continued

(C) - Holy Communion

Trinity Family,

It does not seem possible that Advent is here! Do you remember the meaning of the word Advent? Just in case you have forgotten, it means "coming" or "arrival". This is a season in which we prepare for the arrival or coming of our King! We ended the Christian Church Year on a high note November 22nd with the celebration of "Christ the King Sunday". We turn right around and begin again with the anticipation of the return of King Jesus throughout our Advent season preparations for the celebration of HIS return at the end of the age . . . and of HIS coming as the Babe in the Manger to bring us hope and life through HIS healing grace. That hope assures us of a place in HIS Kingdom of Glory when HE comes again at the end of the age! But we need to be ready to receive HIM when Jesus returns!

I remember sitting in our living room watching television on dad's bowling night. It was getting fairly late in the evening, not long before we needed to head off to bed for the night. My brother was sleeping when the phone rang, but he woke up and answered it. He talked for a while and seemed to know whoever was at the other end of the line . . . but wouldn't say a word to us about who it was or what they wanted as he lay back down on the couch and crashed again.

My sister and I didn't think any more about that phone call till the doorbell rang the next evening. Grandma and grandpa were there just in time for dinner! Unfortunately dinner wasn't quite ready for them. It seems my brother was talking to Grandma in his sleep the night before . . . he remembered less about the call than our sister and I did. I think we ended up with carry-out chicken from some place, whatever we could throw together at the last minute. Nothing was ready, but we had a good weekend anyway. We all had a laugh about it, and no real harm was done. It is often like that when you get together with friends and family. Some of the best gatherings are impromptu celebrations with no plans and little preparations. Just throw together what you have and enjoy the time together!

It won't work that way when Jesus comes at the end of the age. If you aren't ready there will be no celebration! We need to be ready to receive HIM in faith, trusting in the Babe of the Manger . . . trusting in our King whose only crown was thorns . . . trusting in Jesus to bring us God's forgiving grace.

You remember what "grace" is don't you? God's free gift . . . or . . . "God's Riches At Christ's Expense!" It is the Kingdom of God given to us despite the fact that we don't deserve it . . . all the riches and glory of Heaven given to us because Christ Jesus died for our sins! That's the gift of God's grace packaged in the infant lying in the manger on Christmas morning! You can do all of the Black Friday shopping you want to . . . you can carefully search every add of the season . . . you won't find a better gift or a better price anywhere . . . share the gift of God's grace in Christ Jesus with those you love! Long after the other baubles you share are broken . . . rusted . . . lost . . . the gift of God's grace will continue to shine in their lives God's forgiveness, love, and peace!

Look through this month's calendar like it was the latest Walmart or Sears ad for seasonal opportunities to share in the celebration of the gifts of the season . . . God's gifts to you. You will find 3 midweek Advent worship opportunities . . . one of them the presentation of the Gospel by the students of Trinity school. You will see there the Sunday School and Trinity Preschool Christmas presentations on Sunday evening, December 13th. There are Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations to celebrate Jesus' birth. December 20th the Choir will lead us in worship through readings and song in our regular morning worship at 8:30 and 11:00.

Come, make your preparations with us . . . come, make ready to celebrate the arrival of our King! God has given you more than a phone call to announce His coming. The pages of the Old Testament lay out for us all of the plans and preparations God made for the arrival of HIS SON in the manger that first Christmas. God's New Testament Word shares with us the hope Jesus came to bring to prepare us to receive HIM in faith at HIS return . . . There won't be any last minute adjustments for those "caught napping" and unprepared at Jesus' return. Jesus will indeed be coming to deliver on HIS warning of judgment on the unbelieving world . . . but first HE comes at Christmas with HIS message of hope and love to all who will trust in HIS gift of grace, forgiveness and the promise of the Kingdom to the faithful!

May this Christmas find you ready to receive the gift of your King and mine as HE returns for us. May God the Holy Spirit touch your heart with the message of HIS Word . . . the message of Jesus and turn you back to HIM each time you are tempted to turn away.

Pastor Carrier.

OVERJOYED BY THE STAR

In Matthew 2, we read about the Visit of the Magi. Following the star, inquiring at the king's palace, informed by the priests where to find the Child, they trudged with determination to Bethlehem, bringing with them the gifts they planned to present as they worshiped Him. *"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 and of incense and of myrrh"* (Matthew 2:10-11).

What did the Wise Men from the East know about this Baby or His family? Not much. Yet they came in faith, bringing gifts with them to honor Him. How far did they travel? How long was their trip? We can surmise, but what's important to know is that, for them, the trip with all its drudgery was worth it. *"They were overjoyed."*

How long a trip are we prepared to make this Christmas to worship the Christ Child? Are we willing to put up with inconvenience and sacrifice in order that we might come before Him with our gifts, offering them in faith, as the Wise Men did?

What causes our joy this Christmas season? Is it seeing the eyes of little children light up when they open their presents? That's good. Is it finding exactly the right gift for someone special? That's good, too. But are we "overjoyed" when we see the star? Contrary to the messages we hear in the commercials and even the seasonal songs, the only thing Christmas is about is the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

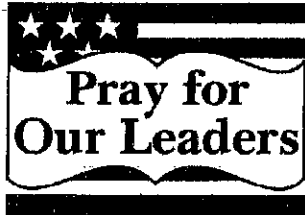
Along with doing all the wonderful things that are good to do at this time of the year, including the visiting of sick and the shut-in, the baking of goodies, giving to food banks, the sharing of financial resources with those in need, and all the shopping and caroling and everything else, let's find our joy in seeing the star. That star points us to Jesus and leads us to the Cross. Let's worship Him with our best and most precious gifts as the Wise Men did.



*Come, let us
adore him!*

Your Stewardship Committee

In our Prayers



**John Thompson
Matt Herpel
Todd Smalenberg**



Ongoing Health Concerns



**Julie Buckbee
Clara Guthbertson**

**Betty Jo Hall
Shirley Hunger**

**Will McGregor
Jack McKenzie**

**Tom Musson
Mike Vincent**

**Ray Wolfe
Reggie Yager**



Prayer Concerns



**Corey Alfara
Joyce Bartley
Lauie Beedle
Eugene Beeler
Evelyn Doan
Gordon Dunlap**

**Joyce Dunlap
Bridget Habedank
Ken Hass
Betty Hegler
Amy Hrivnak
Kristy Kendrick
Bob Koppel, Jr**

**Amelia Lozaro
Richard Maas
Kenneth Maas
Ed McCoy, Sr.
Sheila McClain
Michael Pickett
Sue Pobanz**

**Betty Schlicht
Ernie Schmaltz
Wilma Schmaltz
Ginny Smalenberg
Vonda Tosch
Laurel Vitone
Jerry Withun**

**Gene Schommer
Shirley Kincaid
Charles Fayed
Tom Heddle
John Thompson**

Thanksgiving: Zoey Ann Mills born to Mike and Kari Mills

Troy Smalenberg Mark Klein Mary Scheute Barb Schommer Mary Harwood Richard Pickett

Each Day Join us in Praying for:

1	Evan Leathorn	16	Deyhna Riase	14	Erin Odum
2	Julian Hart	17	Riley Wallace	15	Isabella Boyd
3	St. Paul/Ann Arbor	18	Zachary Brunke	18	Aiden Osmer
4	Riley Thompson	JAN		19	Jace Mullins
7	Katie Decator	4	Emaleigh Machowski	20	Grace/Auburn
8	Sara Stevens	5	Noah Schaaf	21	Justa Velez
9	Ellen Rabe	6	Lynda Rathje	25	Bethany/Detroit
10	Meghan Wiley	7	Damarion W-Cook	26	Bailey Thompson
11	Charlotte Mehnert	8	Lindsay Kielbas	27	Quinn Zeller
14	Conner Rosenau	11	Deaven McWain	28	Mason Grodon
15	Board of Ed	12	Mackenzie Downing	29	Zechariah Staton
		13	Cady Wallace		

**Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
Things Church Ladies Write in Bulletins**

Church News/Events

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands!

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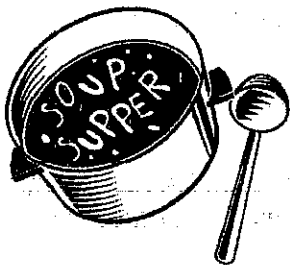


TELL THE GOOD NEWS Even though Christmas has become a commercialized holiday, most people can give an answer to the true origin of this most Holy Day. People who never go near a church fill the pews on Christmas. Some come because of tradition, some to please their parents, and some because it's still heartwarming to hear again the story of the birth of Baby Jesus in the manger at Bethlehem. We picture the angels filling the sky and the shepherds, first cowering in fear on the ground, then running joyfully to see *"this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about"* (Luke 2:15).

That's how it happened that first Christmas. There were no trumpets blown outside a palace to announce that a king had been born; God chose heavenly singers above a stable to proclaim the birth of our king. That first Christmas is the only one when angels made the proclamation.

Since that time, God has chosen us as stewards of the Gospel to be the ones to share this *"good news of great joy that will be for all the people"* (Luke 2:10). That is the reason we still remain on earth. As baptized believing Christians, we're ready for heaven, but God permits us to live here in order that we might proclaim this most wonderful of all messages: *"Today . . . a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord"* (Luke 2:11). Let us carry on the message of the *" . . . great company of heavenly host . . . praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests'"* (Luke 2:13-14).

Your Stewardship Committee



Soup Suppers

Wednesdays at 5PM

Before Advent services

Church UN-Decorating Party

January 9th
See bulletins



Don't let worry kill you off. Let the Church help.

Things Church Ladies Write in Bulletins

Mexicali Mission Meeting
Sunday, December 16th @ Noon

This is supposed to be for grades 7-12. How did you do?

How much do you really know about the Christmas story? See if you can answer the following questions. Then, using your Bible, check your answers.

1. Which Gospels tell the story of Jesus' birth?
2. How did Mary find out that she would be the mother of Jesus?
3. What was Joseph's plan when he first learned that Mary was going to have a baby?
4. Who was Quirinius?
5. Who were Jesus' first visitors?
6. How many wise men came to visit Jesus?
7. What gifts did they bring?
8. EXTRA CREDIT: What did those gifts represent?
9. Who were Simeon and Anna?
10. Who did God choose to be Jesus' forerunner?
11. How was his conception similar to that of Jesus?
12. When and where was the birth of a Savior first prophesied?
13. Which book of the Bible holds the most prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah?
14. Where specifically did the birth of Jesus take place?
15. Name some famous ancestors of Jesus.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, the birth of Your Son, Jesus, was truly a miraculous event. Help me to rejoice year after year as the angels rejoiced over Your wonderful gift to us. Help me never to tire of hearing the message of Christ's birth, life, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. Help me to live my life as a witness to my Savior. In His name I pray. Amen.

THE LAW IS THE LAW! (submitted by Herb an e-mail he received from his grandson)

So "if" the US government determines that it is against the law for the words "under God" to be on our money, the, **so be it.** And "if" that same government decides that the "**Ten Commandments**" are not to be used in or on a government installation, then, **so be it.** I say "**so be it**" because I would like to be a law abiding citizen. I say "**so be it**" because I would like to think that smarter people than I are in positions to make good decisions. I would like to think that those people have the American public's best interests at heart.

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE I'D LIKE?

Since we can't pray to God, can't Trust in God and cannot post His Commandments in Government buildings, I don't believe the Government and its employees should participate in the Easter and Christmas celebrations which honor the God that our government is eliminating from many facets of American life.

~~I'd like my mail delivered on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving and Easter. After all, it's just another day.~~

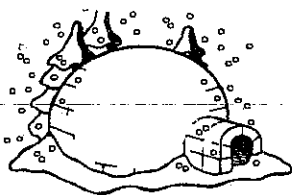
I'd like the US Supreme Court to be in session on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving and Easter as well as Sundays. After all, it's just another day.

I'd like the Senate and the House of Representatives to not have to worry about getting home for the "Christmas Break." After all, it's just another day.

I'm thinking that a lot of my taxpayer dollars could be saved, if all government offices & services would work on Christmas, Good Friday & Easter. It shouldn't cost nay overtime since those would be just like any other day of the week to a government that is trying to be "politically correct."

In fact... I think that our government should work on Sundays (initially set aside for worship) because the government says that it should be just another day.

What do you think? (e-mail edited for space) I'd tell you what I think, but I'm out of space. ☺



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2-Dec Emily Hawks
- 2-Dec Jessica Martin
- 2-Dec Penny Teepie
- 2-Dec Frank L Zmolk
- 3-Dec Judy Lauth
- 3-Dec McKenzie Sanderson
- 3-Dec Mallory Wetzel
- 4-Dec Heather Atkins
- 4-Dec Ann Burns
- 4-Dec Mary Krestik
- 5-Dec Shirley Arft
- 5-Dec Eagen Bayer
- 5-Dec Bryan Hering
- 5-Dec Mary-Margaret Hunger
- 5-Dec Beth Shumaker
- 6-Dec Nancy Schultz
- 6-Dec Beatrice Straub
- 7-Dec James Burns
- 7-Dec Donald Edington
- 7-Dec Gerald Keller
- 7-Dec Bob Kuschel
- 7-Dec Stephen McGregor
- 8-Dec James Buckbee
- 8-Dec Judy Logan
- 8-Dec Heather Weiss
- 9-Dec Edward Becker
- 9-Dec Lynn Gehle
- 10-Dec Ann Becker
- 10-Dec Herb Dornfeld
- 11-Dec Maria Gossman
- 11-Dec Joshua Jex
- 12-Dec Jena Jackson
- 12-Dec Robert Weiss
- 13-Dec Calvin Hensler
- 13-Dec Brett Leverton
- 13-Dec Brenda Weiss
- 13-Dec Monica Zuk
- 14-Dec Kelli Camm
- 14-Dec Timothy Jackson Jr.
- 14-Dec Alisha Jacobs
- 14-Dec Carol Schultz
- 15-Dec Stephen Agnew II
- 15-Dec Courtney DeVeny
- 15-Dec Pamela LePla
- 16-Dec Gloria Green
- 17-Dec Andrea Langolf
- 17-Dec Dennis Trombley
- 18-Dec Bill Angerbrandt
- 18-Dec Kristin Everhart
- 18-Dec Carole Jackson
- 18-Dec Morgan Kyllonen
- 18-Dec Thomas Langolf
- 18-Dec Charlie Thrushman
- 19-Dec Charlotte Wetzel

- 19-Dec Thomas J. Kennedy
- 19-Dec MacKenzie Nichols
- 19-Dec RayLynn Scayola
- 20-Dec Kara Herber
- 20-Dec Dominic Schultz
- 20-Dec Benjamin Skinner
- 20-Dec Betty Walton
- 21-Dec Robert Butts
- 21-Dec Russell Hegler
- 21-Dec David Phu
- 21-Dec Ethan Reno
- 22-Dec Jordan Myers
- 22-Dec Lenny Schneider
- 22-Dec Melissa Whitesell
- 23-Dec Emily Bresee
- 23-Dec Virginia Irwin
- 24-Dec Zoe Hayden
- 24-Dec Kevin Shurkey
- 25-Dec Tonisha Cunningham
- 25-Dec Helen Petho
- 26-Dec Jamie Bassett
- 26-Dec Aiden Burke
- 26-Dec Sam Wagner
- 27-Dec Robert Armstead III
- 27-Dec Kevin* Dailey
- 27-Dec Steven Langolf
- 27-Dec Jennifer Messenger
- 27-Dec Jeremy Rosenau
- 27-Dec Ginny Schneider
- 27-Dec Sharyn Wendt
- 28-Dec Stephanie Bodeis
- 28-Dec Linda Gonder
- 28-Dec John Heil
- 28-Dec Emily Koppel
- 28-Dec Jared* Kraemer
- 28-Dec Wallace Riase
- 28-Dec Rachelle Wendt
- 29-Dec Scott Baldwin
- 29-Dec Dustin Caughill
- 29-Dec Alexandria Downing
- 29-Dec Kimberly Klaas
- 29-Dec Raechel* Witter
- 30-Dec Anthony Barr
- 30-Dec Dylan Bittner
- 30-Dec Devin Willing
- 31-Dec Geraldine Foerster
- 31-Dec Helen Tosch
- 31-Dec Alice Warsinski

December

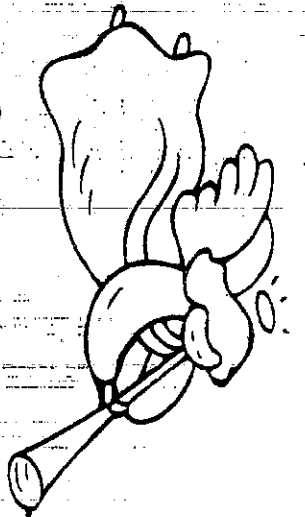


- 1-Dec Robert S. & Cheryl Burkett
- 12-Dec Eleanor & Ernest Angove
- 14-Dec Keith & Gladys Pickering
- 20-Dec Herb & Vicky Dornfeld
- 20-Dec Terri & Matthew* Triplett
- 22-Dec Robert & Louann Andrews
- 28-Dec Rev. Ronald & Kimiko Astalos
- 28-Dec Ann & Keith* Burns
- 28-Dec Stephanie & Andre' * Gignac
- 29-Dec John & Lori Carrier
- 31-Dec Yvonne & Luckey Hilliker

Sorry we missed your birthday



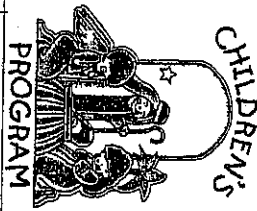

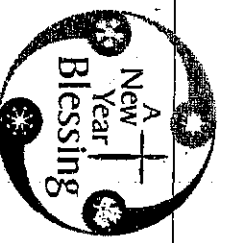
If we missed your special day-please call the church office 984-2993



December 2009

** Holydays*

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

6 2nd Advent 8:30A Worship HC 9:30A Coffee Hour 9:45A Christian Education 11:00A Worship	7	8 9:00A Quilters 5:45P Evangelism Visits 6:15P Handbells	9 2:00P Advent Service 5:7P Jr. Confirmation 5:00P Soup Supper 5:30P Choir Practice 7:00P Advent Service	10 10:00A Ladies' Bible Study 6:00P Bd. of Evangelism 6:30P Bd. of Ed., Elders 6:00P Bd. of Evangelism	11	12
13 3rd Advent 8:30A Worship 9:30A Coffee Hour 9:45A Christian Education 11:00A Worship HC 12:00 Mexical Mission 1:00P Adult Confirmation 4:00P Preschool Christmas 6:00P Sunday School Christmas	14 	15 9:00A Quilters 5:45P Evangelism Visits 6:15P Handbells	16 2:00P Advent Service 5:7P Jr. Confirmation 5:00P Soup Supper 5:30P Choir Practice 7:00P Advent Service	17 10:00A Ladies' Bible Study 6:30P Social Concerns 7:00P Church Council	18 1:00P School Dismissed	19
20 4th Advent 8:30A Choral Cantata HC 9:30A Coffee Hour 9:45A Christian Education 11:00A Choral Cantata 1:00P Adult Confirmation	21 NO SCHOOL	22 5:45P Evangelism Visits 6:15P Handbells	23 11:00A Christmas Communion Service for Shut-ins 5:00P Soup Supper 5:30P Choir Practice	24  Christmas Eve 7:00P Carol Service 11:00P Candlelight Service	25 Merry Christmas 10:00 Worship Service	26
27 8:30A Worship 9:30A Coffee Hour 9:45A Christian Education 11:00A Worship HC No Adult Confirmation	28	29 THIS WEEK	30	31 7:00P New Year's Eve Worship Service		School Resumes Jan 4th

