



# Trinity Tidings

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Bringing the Good News of Christ!

*January 2022*

*Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.*



## From Pastor Wright

“Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!” **2 Peter 3:4**

From earliest times people have felt frustrated by the delay of the fulfillment of God’s promise. Psalm 130, one of my favorite psalms (and one of Luther’s favorites too) says: “I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning,” (Psalm 130:5-6).

In all my waiting for things to change, for things to get better, the only thing that has sustained my hope is God’s word. In God’s word I hope. In God’s word I find encouragement even if my eyes and ears are constantly discouraged by everything they see and hear.

Another psalm, number 119, the longest of the psalms (176 verses!), expresses my own frustration: “My soul languishes for your salvation; I hope in your word. My eyes fail with watching for your promise; I ask, ‘When will you comfort me?’” (Psalm 119:81-82). But this same psalm also expresses confidence in God’s word: “This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life,” (Psalm 119:50).

Like aged Simeon who saw with his own eyes the salvation God had promised (Luke 2:30), I too want to see with my own eyes some sign of God's salvation. I think God is probably more frustrated with me than I am with God! The prophet Isaiah asks: "Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?" (Isaiah 40:21).

"You are baptized!" "This is the body of Christ given for you!" "This is the blood of Christ shed for you!" "By grace you have been saved!" "Your sins are forgiven!" It is much more important to hear and believe these things than to merely see them.

It is a mistake to want to see. It's understandable, but it's a mistake, for "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen," (Hebrews 11:1). "We walk by faith, not by sight," (2 Corinthians 5:7). "In hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience," (Romans 8:24-25). All things may indeed continue as they have from the beginning of creation, but there is reason to hope. We may not see it with our eyes, but we hear of it in God's Word.

"Hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem us from all our iniquities," (cf. Psalm 130:7-8).





**Those who are sick, injured or in need of strength**

Members

Larry Musselman, Mina Bergman, and Alice Willmann, Brenda Herzog, Joyce Bergman, Julie Krueger.

Non-Members

David Smith, Mandi Miller, Gladys Stone, Rennick Daniels, Kaylee Mullens, Nancy Truitt, Gary Fraser, Julie Hinote, and Kathi Conner, Carla Stanford, Geneva Braxton, Family of Ricky Cecil, Mandy Vance, Susan Witt

**Those in the Military**

Dalton Andrews, Roper Crosthwaite, Mindy Dahl, Logan Farrar, Travis Ohrtman, Zane Ohrtman and Zachary Bonds.

**Our Home-Bound**

JoAnn Anz, Leroy Walsh, Brenda Herzog, and Emma Speer

**Local**

Pastor & Church leaders (Church Council & Executive Committee & Church Boards)

During the week, please take time to add these persons to your prayers. To add yourself or someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office (254-675-8815). You must have the individual's or a family member's permission. Thank you!

**NT/NL Prayer Concerns for January 2022**

Pray for a faithful celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons

January 2 – *Calvary, Richland Hills; Covenant, Temple; Dallas Area Metroplex North Conference*

January 9 – *St. John, Coryell City; Our Savior's, Clifton (Norse); Indigenous, Native Peoples*

January 16 – *First Salem, Roscoe; St. Stephen, Shreveport; NT-NL New Start Table*

January 23 – *Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie; Umoja Int'l Mission, Fort Worth; First Call Theological Accompaniment*

January 30 – *Community of Hope, Ft. Worth; Trinity, Pottsville; Texas Impact, Austin*



**Altar Flowers for the Month of January & February**

- January 2 – Open
- January 9 – Open
- January 16 – Open
- January 23 – Open
- January 30 – Open

- February 6 - Open
- February 13 – Open
- February 20 - Open
- February 27 - Open



# Important Dates



**January 13, 2022**  
Annual reports due in office

**January 23, 2022**  
Budget hearing  
Following Worship

**January 30, 2022**  
Annual Congregational meeting  
Following Worship

## Website info and Pictures Needed

Our website is now updated and running. We are asking for pictures to publish on the site to show the care and companionship that is Trinity. Email pictures to our church email

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# January



## Responsibilities

### Acolyte

January 2- Chase Brooks  
January 9- Chase Brooks  
January 16- Reed Willmann  
January 23- Jack & Lily Domel  
January 30- Brody Amundson

### Altar Guild

January- Dorothy Stanley

Audio- Randy Outlaw

### Video

January 2- Darlene Outlaw  
January 9- Darlene Outlaw  
January 16- Darlene Outlaw  
January 23- Sheila Musselman  
January 30- Sheila Musselman

### Communion Assistants/Lectors

January 2- Bill Williams  
January 9- Dorothy Stanley  
January 16- Sarah Domel  
January 23- Terry Curlee  
January 30- Mike Bernhardt

## Quilt Tackers Meetings

Quilt Tackers will resume meetings on Wednesday, January 4, 2022.





**Mission & Service Board** would like to suggest that you mail a birthday card, call or perhaps visit one or more of our members, age 80 and older who have birthdays this month:

**January 10** – Marilyn Whitworth  
918 S Avenue M  
Clifton, TX 76634  
254-675-8600

**January 27** – Alice Pederson  
202 S College Hill Dr Apt B29  
Clifton, TX 76634  
254-855-7625

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Elizabeth Olson	01/08
Marilyn Whitworth	01/10
Chelsea Crandell	01/11
Helen Haas	01/12
Haley Riley	01/14
Layton Cockrell	01/16
Charles Anz	01/20
Sheila Musselmann	01/20
Kristy Anz	01/24
Jana Benette	01/24
Justin Nichols	01/24
Kevin Eickholt	01/31
Emily Olson	01/31



Our church donations to the NTNL Synod Mission are used to fund the following things:

- Single mothers struggling to feed their children
- School children who cannot afford classroom supplies
- Incarcerated men who are hungry for the Good News
- People recovering from addiction
- Elderly receiving home cooked meals
- Day workers who start their mornings with a hot breakfast
- Homebound or medically vulnerable church members who worship online
- Young men and women searching for spiritual involvement in alternate settings
- Lutherans eager to learn leadership skills through online learning and retreats
- Young children who benefit from pre-school or tutorial programs
- Leaders and clergy seeking spiritual enrichment and encouragement
- Individuals new to being Lutherans offered biblical and spiritual encouragement to grow their faith
- Gardeners who plant seeds to feed the hungry and share the Good News with their community

And many more.....

# Appreciation

To Our Church Family,

Thank you! Words cannot express how much we thank you for the expression of sympathy during the loss of our nephew, Ricky Cecil. We are truly grateful for your friendship and support.

God Bless,  
Gene & Cathy Finstad

The Lutheran Sunset Ministries Board and staff wish to thank you and your staff for again providing us with the warm, welcoming space of the Fellowship Hall for our November Board meeting. The snacks and drinks were most appreciated.

We'd like to wish you and the congregation of Trinity Lutheran a blessed Advent and Christmas seasons. We pray that the new year will bring us all a renewed sense of hope and peace as we hold fast to His words, "For I am with you always."

Sincerely,  
Lutheran Sunset Ministries

*Thank you* 

Huge thank to everyone that helped with Trinity's Angel Tree. Trinity Lutheran helped 4 families with a total of 10 Angels. All the angels received warm coats, clothes, shoes and many other clothing items from the members of our church. The families also received a gift card to Brookshire's and Dollar General.

## A Note from the Cemetery Association

The Trinity Lutheran Cemetery Association members wish to thank Trinity members for their support of the Wreaths Across America project. We are especially grateful for all of the individuals that sponsored wreaths, those that walked the cemetery several times to locate the veterans' graves, helped unload the wreaths from the truck and marked the graves with flags prior to the wreath laying day. We appreciated so many of you attending the ceremony on Dec. 18 and your assistance laying the wreaths. Individuals laid 161 wreaths for veterans buried in Trinity's cemetery.

The wreaths will remain at the cemetery until mid-January. Please take time to drive through the cemetery during the Christmas season and remember our veterans. We wish all of you a joyous Christmas!

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery Association Members

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift to the Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund! Because of your love, a family in a refugee camp can feel more at home with quilts to wrap around their shoulders. Families who have lost their homes in an earthquake can maintain their hygiene and dignity with a Personal Care Kit as they determine how to rebuild. And a mother living in the slums can welcome her new baby with pride, feeling your love and support every time she swaddles it with items from a Baby Care Kit. We are so grateful that you are loving these neighbors by ensuring they'll receive these critical items just when they need them most.

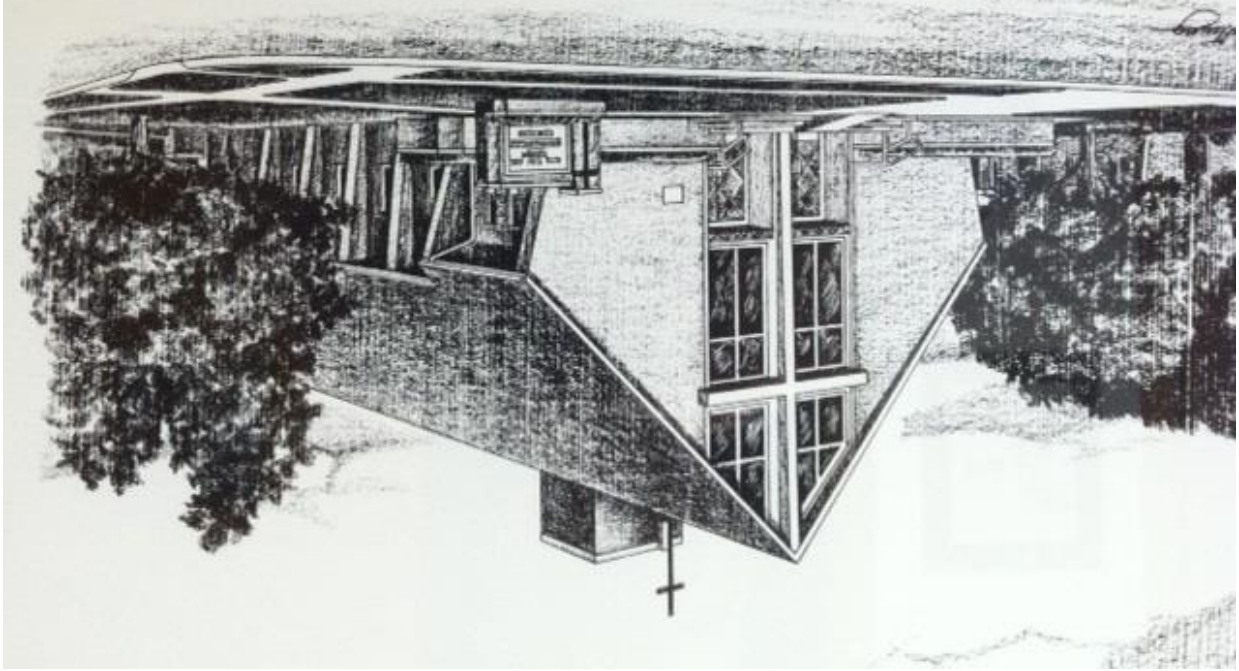
Lutheran World Relief

# January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day
2 9am: Sunday School 9am: Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission & Service	3	4 2pm: GW Worship Service 5 pm: AI Anon	5 9 am: Quilt Tacking 12 pm: Ministerial Alliance	6	7 Office Closed	8
9 9am: Sunday School 9am: Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Property Board	10 2pm: Worship & Music	11 5 pm: AI Anon	12 9 am: Quilt Tacking	13 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE Council Reports Due	14 Office Closed	15
16 9am: Sunday School 9am: Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship	17 Martin Luther King Day 6pm Church Council Meeting	18 5 pm: AI Anon	19 9 am: Quilt Tacking	20 Newsletter Items Due	21 Office Closed	22
23 9am: Sunday School 9am: Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING	24	25 9:15-12:00 Food Bank Trinity Staffs 5 pm: AI Anon	26 9 am: Quilt Tacking 12:15pm: FCA Lunch CHS Mission & Service	27	28 Office Closed	29
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**If you have any information you would like to be included in the newsletter, please bring it by the church office or email it to the church at [trinityclifton803@gmail.com](mailto:trinityclifton803@gmail.com). The Church office is open Monday – Wednesday from 7:30am – 3:00pm, Thursday from 7:30am-12:00pm. **The deadline for the February newsletter is January 20<sup>th</sup>.****



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## January Newsletter