



Bringing the Good News of Christ!

# *Trinity Tidings*

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**January 2024**

**Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.**



## *From Pastor Wright*

*The season of Epiphany begins on January 6. It always begins on January 6, twelve days after Christ was born on December 25<sup>th</sup> (as it is reckoned).*

*The season of Epiphany is about people coming to recognize Jesus and seeing God's will being done through him on earth as it is in heaven. On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas "wise men from the East" (Matthew 2:1) arrived in Jerusalem (as it is reckoned) by following a star. They asked King Herod: "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage," (Matthew 2:2).*

*The first Sunday after Epiphany tells of Jesus' baptism by John (Mark 1:4-11). A voice comes from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased," (Mark 1:11). How's that for an epiphany? The second Sunday after Epiphany Jesus begins calling his disciples: Philip and Nathanael. Nathanael wasn't so sure about this Jesus of*

Nazareth guy and asks Philip: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see," (John 1:46).

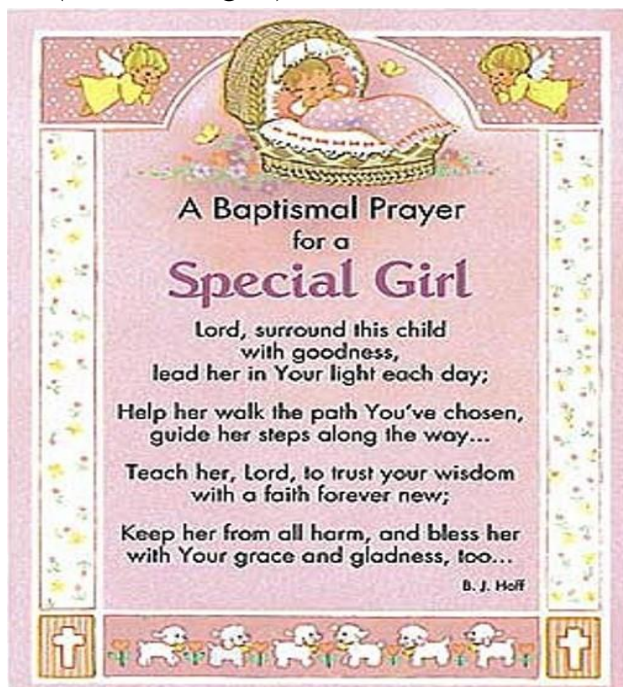
The third Sunday after Epiphany Jesus calls two fishermen: Simon and his brother Andrew. Then he calls two more fisherman: James and John, sons of Zebedee. Jesus "fished" them into God's kingdom and invited them "fish for people" too. (Mark 1:14-20)

The fourth Sunday after Epiphany Jesus casts out a demon. Everyone who saw it had an epiphany. I guess the demon did too! (Mark 1:21-28).

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany Jesus heals Simon Peter's mother-in-law's fever (Mark 1:30-31). He also "cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons" (Mark 1:34). While healing is a wonderful ministry, Jesus said: "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do," (Mark 1:38). The real epiphany takes place when the gospel of peace is proclaimed.

The last Sunday after Epiphany is Transfiguration Sunday. Jesus appears on the mountaintop in glory with Moses and Elijah (Mark 9:2-4). As when Jesus was baptized, a voice is heard from heaven: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" (Mark 9:7). This is our epiphany, that we hear Jesus announcing peace to the far and the near, to us and to all.

"Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts," (Psalm 85:8).







**Those who are sick, injured  
or**

**in need of strength**

*Carla Stanford, Jake Haas, Paula Aguirre, Tirah Epley Menger, Brandon Bartels, Pat Railsback, Kelly Mitchell, Brenda Herzog, Sarah Garrett, Karen Sadler, Waylon Henderson, Merle Belcher, Bartels Family, Family of Carla Stanford, Family of Jeff Nichols, Doug Finstad*

**Those in the Military**

*Dalton Andrews, Logan Farrar, Travis Ohrtman, Zane Ohrtman*

**Our Home-Bound**

*JoAnn Anz, Brenda Herzog, Sandra Boyd, Joe Petzol, Elizabeth Dahl*

**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!*

**Council  
Reports  
Due  
January 11, 2024**

**Newsletter Items  
Due  
January 25, 2024**



**BIRTHDAYS  
THIS MONTH**

**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 South Avenue M  
Clifton, Texas 76634

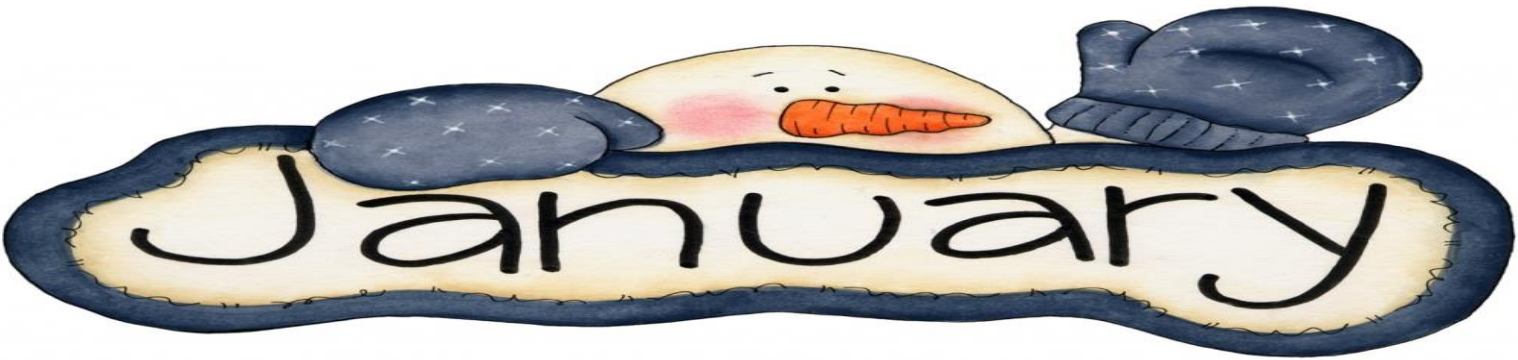
January 27: Alice Pederson  
202 S College Hill Dr,  
Apt B29  
Clifton, Texas 76634

**Survive the  
First Day Back  
at School After  
Winter Break**



**Clifton Schools resume on  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024.**

**Food Pantry Shift**  
Trinity staffs the Food  
Pantry  
on January 23, 2024,  
9:30am to 12:00pm.



### Birthdays

Amy Perry	01/05
Elizabeth Olsen	01/08
Marilyn Whitworth	01/10
Chelsea Crandell	01/11
Helen Haas	01/12
Riley Ivey	01/14
Layton Cockrell	01/16
Charles Anz	01/20
Sheila Musselman	01/20
Kristy Anz	01/24
Jana Bennette	01/24
Justin Nichols	01/24
Alice Pederson	01/27
Kevin Eickholt	01/31
Emily Olsen	01/31



Family of Carla Stanford

&

Family of Pernie Stanford

### NT/NL Prayer Concerns for January 2024

*We invite individuals and congregations to join us in prayer for our congregations, leaders, and partners in mission.*

*January 7: St. John, Coryell City; Dallas Area Metroplex North Conference*

*January 14: Our Savior's, Clifton (Norse); Indigenous People and Native Nations*

*January 21: St. Stephen, Shreveport; NT-NL Public Witness for Peace & Justice Teams*

*January 28: Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie; Umoja International Mission, Fort Worth*

# Responsibilities

## Altar Guild

January: Dorothy Stanley

## Communion Assistants/Lectors

January 7: Norma Chaney

January 14: Sarah Domel

January 21: Sarah Symank

January 28: Lois Chaney/Cathy Finstad

## Audio/Video-

January 7: Randy & Darlene Outlaw

January 14: Randy & Darlene Outlaw

January 21: Larry & Sheila Musselman

January 28: Larry & Sheila Musselman

## Usher

January 7: Brett & Brody Amundson

January 14: Bill & Susan Williams

January 21: Clint & Brooks Symank

January 28: Doug Hennig & Kevin Tanner



Let's Get  
Excited! Day Camp  
is coming back to  
Trinity July 14-19,  
2024! This day  
camp will be for  
students who have  
completed grades K-  
5 and we will NEED  
junior counselors and  
helpers (those that  
have completed 6th  
grade-12th  
grade). We will also  
need some adult  
helpers. Mark your  
calendars now!

## **2024 Clifton Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule**

Below are the dates that Trinity is scheduled to volunteer at the Food Pantry. Please let the office know if you are willing to volunteer your time for any of these dates:

01/23	06/25	11/23 (Food for Families Drive)
02/27	07/23	11/26
03/26	08/27	
04/23	09/24	
05/28	10/22	

Trinity volunteers the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month, 9:30am-12pm.

(Trinity will not be scheduled for volunteering in the month of December, as the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday falls on Christmas Eve.





Annual Committee  
Reports are due to the  
church office by  
**Thursday, January 11,  
2024.**



Annual Budget Meeting  
**Sunday, January 14,  
2023, 11:30am**



**Annual  
Congregation  
Meeting**

**Sunday,  
January 21,  
2023,  
11:30am**



# Children's Christmas Program



## Appreciation to:

Terry Curlee & Sarah Symank for costumes

Brett Amundson & Hunter Ringo for setting up the backdrop.

Parents for helping the children learn their lines.

Pastor Wright for writing this awesome masterpiece!!





# Quilts of Valor



Debbie Stubbs and Alice Pederson honored Trinity's veterans on Sunday, November 12, 2023, with a Quilts of Valor Presentation. Such an honorable and gracious gift for these wonderful veterans that served our country.

Pictured are (left to right) Debbie Stubbs, Alice Pederson, Bill Williams, Merle Belcher, Dave Oldham, Mike Bernhardt, Gene Finstad and Tom Nichols.



★ THANK YOU ★  
*veterans*



# *Appreciation Posts*

November 29, 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church  
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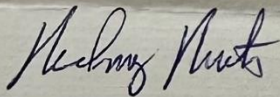
Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,000.00 for the ongoing ministry of Lutheran Sunset Ministries.

Sunset is about serving resident's needs. Your gift goes directly to supporting the services provided. We at Sunset; Board, staff and residents, need the commitment of persons like you to support this ministry. Without this kind of support we could not maintain the commitment to our mission of "serving our residents with respect and dignity in a Christian environment". Sunset's strength is in the commitment of its constituents and its ministry as good as their generosity.

Again, thank you for your gift and generosity.

Sincerely,



Rodney Rueter  
President/CEO

*Thanks!*

**No goods or services were provided by LSM in exchange for your donation.  
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During a time like this  
we learn how much our friends  
and relatives really mean to us.  
Your expression of sympathy will  
always be treasured.

Trinity Lutheran Church,  
we appreciate the care & preparation  
of my mom's service. The luncheon was  
wonderful. Thank you to all the hands that  
prepared it. It was a beautiful worship  
full of love and grace of Jesus.  
Thank you, Carroll Stanford & Mindy Webb & Family

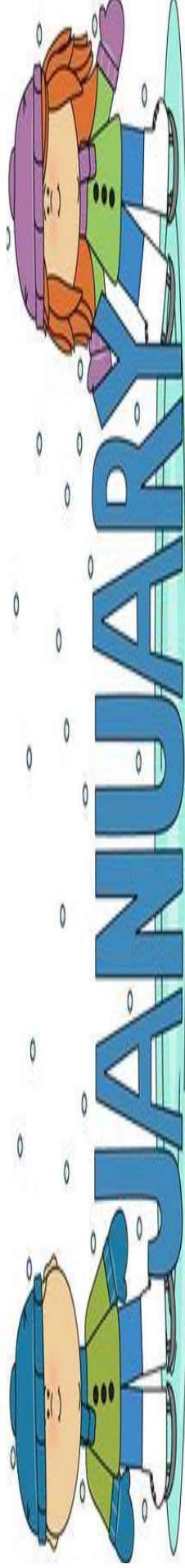




**Carla Stanford:** Roger & Matt Parks,  
Douglas Kieta

**Jeff Nichols:** Merle & Anna Belcher

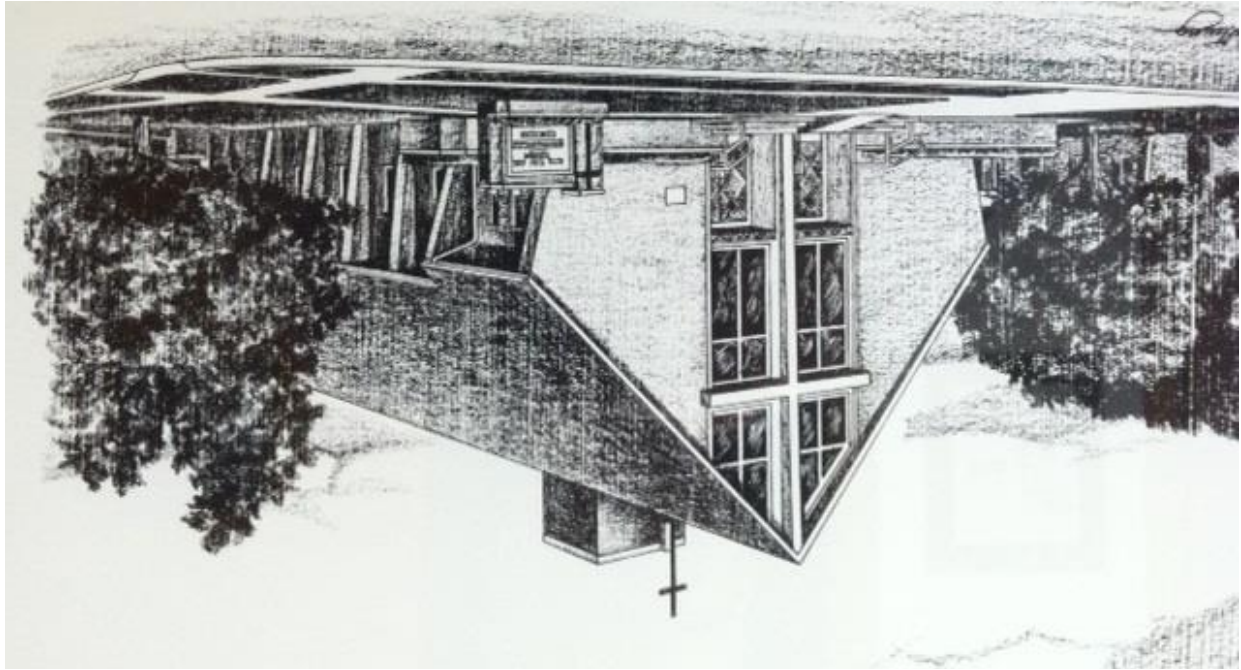
**Tom Swope:** Gene & Cathy Finstad;  
Douglas & Sharon Finstad;  
J.M. Finstad





January 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> News Year Day Office Closed CISD Holiday	<b>2</b> Office Reopens CISD Holiday 11 am: HOT Lunch 4pm: AL Anon	<b>3</b> CISD Holiday 12pm: Ministerial Alliance	<b>4</b> CISD Holiday	<b>5</b> CISD Holiday Office Closed Amy Perry Birthday	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Mission & Service Board	<b>8</b> CISD Holiday 2pm: Worship & Music Elizabeth Olsen Birthday	<b>9</b> 4pm: AL Anon	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Annual Reports Due Council Reports Due Cheslea Crandell Birthday	<b>12</b> Office Closed Helen Haas Birthday	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Annual Budget Meeting Fellowship Board Property Board Riley Ivey Birthday	<b>15</b> CISD Holiday 6pm: Council Meeting	<b>16</b> 2pm: Goodall-Witcher Chapel 4pm: AL Anon Layton Cockrell Birthday	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Office Closed	<b>20</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30-12: Food Pantry 10: Sunset Chapel 4pm: AL Anon	<b>24</b> Kristy Anz Birthday Jana Bennette Birthday Justin Nichols Birthday	<b>25</b> Newsletter Items Due	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b> Charles Anz Birthday Sheila Musselman Birthday Alice Pederson Birthday
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Kevin Eickholt Birthday Emily Olsen Birthday	Notes: If the office does not have your birthdate, please let us know. We would love to celebrate you on your special day!!		

**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 - 2:00pm, Thursday from 7:30am - 12:00pm. **The deadline for the February newsletter is January 25<sup>th</sup>.**



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