



Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Longing for a New Year

As I write this article, I am surrounded by various piles of resources that have helped me plan for the Advent and Christmas season. You would think that not meeting in person would alleviate some of the daily tasks. However, these past nine months have seemed like years as I have had to learn new skills to do my best to connect with our community. I have enjoyed aspects of it, and other aspects have drained my backup tanks. I am looking forward to the time after Christmas to rest and rejuvenate so that we are ready to go full speed ahead in January. While we do not know for sure what that will look like yet, I would like to invite you along for the journey. I will be putting together a Post-Pandemic team that will guide the congregation into the future, which will incorporate all aspects of what it means to be church today. If your interest is piqued, let me know. One way that all can participate is to continue to keep the church and its leaders in your prayers.

In the meantime, I am longing for the new year. In some ways, this past year has seemed to fly by, and in other ways it has seemed endless. I am praying for a new year that gleams with hope and anticipation as the baby we rejoice in on Christmas guides us in becoming greater disciples and reminds us what church and community looks like.

We can speculate what 2021 will bring, but no one can say for sure. I wouldn't have guessed back in January of last year when I traveled to the Holy Land that 2020 would turn out the way it has. Yet, we have stay connected as community and in that I see that glimmer of hope and joy that is reflected in the manger. Let us carry that light out into our communities in 2021.

*Peace,
Pastor Alex*



Our first food distribution with Gleaners was a great success thanks to the many volunteers that came to help. We will continue to distribute on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm. The next distribution dates will be January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 12, & June 9.

Trinity on Mission

While Trinity has moved from worshipping in-person, that does not mean that we are connections with the community have stopped. Trinity filled almost two large boxes for the Got your Backpack Blessings for men in women from Port Huron to Detroit that are living on the streets. Trinity has given out food to nearly 300 households since we began hosting Gleaners in October. Trinity has provided Christmas for 22 children through the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Trinity has also reached out to the community through the Christmas with the Angels program and our Drive Thru Christmas Story. Trinity has done an excellent job of breaking out of the walls of the church this year amid the pandemic.



Thank You from Pastor Alex & Family

Thank you all for the cards and various gifts this Christmas Season. They mean a lot as we walk through this unusual Christmas Season. This community has been a true blessing.

Living Hope Ministries- Haiti, December 2020

Living Hope Ministries- Haiti thanks you for your prayers and financial gifts in 2020. You provided Andris and Mary Jane a home in Haiti! After not having their own apartment since the 2010 earthquake, you graciously funded all items needed to complete a new apartment home through our Fall Fundraiser. How awesome it is to be loved by God and all of you! Thank you.

You sponsor our students, showing your love and compassion beyond borders. Your faithful giving blesses and enables operations of our church, and primary and trade schools. Thank you!

We pray for you through 2020 and the New Year.

Website: LivingHopeHaiti.org Facebook: [LivingHopeMinistriesHaiti](https://www.facebook.com/LivingHopeMinistriesHaiti)



Christmas Outreach - 2020

Trinity provided 22 Macomb County children with needed items for Christmas.

Once again, Trinity participated in a gift giving opportunities through the Lighthouse Mission in Roseville as our Christmas outreach project. The mission provided lists of needed items for 20 children and we had requests from two Richmond children. We were able to grant the wishes of all. Most of the children's lists included coats, basic clothing and a toy or game. Thanks to all the families that volunteered to buy this year. Your generosity never fails to amaze. Twenty two children will feel the joy of Christmas because of our outreach.



Thank You!

- Everyone that has participated in worship and its preparation.
- Marilyn Frank, Melissa Daugherty, Theresa Kulman, and Denise Robson for preparing and offering a great Christmas with the Angels program.
- Becky Stuart for organizing the bags for Detroit Rescue Mission and all those that took a bag to donate.
- Sharon Macumber for the great idea of participating in the Got You Backpack Blessings.
- Everyone that has helped at Gleaners distribution and Bob Kohlhagen for the great signs he made for it.



January 3 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 10.... Baptism of our Lord

1 Samuel 3:10[11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Mark 1:4-11

January 17.... 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46-55
Romans 16:25-27
John 1:43-51

January 24.... 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 31 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28



January 1 – Pastor Alex Steward
January 2 – Chris Schroudt
January 9 – Kiefer Steward
January 12 – Kyle Bartels
January 12 – Becky Stuart
January 12 – Judy Weiber
January 14 – Sue Fields
January 15 – Kelsey Hollenbeck

January 17 – Ava Hill
January 20 – Lester Dobberowsky
January 22 – Lark Schutt
January 23 – Mary Fistler
January 23 – Judy Pitcel
January 26 – Judy Pitcel
January 28 – Jennifer Hill
January 29 – Matthew Wernet
January 30 – Ella Hill