



# Trinity Tidings

## January 2020

*“Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? ...if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?” Daniel 3:13-15*

The above scripture was inspiration to the song Even If written by lead singer, Bart Millard of MercyMe. Millard declares, “I know what God is capable of but *even if* He doesn’t come through, He is still my HOPE because of what He’s *already* done, not what the circumstances are doing to me. My circumstances are not going to change what Christ has done for me. If nothing else, He’s the only thing that has prepared me for the circumstance.” Millard’s circumstances are revealed through another song he wrote called I Can Only Imagine, and later a movie of the same name exposing his painful past with his abusive father. His older brother, who at first, vehemently denied it being that bad, eventually came to terms with the truth and made peace with his brother. This true story lays open wounds to which we might be able to relate, memories we, too, may want to forget or keep forever hidden. Bringing to light such pain is difficult but necessary for healing. The journey one takes when coming to terms with a painful past can bring healing once we acknowledge it and realize we are held tightly in the arms of God. We are embraced with His power and life.

Critics don’t understand this but the God we serve allows suffering not only to bring us closer to Him but more importantly, because we are given free will. We are not puppets, but saints and sinners, who are given choices. God loves us enough to let us make our way through life. We are never alone in our struggles. However long our suffering God never ceases to offer refuge. The pain we incur along the way is just part of life – I mean “what if healing comes through raindrops” as Laura Story suggests in her song, Blessings, or “what if God’s healing comes through tears, what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know God is near, what if trials of this life are God’s mercies in disguise.” What if, indeed! When threatened by the burning reality of life know that God has already gone before us. He has been in our shoes. From the day He was born, Jesus, the Son of God fled, fought, and overcame the onslaught of wrongdoers and conceited cynics. The truth lies not in false hope found in silver and gold but in the lowly manger. Epiphany shines light on this truth - we have a real God, in the flesh, who lives evermore!

“God was worthy long before any of [our] circumstances even showed up” proclaims Millard. There is no substitute for experience. We believe in a faithful God and have seen and felt the scorching repercussions of life yet, come out on the other side of it a better person *because* of our suffering. It’s what Isaiah called refined by fire (48:10). God always brings the hope, peace, joy and love that we crave. Wiser men than you or me have seen this truth. A Christian’s duty, then, is to accept the life he or she has been given and offer that truth to the world to help make it a happier place to live. Our HOPE lives in the truth of what He’s *already* done. Millard proclaims that “Even if He went silent and never said another word, He’s still worthy to be praised and that He’s our greatest hope in the midst of the trial.” Sounds Biblical to me. Don’t believe me? Listen to my friends “*Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego [who] replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up” Daniel 3:16-18.*

May your journey in 2020 be blessed and filled with hope! (*even if it hurts*)  
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## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD – Monday, January 6

From *Living Lutheran, The Revelation of Epiphany, (January 6, 2017)*  
by William Flippin Jr, Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Atlanta

We in the church often depict Epiphany as the season of light—a thunderous congratulations to the divine revelation of the Son (or Sun) of Righteousness. The entire journey of Christmastide, from the nativity to Epiphany, beckons us to marvel at the glorious, life-sustaining light of the Son of God that has come to earth.

But the real revelation of Epiphany is that Jesus, the Christ child, coming from the eastern horizon, is being chased and pursued by a paranoid potentate. Bethlehem's baby has been marked for death in the name of national security. Our "light-hearted" Epiphany could be seen as a season of resistance to imperial violence.

Jesus, the light of the world, starts life as a political refugee. Our Savior is spirited out of the country on back roads traveling RWM (that's riding while a Messiah). The infant Jesus is given a head start by the magi, pagan people of color, who defy an imperial edict and disobey King Herod's command that they report back to him after completing their visit to the infant Jesus, thereby involving themselves in civil disobedience and political subversiveness.

In the light and darkness of Epiphany, we are called to be spiritual and political activists, to perpetuate the true revelation that Jesus is the light of the world—the light that not only illuminates but also reveals and uncovers those things done in the dark.

## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – Sunday, January 12

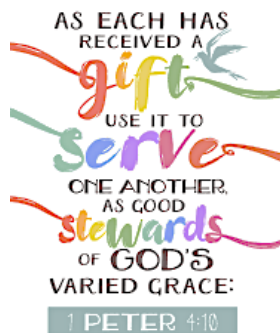
The Baptism of Our Lord is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. It is celebrated in the Lutheran Church, as well as the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches, on the first Sunday following the Epiphany of Our Lord.



### Installation and Blessing of Council Members

Sunday, January 5  
During Worship Service

## 2020 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS & FINANCIAL OFFICERS



**Continuing Members:**

Bill Calhoon, Jessica Granthon; Wendy Hammer, Dan Hardy, Jeff Keener, Pastor Cheri Korte, and Earl Smith

**Newly Elected Members:**

Pennie Freet, Rich Scanlon and Tim Yeingst (who is staying on for another 3 years)

**Out-Going Members:**

Heather Fanus and Shaina Kulp

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**Financial Officers:** Audra Cuthie, Financial Secretary & Craig Korte, Treasurer

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Thank you to council members, continuing and out-going, and financial officers for volunteering your time and providing faithful service to Trinity Colebrook and its mission. Congratulations and thank you to newly elected council members – it is always appreciated when someone steps up to “answer the call.”



### SOUP AND PIE SALE



**Chicken Corn Noodle Soup**

\$5.00 for Quart  
\$18.00 for Gallon



**Fruit Pies**

\$8.00 for 9" Pie

- Apple Crumb • Blueberry Crumb
- Cherry Crumb • Peach Crumb

Look for pre-order forms or call: Margaret Daub at 717.964.3342 or Melody Kulp at 717.665.9768

Order Deadline – Sunday, January 26    Pickup – Saturday, February 1, between 9:00 and 12 noon



**FREE!**

**Overcomer**

Friday, January 10  
6:00 pm

Pulled Pork • Refreshments • Fresh Popcorn

Movie Poster & DVD Giveaway



## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sue Baney; Doris Bucks; Gretchen Burford; Wendy & Ben Chicoria; Faran Clouser; Lori Colwill; Dennis DeFelice; Rick Fox; Warren & Carol Gingrich; Pauline Greiner; Janet Hoy; Ruth Lee; Denny Martin; Alyssa Newell; Debbie Ronning; Doris Savage; Nikki Scolet; Jaden Scott; Marissa; Jeanette; Barbara; Debbie



Grieving – The Family of Marian Wilhelm (Shirley Keener’s Sister);

Assisted and Skilled Care – Ellen Gepfer

Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders – Abigail Romberger; Brad, Dylan & Tim Yeingst

Military – Matthew Buchmoyer; Todd Campbell; Roger Daub; David Martin; Sawyer Mundorf; Townsend Mundorf; William Rimmler; Adam Thieroff; David Walborn; Luke Waltz

To have the Prayer Chain activated for a family member or friend in need of our prayers, please contact:



1. Pastor Cheri at 717.606.8851 to begin the prayer chain.
2. If Pastor Cheri is not available, call Barbara Hardy.
3. If Barbara Hardy is not available, call any other person listed.

Margaret Daub	717.964.3342	Lillian Minney	717.964.5032
Barbara Hardy	717.867.1286	June Tschudy	717.964.3291
Karen Miller	717.626.1461	Connie Weirich	717.665.6448



Becky Row (Jan 4); Samantha Lund (Jan 6); Barbara Hardy & Dylan Yeingst (Jan 8); Sally McGeehan (Jan 15); Megan Kelly (Jan 31)

Rodney & Karen Rhoades (Jan 2); Gregory & Melody Kulp (Jan 8); John & Marlene Stehman (Jan 28)



## FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE



A prayer service is held every Friday at 10:00 AM. Bring your concerns, thoughtful support and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ bring peace and healing to our world.



## JANUARY WORSHIP TEAMS



*Thank you for serving as a team member at Trinity Lutheran Church!*

*Volunteers are reminded to sign up on the monthly assignment sheets. If there is a certain month you would prefer to serve, please let Barb Buchmoyer know.*

	Sunday January 5	Sunday January 12	Sunday January 19	Sunday January 26
<b>Music Leader</b>	Joe Buchmoyer	Acapella	Joe Buchmoyer	Praise Ensemble
<b>Head Usher</b>	Barb Witmer	Barb Witmer	Barb Witmer	Barb Witmer
<b>Head Usher</b>	Wayne DeFelice	Wayne DeFelice	Wayne DeFelice	Wayne DeFelice
<b>Acolyte</b>	Victoria Brooks			Katie Brooks
<b>Communion Asst</b>	Brad Yeingst	Bill Calhoon	Bill Calhoon	Jeff Keener
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dan Hardy	Dan Hardy	Dan Hardy	Dan Hardy
<b>Altar Care</b>	Diane Carroll	Heather Kimmel	Lucrecia Hardy	Heather Kimmel
<b>Altar Care</b>	Janet Hoy	Mel Kulp	Barb Buchmoyer	Marie Martin
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Bob Hammer	Bob Hammer	Bob Hammer	Bob Hammer
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Steve Miller	Steve Miller	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
<b>Readers</b>	The Lessons will be available in the Narthex. Feel free to pick a Lesson up as the Spirit moves you to be a reader.			



### CHRISTMAS STOCKING PROJECT

51 stockings were filled! We thank Lillian Minney for sewing the stockings and everyone who provided funds and/or filled the stockings.



### 2020 CHURCH DIRECTORY IS UNDERWAY

Have you had a name, address, phone or email change? PLEASE let Diane Calhoon or Barb Hardy know by the end of December.

Diane Calhoon at [grannycalhoon@gmail.com](mailto:grannycalhoon@gmail.com) or 717.450.5926

Barb Hardy at [bhgram@hotmail.com](mailto:bhgram@hotmail.com) or 717.867.1286



### TO OUR TRINITY FRIENDS

Our sincerest appreciation to Pastor Cheri, for all your many prayers, expressions of concern and cards that were sent to our grandson, Ben. The doctor said he came through his heart surgery "great" and is now getting a lot of rest at home. We will get to see him right after Christmas and can hardly wait. Sincerely, Bill and Diane Calhoon



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

### EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY TIME

Sunday, January 19

Following Church in the Fellowship Room

★ Tasty ham and cheese sliders ★ Cupcakes ★ Games



We will be collecting needed items and monetary donations for the Home of Hope in Manheim.  
Watch for more info in the narthex in the New Year!!



## SOUPER BOWL FUN AGAIN!!

Social Outreach would like to repeat the fun we had last year with the Super Bowl, which will be held Sunday, February 2!

Start buying cans of soup, any flavor and size, and plan to bring them to church on January 26 and February 2 and pick your team's kettle!!

Let's have some fun and help out the food banks ... all soup will be donated to them!!

## CARING & SHARING

(Shared by Barb Hardy)

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house  
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.  
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care  
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.  
And mom in her rocker with the babe on her lap  
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the east there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here!  
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray  
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!

The light of His face made me cover my head  
It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth  
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life, which He held in His hand,  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;  
When He said, "It's not here," my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love  
He gathered to take to His Father above.  
With those who were ready He rose without sound  
While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;  
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.  
I stood and I cried as they rose out of site;  
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight!

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;  
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
There's only on life, and when comes the last call  
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!





**Betty Kreider** has been a member at Trinity for 4 years. She is related to Mary Stager, Jill, Victoria and Katelyn Brooks and Laim Sonon. Some of Betty's **favorite things** to do are: she used to bake, swim and bike a lot. Now she reads and loves to look up at the sky. **One thing you may not know** about Betty is that, at 95, she still lives alone. She went parasailing in Cancun when she was 18. She was married at Trinity and the framed cradle rolls in our Narthex were donated by Betty. Betty has so many **favorite Bible verses** she couldn't name just one. I saw her Bible and it was old and worn. Unfortunately, many years ago, her dog ate part of her Bible. How many people can say that! Her **favorite Hymn** is "Great is thy Faithfulness." Betty's **faith** helped her survive a heart attack. Every day she puts her faith in God, knowing that He is always with her. **Someone who made a difference** in Betty's life was her late husband Franklin, her son Tom Stager, as well as Victoria and Katelyn. A time she felt **God was present**: when she was in Londonderry Village recuperating from

her heart attack. A time **God surprised** Betty: She says many ways...she's still here!

*And for that we are truly grateful Betty. Bless you and watch the spiritually hungry canines!*



**Carol Gingrich** has been a member at Trinity for 4 years. She is related to Terry and Elwood Weaber, Tracy, Bo, Katelyn and Matthew Monette. Some of her favorite things she used to love to do was hitting garage sales and making ceramics. She loved to eat before her situation changed preventing her from the ability to do so. She loves to read now. One thing you may not know about Carol is that she has lots of patience and is not a complainer. I can also tell you she is feisty and loves to tease. Her **favorite Bible verse** is "Jesus Wept" John 11:35. Carol's **favorite Hymn** is "The Old Rugged Cross." Carol said her **faith** has helped her handle things and made her more aware of other peoples' problems rather than her own. **Someone who made a difference** in her life was when she was a child, her neighbor lady who brought her and all the neighborhood kids to church. A time when she felt **God present** was when she had a major operation in 2000. She didn't think she would get through that. **God surprises Carol** all the time!

*Thank you, Carol. In spite of all you endure, you surprise me with your calm and loving personality. You are an inspiration to us all!*



The Trinity prayer chain and email will be used to contact members if church services need to be cancelled.

As always, everyone is encouraged to decide about safe travel on roads.

# January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February Tidings Deadline</b> Sunday, January 16  Items can be put in Diane Calhoon's mailbox or emailed to <a href="mailto:grannycalhoon@gmail.com">grannycalhoon@gmail.com</a> .		<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Prayer Service  Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">                         FOOD BANK                          SUNDAY                     </div> Church Council Mtg Following Church  Christian Education Pancake Breakfast  EVERYONE WELCOME!!	<b>6</b>  Epiphany	<b>7</b> Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>9</b> 6:45 pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Prayer Service  Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">                         6:00 pm                          Dinner &amp; Movie                          Overcomer                     </div>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  Baptism of the LORD	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Social Outreach Committee Mtg	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Prayer Service  Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 1:00-3:00 pm Prayer Shawl & Quilt Ministry Mtg  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">                         Everybody's                          Birthday Party                          Following Church                     </div>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">                         TIDINGS                          INFORMATION                          DEADLINE                     </div>	<b>20</b>  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	<b>21</b> Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>22</b> 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Prayer Service  Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> WELCA Soup & Pie Sale Order Deadline  Collecting Cans of Soup for Souper Bowl Sunday	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>29</b> 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10:00 am Prayer Service	 <b>Souper Bowl                      of Caring</b> Sunday, Feb 2 You Can Still Bring Cans of Soup!