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“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.” (Isaiah 11:1)

It is Advent—a time to reflect, pray, and worship the Christ who came, who comes, and who will come again. Imagine the world some two thousand years ago in the weeks before the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. People were busy doing whatever it was that defined their lives at that moment. For some, it was struggling against hunger, fear, and desperation. For others, it was enjoying their wealth and ease. For yet others, it was simply dealing with the pressures of their lives. But for all, the weeks we call “Advent” were just days and nights lived in darkness.

And indeed, it is a dark world. God had created the world to live in union with Him. He had breathed life into the father of our race, Adam, a creature of dust. He had formed Eve from the side of Adam and had joined the two together and to Himself. How bright the world must have been as Eden lived in harmony with the Creator.

But darkness came. The world rebelled against God bringing a darkness that permeated all creation. Death had entered through sin, and as the children of Adam filled the world, they took with them the darkness of that dreadful day in Eden when sin and death entered the world.

It was a world of darkness cut off from the source of all light, the Creator. Yet a light was breaking into the world. A young girl carried in her virgin womb a Son. This daughter of Eve was about to give birth to the One who would be the light of the world. This infant would reverse forever the horror of humanity’s fall into sin and death and darkness. This was the miracle of miracles: our human sister Mary became, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the mother of God, the bearer of the Savior of the world. She would give birth to a child and His name would be Jesus and he who would forever destroy darkness, and His light was to be the light of the world.

Every force of Satan would seek to put that light out. Herod, the Scribes, the Pharisees and the sin of the world would seek to silence Him as He spoke words of life. Failing to silence Him, they would seek to kill Him. Some thirty-three years after the first Christmas, the Babe

of Bethlehem would be nailed to a cross. But this is what He had come to do.

The Advent story, including the culminating Christmas story, is about a baby who had been born to die—yet not just to die but to be placed in the utter darkness of a tomb and on Easter morning to burst forth from the tomb. When the child of Mary rose from the grave, the light that began at Bethlehem shone so brightly that no one since has been able to put it out.

This Advent, we gather in the name of Jesus and consider His great story anew. The Jesse Tree will be a story we tell focused on Holy Scripture which will point us to Jesus. He is the Seed of Jesse's tree. He is the Root of Jesse's tree. He is the Life of Jesse's tree. And He is the Firstfruit of Jesse's tree. Therefore, we invite you to sing with us and the angels this Advent Season. Sing with us as we proclaim together, "To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth" (LSB 383).

Pastor Mike



TLC Family Care Connections

We pray for...

† **Shut-Ins:** Wauneta Messenger, Forrestt Simpson

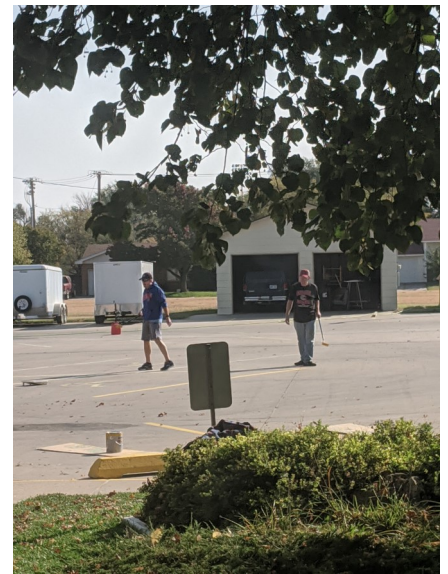
† **Health Concerns:** Terri Schweer, Aaron Schiffelbein, Steve Hamann, Tim Lavrenz, Shirley Frost, Denny Maxwell, Evelyn Kowalke, Wayne Combs, Dale Wilson, Tom Tabor

If you have a prayer concern, please call the office

**** always obtain permission before sharing another's concerns**



Some scenes from the church work day in October. Deep appreciation for all who took time to help spruce up the church and grounds!!



Christian Education

Weekly Bible Study
Saturday at 6:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

Burial: The Final Journey

Youth studying the book of Job

3 year olds -3rd grade meet in Good Shepherd room, following opening in Fellowship Hall.

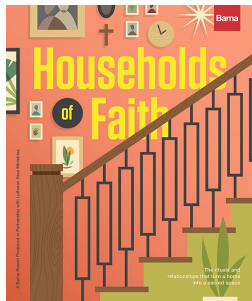
Weekday Fellowship Opportunities

Get-together-Girls

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Join the ladies for fellowship, devotions, and card ministry. Drop-ins are welcome!

Next Meeting for Stephen Ministry

Monday, December 14 at 6:30
In Matthew's Place



Adult Bible Class
February 2021
Households of Faith
Hosted by our TLC
Family Life

In this four-session study, you will explore the research in the *Households of Faith* study and learn how to apply it to your household, no matter the shape or size.

The sessions highlight three characteristics that Lutheran Hour Ministries' and Barna-based research found were active in spiritually vibrant households. According to the research, spiritually vibrant households apply spiritual disciplines, extend hospitality, and engage in spiritual conversations. Join us in February to explore new possibilities for your home.



Have you seen the ministry of the Stephen Ministers here at Trinity?
Have you thought that perhaps you would like to participate in this ministry?
Your opportunity to do so has arrived!
The next Stephen Ministry training class will begin **January 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

January 10 at 5:00 p.m. Trinity we will host a big group gathering (in the Fellowship Hall) along with the Methodist group. We will give an in depth look at Stephen Ministry. Please RSVP for that event as we will be serving a meal. Sing up sheet in the Narthex, or call the church office. If you would like to participate in this class, or if you have questions about the ministry of Stephen Ministers, please talk to Pastor Mike, Cynthia Lavrenz, or Tammy Lampe

TLC PRESCHOOL



Merry CHRISTmas! Trinity Preschool is sure going to be busy this Advent season. We will be learning to wait while preparing for baby Jesus' birthday. Both classes will be hearing about how Mary and Joseph had to travel a long distance. Trinity-3 has painted the stable and put fresh hay in the manger. Meanwhile Mary & Joseph and the angels are waiting for the birth of the new born King. The shepherds and their flock are also keeping watch!

Trinity-4 has been busy hearing about the birth of Jesus, and is getting prepared for Christmas. Both classes have been keeping our room and the hallways filled with the sights of Christmas. One of our favorite activities is looking at our baby pictures and guessing who was a baby like Jesus. Make sure that you walk down our hallway and see Christmas through a young child's eyes! This year we will have a combined Christmas program on Thursday, December 17th at 7 pm. You are all invited to come and listen while the preschoolers tell you about Christmas. We will be on Christmas break from December 21st till January 5th.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Serving Christ together,
Tammy Lampe and Tina Davis

Youth Activities!

Youth Group Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

Sunday School at 10:30 am

Come for Spiritual and Relational Growth!

Kansas District Youth Gathering was a virtual event.

Trinity invited area church to join them and included a servant event at Family Crisis.





James Davis	12/1
Kelly Langdon	12/1
Keith Erichsen	12/4
Liz Meyer	12/4
Jacya Vargas	12/4
Gordon Drees	12/6
Dixie Beery	12/7
Oliver Gonzalez	12/7
Brian Odneal	12/7
Michael Hageman	12/9
Tonya Lampe	12/9
Ashley Schultz	12/11
Austin Ackerman	12/12
Roger Reetz	12/13

Renee Algrim	12/14
Lois Hinkle	12/14
Mark Petersen	12/14
Heidi Berg	12/15
Kaye Kuhlman	12/15
Statler Kerr	12/16
Kellee Odneal	12/17
Jacynda Vargas	12/18
Warren Schwab	12/19
Curt Kinney	12/23
Betty White	12/24
Timothy Cruz	12/26
Jayce Vargas	12/27
Judy Schweer	12/28
Ainsley Beery	12/29
Kay Petersen	12/30
Don Bohl	12/31
Marin Kerr	12/31
Annie Regier	12/31



Next celebration will be Sunday, December 6 at 10:30
Pictured are those celebrating November birthdays.

Monthly Birthday Celebrations

The first Sunday of each month we celebrate Trinity members birthdays! Their birthdate and baptism date are shared, and a special prayer is said for the group.

Emil & Deandra Krug	12/5
Brian & Kristina Odneal	12/5
Bob & Doris Lewis	12/8
Curt & Kathy Kinney	12/9
Daniel & Nancy McMillan	12/10
Gordon & Stephanie Wright	12/13
Brad & Jody Kerr	12/18
Grady & Kaye Kuhlman	12/21
Lowell & Dorothy Mueller	12/22



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Worship Assistants Saturdays: Ron Hall
 Sundays: Jay Meyer & Ron Thiele
Altar Committee Sundays: Gloria Martinez

Acolytes

Dec	2	6:30	Kade Davis
	5	5:30	Preston McMillan
	6	9:00	Brady Cessna
	9	6:30	Preston McMillan
	12	5:30	Michael Nelson & Oliver Gonzalez
	13	9:00	Dacoda Davis
	16	6:30	Jackson Combs
	19	5:30	Colton Obregon & Carlie Obregon
	20	9:00	Lindsay Nelson
	24	6:30	Kade Davis
	26	5:30	Preston McMillan
	27	9:00	Brady Cessna
	31	6:30	Michael Nelson
Jan	2	5:30	Dacoda Davis
	3	9:00	Jackson Combs

PowerPoint

Dec	2	6:30	Chloe Powell
	5	5:30	Jenna Nelson
	6	9:00	Bryce Foreman
	9	6:30	Selah Hageman
	12	5:30	Kiera Hageman
	13	9:00	Calista Davis
	16	6:30	Jenna Nelson
	19	5:30	Dacoda Davis
	20	9:00	Kaleb Reagle
	24	6:30	Brady Cessna
	26	5:30	Michael Nelson
	27	9:00	Colby Cessna
	31	6:30	Bryce Foreman
Jan	2	5:30	Chloe Powell
	3	9:00	Selah Hageman

Lectors

Dec 5 5:30 Martin Nusser	Jan 2 5:30 Judy Nuuser	Feb 6 5:30 Gerry Schultz
6 9:00 Jay Meyer	3 9:00 Ed Banning	7 9:00 Jerry Bitter
12 5:30 John Polson	9 5:30 Gerry Schultz	13 5:30 Martin Nusser
13 9:00 Miles Combs	10 9:00 Jerry Bitter	14 9:00 Darett Burr
19 5:30 Ed Adams	16 5:30 Martin Nusser	20 5:30 John Polson
20 9:00 Alice Banning	17 9:00 Darett Burr	21 9:00 Miles Combs
24 6:30 Judy Nusser	23 5:30 John Polson	27 5:30 Ed Adams
26 5:30 Darett Burr	24 9:00 Jay Meyer	28 9:00 Jay Meyer
27 9:00 Cynthia Lavrenz	30 5:30 Ed Adams	
31 6:30 Miles Combs	31 9:00 Ed Banning	



This Advent season on Sundays, as we gather in the name of Jesus and consider His great story anew, we will be looking at a traditional image for the season of Advent and Christmas, The Jesse Tree. This tree is filled with symbols telling the story of Jesus from creation to His second coming. The story of the Bible, Old and New Testaments alike, is the story of Jesus. He is the Seed of Jesse's tree. He is the Root of Jesse's tree. He is the Life of Jesse's tree. And He is the Firstfruit of Jesse's tree. As the Church will sing with the angels on Christmas Day, "To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth" (LSB 383).

- Nov 29—Jesus, the Seed of Jesse's Tree
- Dec 6—Jesus, the Root of Jesse's Tree
- Dec 13—Jesus, the Life of Jesse's Tree
- Dec 20—Children's Christmas Service
- Dec 24—Jesus, the Firstfruit of Jesse's Tree

*Children's Christmas Service with ALL ages is
December 20*

*Rehearsals during Sunday School and
after Midweek until 7:45.*



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