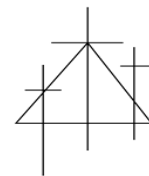
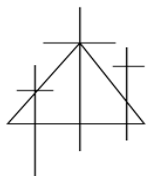


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From the Pastors

Follow the...

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1).*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

For our Pastors' letter this month we share with you a portion of a sermon preached by LCMS Pastor James Douthwaite on the Epiphany of our Lord, 2022.

"Follow the science! How often have you heard that little phrase or seen signs promoting that these past two years? Follow the science. Believe the science. Trust the science. Let the science be your guide to get you through this pandemic. But science isn't enough. There must be more than science. And sometimes the science is wrong. Sometimes science holds something to be true and it is believed for a time - even a long time . . . we thought we knew, until contrary data shows something else, and the science has to change.

But already it is the account of the Wise Men that shows us that the science isn't enough. The science of astronomy or astrology was not enough to lead the Wise Men to Jesus. They saw the star. They interpreted the data. They followed the science. They followed the star. And they missed! They got to Jerusalem, not Bethlehem. They got to King Herod, not to the one born king of the Jews.

Now, science is good. Science has done wonders and benefitted us in countless ways. Science is a good gift of God. But science cannot be God. Science is good in its place. But if it becomes the object of our trust, what we look to for what we need, what we believe in, *where our life is and what we entrust our life to*, then it has become an idol. Then it is a false god, and not good at all. Has it become so during this pandemic? I don't know. Maybe for some, yes.

But the Wise Men needed more. As I said, they followed the science, but the science wasn't enough. So after they got to Jerusalem and to King Herod, it was the Word of God that guided them to Jesus. Following the science can only get you so far. Following the Word of God will bring you to Jesus. And Jesus to you.

And that's true with all the knowledge of man. It is not enough. What we know on our own, from our own observation and study and investigation and experimentation, can only go so far. The more we learn, the more we realize how much more there is to learn. Things change. People change. Opinions change. What people thought was true changes. We need something more. Something to provide a foundation for our knowledge. To give us *wisdom*, to know what knowledge is true and what is not. We need the wisdom of God. We need His Word. We need the Word of God to *epiphany* all of this for us - to reveal it to us...

And then you know that these men from the east were not the first wise men and won't be the last either. But all who believe and trust the Word of God, before and after them, are wise men. Because the Word makes us wise. The times may change, the location may be very different, the gifts brought maybe less costly, but the gift received the same: the gift of a Savior, the gift of faith, the gift of life.

So follow the science. That's fine. Even good. I'm not trying to make any grand political or moral statements here. But what I am saying is this: do not entrust or find your life or hope there. Your life and hope belong to the one who created you, redeemed you, and sanctifies you. Follow Him and His Word. Fall down and worship Him - which means receive His gifts, the gifts He has for you here in water, and words, and bread and wine; His forgiveness, life, and salvation. And when you depart, either this place or this life, whether by a virus or some other cause, or Jesus coming again - you do not depart and will not depart in doubt and fear, but in joy and peace. The joy and peace of Christ, the Light of the world, the Light that has arisen and shined on you."

In Christ,

Pastor Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

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Divine Services:
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 am
Monday at 6:30 pm
Family Education Hour
9:30 am

Bible Classes
(throughout the week)

Trinity Lutheran School
3-K thru 8th grade
2 Year Old Childcare

January Calendar

Sundays: Weekly

* Divine Services 8: & 10:45 am

Mondays: Weekly

* Divine Service 6:30 pm
* Handbells 7:35 pm (MR)

Tuesdays: 1st & 3rd

* Mom's Bible Study 8:45 am

Wednesdays: Weekly

* Trinity Chapel 8:30 am
* Adult Bible Study 9:30 am (FH)
* Midweek Confirmation 3:30 pm
* Men's Choir 5:45 pm (MR)
* Mixed Choir 7:00 pm (MR)

Thursday: Weekly

* Women's Bible Study 9:00 am (FH)

Fridays: Weekly

* Men's Bible Study 7 am (FH)



January 2023

Sunday, January

* Divine Service 10:00 am

Monday, January 2

* Divine Service 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 3

* School resumes

Wednesday, January 4

* Elder's Meeting 7:00 pm (FH)

Monday, January 9

* Stephen Ministry 5:00 pm (FH)
* School Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 11

* Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm (FH)

Monday, January 16

* No School - Teacher Work Day

January 20 - 22

East Central Tournament @ St. Peter Fond du Lac

January 22 - 28

National Lutheran Schools Week

Monday, January 23

* Stephen Ministry 5:00 pm (FH)
* Trinity Hot Shot Night @ LHS

Thursday, January 26

* Voters' Assembly Meeting 6:30 pm

Trinity LWML News



Our LWML ladies hosted the *Advent by Candlelight* this year and it was a wonderful way to begin our Advent season with 41 ladies joining together for a morning event. Thank you, Karen Fischer, for being the team leader in organizing this event and all the ladies who helped. We thank Wolf Linens for donating the table linens.

LWML is Lutheran Women's Missionary League. It is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. LWML's goal is to encourage and equip women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. Trinity LWML meets bi-monthly for Bible study, mite collection, and fellowship. We may also have either a speaker or we will work on a servant project.

We invite you to come to attend **Trinity LWML on January 9, 2023 at 1:00 pm.** We will meet in the church lounge for **Bible study, fellowship, and servant project.** Mites will be collected. Our servant project will be pinning and tying quilts to be sent to Ukraine through Orphan Grain Train. All supplies will be provided and no sewing skills are needed. If you can tie a knot or use a large safety pin, you will be able to help. If you can do neither, you are still welcome to join in the fun of fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Diane Meyer 920-912-3957 or Linda Bolgert 920-207-9216.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



You're invited to Trinity's **15th annual Higher Things youth retreat, BAPTIZED RITE!** The weekend includes great teaching, fun activities including time at the YMCA, a brat fry and fellowship with over 100 youth from across the Midwest. Our featured speaker, Pastor Brett Simek, will teach about what we do and why we do the things we do in the Rite of Holy Baptism and how it teaches about the wonderful gifts God gives in something as simple as water and Word. The retreat begins Friday, February 17th at 6 pm and concludes Sunday, February 19th at 10:30 am. The \$50 fee includes the program, housing both nights, food and entertainment. Questions or registration forms can be obtained through Pastor Berg or Heide Otten (254.8857 or heideotten@sbcglobal.net) *Youth who register by Jan 27th will be guaranteed a retreat T-shirt.*



Pastor Mech has been asked to teach at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa. You will remember that he also taught at the Lutheran School of Theology in Kenya in 2019. There is a great need to train pastors in Africa due to the tremendous growth of the church. Many pastors from the LCMS have been asked to assist in this effort and Pastor Mech will be joining Professor John Pless from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana in teaching at Tshwane, South Africa from February 27th – March 10th, 2023. What a great way to fulfill our mission of making known the love of Christ! Another blessing is that Pastor Mech's students from Kenya continue to keep in contact with him and regularly watch our Trinity Lutheran Church Divine Services on the internet.

From the Principal

"Making Disciples for Life" Matthew 28:18-20

Beginning a New Year Making Disciples

December is filled with activities, holiday preparations, and family gatherings. While all of these are fun things, Christmas and Epiphany are also filled with opportunities to shine the light of Christ and reflect the true reason for the season.

In the Christmas account, numerous individuals and groups tell of the good news of Christ's birth. The Angel Gabriel informs Mary that she will be with child and should name him Jesus (Luke 1:26-33); the shepherds visit the Christ child and then spread the word to all who will listen (Luke 2: 15-17). Simeon and Anna, too, proclaim the arrival of Christ (Luke 2:22-38). Scripture teaches us that the birth of Jesus is news that must be shared!

At Trinity Lutheran School and Childcare, we have capitalized on numerous opportunities to share the Good News. We hope many of you attended our Children's Christmas Service at Lutheran High and our Choral Candlelight Service at Trinity. Watching our children proclaim the Good News of Jesus is the best reminder of why our school is a primary mission of our church. There is no better gift at Christmas than receiving God's Word in its purity and truth. We pray that these events gave many of you a chance to invite those in your lives who do not hear the Word consistently. Sometimes, the simple message from children's mouths is all it takes for the Spirit to work in hearts.

As we enter the New Year, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Let us take the great commission literally and proclaim the Gospel throughout the world as Matthew 28:18-20 commands: "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." May God bless you in the New Year!

Dr. Jenna Roeske, Principal



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Thursday,
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