



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH LIFE

February 2025



Dear saints of Trinity,

In the last month, I've visited a number of your homes, where I've offered

Epiphany house blessings. House blessings are a historic Christian custom for which people ask at many times of the year, but the primary time when they're done is the Epiphany season.

But why is Epiphany the time when homes are often blessed? I think it has something to do with the focus of the Christmas and Epiphany seasons, when the Church remembers the good news that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). It's almost unthinkable that the Word of God, the master of the universe, the one by whom all things were made, should become a human and choose to dwell in our world and in our midst—no other religion could even imagine it—and yet he did. And while he doesn't dwell among us in the same visible way that he dwelt with Ss. Mary and Joseph, eating meals with us and doing chores with us as he must have done with them, he still dwells with us today just as surely as he did with them then whenever the Word of God is spoken in our midst.

So pastors historically go out into people's homes during the Epiphany season to bring the Word of God into those homes so that Jesus can dwell with those who live there. But while it's great to have the pastor come to your house some day during the Epiphany season and speak God's Word there, that's only one day of the year. And Jesus doesn't want to dwell in your home only one day of the year or only when the pastor comes; he wants to dwell there every day.

That's why I would challenge you to make sure that the Word of God is in your home every day. Read the Bible—or perhaps your Bible storybook if you have small children—with your household each day. Pray the Word of God as you find it in the Psalms and the other prayers of the Bible. Start and end your day the way the catechism says, with the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer, which are nothing other than the Word of God. Pull out your hymnal and sing the hymns of the Church at home each day so that you can hear the Word in musical form. All of these are great ways to bring the Word of God into your home so that the Word of God can dwell with you not just from time to time but every day of the year.

As you'll notice soon, dear friends in Christ, the season of Lent is nearly upon us. Christians throughout the ages have seen Lent as a time to make sure that we're following good spiritual habits and hearing the Word often. So if you're looking for a way to hear God's Word more regularly in your home, I'd be happy to talk about good ways to do that during Lent so that you can set yourself up to hear God's Word in the rest of the year. Regardless, I pray that God's Word will dwell daily with each and every one of you and that his presence would bless you as it once blessed Ss. Mary and Joseph when he dwelt with them so many years ago.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Einertson



## **BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

February Service Project:  
Making personalized

Valentines cards for our Trinity shut-ins

### **Important Dates:**

- ✦ April 13-Palm Sunday-SS Kids sing during worship SS Easter Egg Hunt!
- ✦ April 20-Easter-NO Sunday School
- ✦ May 18-Last Day of Sunday School

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

The Annual Report for Trinity Lutheran Church has been completed. A copy of the report was sent out digitally to everyone for whom the secretary has an email address. There are also copies available in the usual spot at the church. If you are unable to get to church or don't have access to get one digitally, please contact the church secretary, and she will mail one to you.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT PICTURES**

Has your Sunday school child had their picture taken at school this year? I am hoping to get as many updated school pictures of our Sunday school kids as possible each year. Their picture appears on the Sunday School rosters so in the event we need to have a substitute fill in, that person can have an idea of what each student looks like. It really helps them get to know the students. If you have a school picture of your child, please email a copy to Mary Tyson at [secretary@trinityfarmington.org](mailto:secretary@trinityfarmington.org) or place a copy in the secretary's basket in the church office. Thank you.

## **YOUTH**

Kristin Halverson and Laura Reinke are now serving on the Youth Board and wanted to invite all children in grades 5 and up to any and all of our youth group get togethers.



We will plan to get together the last Sunday of each month right after bible study and Sunday school. This may change depending on holidays or schedules of various activities we want to take part in. These get togethers are really geared towards getting our children together to spend time in fellowship with other Christian children. Some months we may hang out at church playing games, some months we may plan activities outside of church (bowling or service work for example). Parents are invited to stay or leave. Each month Pastor will plan on leading a devotion with the youth group. We will keep you posted as to the plans each month. February's get-together will be on Sunday, February 23, from 11:30-1:30. Details on the activity to come soon.

## **MUSIC MAN PERFORMANCE**

Come to St. Croix Lutheran Academy to see two of the youth from our congregation in the Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" production!



Christian Little and Lydia Schaefer will be participating in this wonderful play February 14-16. Don't miss the magic! Ticket prices are Adult \$15, Student (K-12) \$5 (you must have a valid student ID upon entry), Seniors (65+) \$10, and Children (4 & under) \$5. You may go to

<https://www.stcroixlutheran.org/arts/drama> to order tickets online or call (651) 455-1521 if you have more questions.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Tom McCCasey  
Justin Walde  
2/3 Daniel Little  
2/4 Berna Deiss  
Lydia Schaefer  
2/5 Loren Kahl  
2/9 Michelle Hinze  
2/10 Shirley Milz  
2/11 Michael Lee  
2/13 Luke Johnston  
Greg Opatrny  
2/15 Ron Ersfeld  
Sophia Wratkowski  
2/16 Steve Christensen  
2/17 Carol Brummund  
Jacob Denzler  
2/19 Basileia Woodford  
2/21 Steve Mouchet  
2/22 Gene Peterson  
2/24 Eli Halverson  
2/26 Marnie Figueroa  
Thaddaeus Woodford  
2/27 Leland Huebner  
2/29 Alfred Deiss



## FEBRUARY BAPTISMS

2/4 Lucille Christensen  
Mary Einertson  
2/6 Lina Schultz  
2/8 Alex Reieron  
2/9 Joe Hinze  
2/13 Conner Campbell  
Karra Hartog  
2/15 Loren Kahl  
2/17 Olivia Beyl  
Jake Campbell  
Lydia Schaefer  
2/19 Madalyn Pietz-Gunhus  
2/27 Jacob Denzler  
2/28 Berna Deiss



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

	Day	Years
Peter & Sophia Wratkowski	2/02	9
Tod & Colleen Duffy	2/20	32
Tim & Connie Dau	2/26	19
Bob & Kylie Verdorn	2/28	5



### **Church Attendance November 29 through January 17**



Sundays		Holidays/Advent	
Nov 24	<b>75</b>	November 27	<b>49</b>
Dec 1	<b>86</b>	Thanksgiving	
Dec 8	<b>85</b>	Advent/Wk 1	<b>42</b>
Dec 15	<b>95</b>	Advent/Wk 2	<b>48</b>
Dec 22	<b>90</b>	Advent/Wk 3*	<b>83</b>
Dec 29	<b>68</b>	Children's Prg	
Jan 5	<b>81</b>	December 24	<b>80</b>
Jan 12	<b>83</b>	Christmas Eve	
Jan 19	<b>59</b>	December 25	<b>67</b>
		Christmas Day	



### **PARISH LIFE**

Parish Life articles for the **March** issue will be due on **February 17**.

# FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p style="text-align: center;">Church Phone - (651) 463-7225                      Pastor after hours - (770) 283-9197                      Church email - secretary@trinityfarmington.org                      Pastor email - pastor@trinityfarmington.org</p>						
<b>2</b> Candlemas 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:00 pm Quilting 2:00 pm Pastor @ TCC 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am-1:00 pm PALS	<b>5</b> 1:00 pm Men's Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>6</b> 8:00 am - 3:30 pm *CC Classes 4:00 pm Women's Ministry Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1:00 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Elders Mtng 7:15 pm Brds/Comm 8:00 pm Church Cncl	<b>12</b> 1:00 pm Men's Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>13</b> 8:00 am - 3:30 pm *CC Classes 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am-12:15 pm Winkel for SE Suburban Circuit	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> SEPTUAGESIMA 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education	<b>17</b>  President's Day  Parish Life Deadline	<b>18</b> 1:00 pm Quilting 2:00 pm Pastor @ TCC	<b>19</b> 1:00 pm Men's Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>20</b> 8:00 am - 3:30 pm *CC Classes	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> SEXAGESIMA 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour 11:430 p.m. Youth Group MITE BOX COLLECTION PL Avail for Pickup	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1:00 pm Quilting	<b>26</b> 1:00 pm Men's Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>27</b> 8:00 am - 3:30 pm *CC Classes	<b>28</b>	
Pastor out of office						

# Worship Servants for February 2025

Date	Acolyte/Crucifer	Tellers	Altar Guild
02/02/25	Sophia Schaefer	Donna Born and Shirley Milz	Hazel Truax
02/09/25	Clayton Beyl	Judy Heintz and Steve Heintz	Mary Tyson
02/16/25	Margo Gergely	Donna Born and Susan Grazzini	Mary Christenson
02/23/25	Peyton Reinke	Ray Sell and Peggy Reiman	Julie Lee

## ALTAR GUILD INFORMATION

Below are the prices for flower arrangements for the altar:

    \$40 Designer Choice

    \$50 Your Choice of Color

Your Choice of Flower will be current market price

You may take your flowers home after the service or let an Altar Guild member know if you don't want them.