



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Due to this being Thanksgiving Week the Monday Evening Bible Study and Wednesday Evening Vesper Webinar have been cancelled. Deeper Water will also not meet on November 29th

TRINITY EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

YouTube Worship Service w/Bulletin  
Recorded & Emailed

11:00 am Deeper Water Zoom

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00 pm Vesper Recorded & Emailed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

YouTube Worship Service w/Bulletin  
Recorded & Emailed



Park Forest Preschool Craft Kits

Trinity has been asked to provide craft kits for the children participating in the Park Forest Preschool program. This year there are 29 children.

Kits need to contain:

Blunt Scissors, Construction Paper,  
Crayons, Glue Stick, Scotch Tape  
and a Writing Tablet.

The bin for the donations is outside the front doors of the church. Each night we bring in the donated packages, but leave the bins outside for your convenience.

We have received 16 gifts so far

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carol Bernlohr, Dee Kiel, Bruce Lorich

TLC FRIENDS

Cora, Gregg Christianson, Jessica, Charley, Tom Brelsford, James Brigman, the Keim Family

Next week all names will be removed from the TLC Friends list

READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46



Bell Ringing at Meyer Dairy to Benefit the Interfaith Human Services Wishing Well Campaign

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm**

Please wear a mask and social distance while ringing.

Please sign up for 1 hour time slots at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4faca29a64-bell>

Or contact Kayla Smith at kayjosmith22@gmail.com or 717-781-5885 to sign up or if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for supporting this ministry!

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Cassandra Richards	3
Peggy McCabe	6
Mary Lou Kiel	7
Eleanor Frey	8
Sylvia Musheno	8
Anthony Garritano	10
Noah Lichtig	10
Alison Wolff	10
Alden Taverno	12
Neil Kimerer	13
Dante McLaughlin	14
Benjamin Stout	17
Matthew Poehner	18
Chad Trout	19
Timothy Wenrich	19
Ronald Porter	20
Abby Lichtig	21
Barbara Trout	21
Lisa Cowan	23
Sharon Miller	24
Beth Robbins	25
Elena Wenrich	25
Joan Piper	26
Rachael Taverno	28
John Terrill	28
Kayla Smith	30
Jorja Petrey	30



## PTBA 15th Annual Winter Clothing Drive

The Patton Twp Business Association is collecting **New or Gently Used** winter coats, winter boots, scarves, gloves & hats for the

### **BURROWES STREET YOUTH HAVEN**

as part of the Center County Youth Service Bureau (YSB) in State College for boys and girls between the ages of 12-18.



Donations will be collected until Friday, December 21st, 2020

The box for donations is outside the front doors of the church. All donations are brought in at night but the box remains outside for everyone's convenience.

## LAST WEEK to subscribe or renew Living Lutheran Magazine

Time to renew your Living Lutheran Magazine Subscription

The cost this year is the same as last year - \$11.00

I will need to know if you plan to renew your subscription by Sunday, November 22nd.

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# *From the Pastor's Desk*

November 22, 2020

Dear Beloved of God,

As we come to the end of the calendar year with December, we come to the end of the Liturgical Year in November, just before Thanksgiving Day. This Sunday, November 22, marks the end of the year for our liturgical observances. As is often the case, the Scripture readings selected point to the “end times,” not to frighten or distract us, to the contrary, such passages give us hope for the future. The end times are about, among other things, the return of Jesus as our King to usher in his eternal rule. For people of faith, such turn of events is the reason for our hope and motivation for seeking to contribute in positive ways to others in particular and life in general.

The Gospel Reading for today is the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. Each is just for their natural inclinations. Sheep, as the story goes, care for others; goats, on the other hand, care primarily for themselves. Jesus reminds us that our faith makes us sheep, not doing good works to earn admission into heaven, but rather good works reflect that faith that God has invest in us.

Furthermore, we are not limited to our past. At times we may live as goats but with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we can learn to become sheep. It has to do with our view of God and understanding about how human nature can change.

To that end, here is a story about “Overcoming Obstacles: What Oprah Winfrey Learned From Her Childhood of Abuse,” by Elizabeth Street, in [Parenting](#).

*This is one in a [series of profiles](#) on famous people who overcame [incredible obstacles](#), [failed many times](#) or defied grim odds in order to succeed.*

She was born to a single teenage mother on welfare in rural Mississippi. She felt unwanted and was shuttled back and forth from her grandmother to her mother and then to her father by the time she was 14. She lived in poverty and suffered abuse for years. This does not sound like the beginnings of a media mogul who would go on to own a cable network and become one of America’s most influential people and the first African-American billionaire, and yet it is.

In fact, Oprah had to overcome many challenges and obstacles before achieving the success she enjoys today. She began life on a small farm in Mississippi where her strict grandmother raised her. “I was beaten regularly,” she told David Letterman during a lecture series at [Ball State University](#). She recalled a time that her grandmother punished her for putting her fingers in a bucket of water she had retrieved from the well. “She whipped me so badly that I had welts on my back and the welts would bleed,” she said, which then stained her good Sunday dress. “So then I got another whipping for getting blood on the dress.” She was also lonely much of the time and due to her family’s poverty, conditions were poor. But her grandmother taught her to read before she was three years old and she still recalls the positive reception she received when she recited Bible verses at her grandmother’s church. The sense of approval and acceptance she felt after speaking to the congregation stayed with her and influenced her future career choices.

At six years old, Oprah went to live with her mother in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Since her mother worked long hours as a maid, Oprah was neglected. At nine years old, she was left in the care of her 19-year-old cousin who raped her. She continued to suffer sexual abuse from other relatives, including her mother’s boyfriend, until she was 13 years old, when she ran away from home. At 14, she became pregnant (the baby died shortly after birth) and she moved in with her father in Tennessee.

## Rescued by Education

Oprah’s father made education a high priority for Oprah. “My father turned my life around by insisting that I be more than I was,” Oprah said in an interview. “His love of learning showed me the way.” She began attending Nashville East High School where she took public speaking and drama and was even elected school president. She received a full scholarship to Tennessee State University after winning a public speaking contest. She had a few broadcasting jobs before being named the talk show host for a morning show called *People Are Talking*. From there her rising career is well-known—she took a job as host of *A.M. Chicago*, which became the highest-rated talk show in Chicago and was renamed *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

I never knew this about one of the most influential people in the world today. By all accounts, Oprah is an amazing woman. Even those of us who may not follow her closely benefit from all that she has accomplished, whether or not we know it. She is an amazing example of one who all her early life was told and taught to be a goat, yet with the love and compassion of others she learned to become a sheep, by the grace of God.

The article ends with these thoughts:

Some might say Oprah’s rise to success was a result of luck or being at the right place at the right time, but Oprah did learn to recognize opportunities and utilize them. “I feel that luck is preparation meeting opportunity,” Oprah has said, and she learned to never waste an opportunity to improve or achieve something more. Successful people learn to see opportunity where others may not and they are open to new possibilities and quick to try something new. Psychologists have learned that often people who think of themselves as lucky are really just better at seeing and seizing opportunities.

As has been true with so many who have learned to overcome major obstacles in their lives, Oprah found a way to not only overcome her childhood abuse and traumas but to use what she learned from them to become extremely successful in her adult life. And she continues to encourage others to do the same. “Turn your wounds into wisdom,” she tells the viewers of her network.

With God’s help, we too, can transition from goats to God’s sheep for the sake of the world and the one who’s return we anticipate, Christ the Lord.

Love, joy and peace,



Pastor Ron

