

# THE PIPER



JANUARY 7/8, 2023

## Trinity Lutheran Church

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### PRAYER LIST

#### TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Dee Kiel, Linda Leslie, Brenda Whitmer, Barb Roberts, Jeff Gonet, Jean Ross

#### TLC FRIENDS

Rita Shetler, Rich, Brian, Eileen, Charley, Carla, Kris

### TRINITY EVENTS

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

9:30 am Worship w/Communion/Sunday School

10:45 am Worship w/Communion

YouTube Worship Service Recorded

11:45 am Deeper Waters

#### MONDAY, JANUARY, 9

7:00 pm Bible Study

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

5:45 pm Zumba

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

5:45 pm Zumba

7:00 pm Memoir Group Zoom

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

9:30 am Worship w/Communion/Sunday School

10:45 am Worship w/Communion

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On January 1, 2023

Tom Huntley

was called from his

labors here on earth. Currently we do not have any details on a service. Pastor Ron will announce at this weekends services any known details or it will be in the TLC Piper Newsletter next week.



Children's Sunday School will be resuming this

Sunday, January 8th, 2023

during the 9:30 Worship Service

If you have questions, please contact Tricia Hunt

at [synergie17@gmail.com](mailto:synergie17@gmail.com)

### ALTAR FLOWER CHART

There are many dates available for flower sponsors. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers please sign the chart and you will get an email prior to that week's service for your dedication wishes.

The cost is \$60 per week for 2 vases of flowers.

### Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

# *From the Pastor's Desk*

January 7-8, 2023

Dear Beloved of God,

Happy New Year! Wow, 2023 already – or – 2023, it's about time! Let's face it, the past few years have been exceedingly challenging! No doubt for all of us, COVID has changes some aspects of life permanently, for good or for ill.

Of course, every generation has its challenges that leave life permanently changed forever. Time marches onward, one cannot go back, despite how much we might want to return to “the good old days,” whatever they were. One of the things most of us like about personal computers is that “do over” button. Make a mistake, and simply delete whatever you don't want. We can do the same with pictures on our cell phones. Something included in the picture and one can just highlight, delete, and make the picture “perfect” whatever personal metric one might be using. This, of course, is not true in life.

As I write this, we all, perhaps the world-over, is watching the dynamics in the House of Representatives. My, what a fiasco. While many of us are surprised and saddened by what is happening, if we are honest, such is simply a reflection of life, albeit on a grander stage.

We just observed the birth of Jesus, born into this world of sin. Politics were a mess back then too! Not much has changed with the passing of time in this “dog eat dog” world. Someone once observed, “if you see the world as a rat-race, you may find a way to win, but you are still a rat.” And we are, all of us rats—with apologies to that rodent species.

Jesus came to show us a better way, the way of love, but we humans tend to cave into our sin, selfish and self-centered. (I wish I could say that ordination raises us above that, but it does not!) Still, the Holy Spirit, the perpetual presence of the Messiah in our midst, gives us hope for the future as time marches onward. When terrible things happen, like car accidents or health issues, we often wonder, “Why, God?” But God promises no answers. And, when amazingly wonderful things happen, we might ask the same question, but with little desire for an answer, we just accept the blessings and move on. We can't always see how God can be at work in the bad things, but we celebrate that God is involved in the good things. Of course, God is involved in all things, even if we do not and cannot understand.

Think about it, is it not amazing that God comes in a special way at Christmas, only to allow God's Child to die on a cross. And yet, the tomb is empty. Christ has been raised. Our “hopes and fears of all the years are met” in Jesus today and always. As I like to say, “I don't know what the future holds, but I do know who holds that future.” I believe God holds the future for our good, ultimately, regardless of how messed up this world becomes, or how messed up I become. With that, I have hope for 2023 and pray for all the best for all of us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

May God's richest blessings be  
yours throughout this New Year!

Peace, joy, and love,



Pastor Ron

# 2023

## Synod Worship at Trinity

On Sunday, January 29th at 4 pm a special Synod Worship service is being planned for here at Trinity. The Rev. Kevin Shock, Assistant to the Bishop, will be presiding. Tony Leach will be at the organ console and members of Essence 2 will hopefully be singing. A time for fellowship will follow the service.

Volunteer are needed to help with the reception. If you are interested in helping, contact Pastor Ron at [tlcrevron@comcast.net](mailto:tlcrevron@comcast.net). Thank you!



### 2023 YARD SALE BEING PLANNED

Yes, you read that correctly. After several years of having to suspend our Annual Yard Sale, it is back on track for this year.

At present, it is set for Saturday, May 13 with preparations and set up to begin on Tuesday, May 9.

Watch for more details but begin now to collect all your donations. Thanks!



My body sometimes feels sore, but it works. I don't sleep well most nights, but I do wake up to fight another day. My wallet is not full but my stomach is. I don't have all the things I ever wanted but I do have everything I will ever need. My Life is by no means perfect, but it's my life and I'm happy.



It takes real skill to choke on air, fall up stairs and trip over completely nothing. I have that skill..

