

December 2022

# TRINITY TIDINGS

A Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, Huntley, IL

Dear Saints,

We continue this month with our reflections on famous works of Christian art. This month, we take a look at Henry Ossawa Tanner's *The Annunciation*. Tanner was the first African-American painter to gain international acclaim, and this is perhaps his most famous work. In the Scriptures, the Annunciation is when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would conceive by the Holy Spirit and bear the Son of God, Jesus Christ (Luke 1:26-38).

The first thing you may notice is how ordinary the scene appears. Mary is an adolescent dressed in rumpled Middle Eastern peasant clothing, without a halo or other holy attributes. Tanner wants to emphasize Mary's humanity.

Luke tells us that Mary is "greatly troubled" by Gabriel's words and that sounds about right. There are questions behind those eyes, and a touch of anxiety. Yet, she does not seem afraid. Her eyes radiate intelligence, as she weighs the words she's hearing. How can this be, "She asks?"

We know how the story ends. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary says, "Yes. I am the Lord's servant. Let it be to me according to your word." (*continued on page 2*)

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This painting makes us ask the question: "Am I capable of that? To say yes to God? To say yes to forgiving my enemies, sharing the good news, and caring for the needy?"

It also helps us see that we are not so different from Mary, though: broken, sinful humans, barefooted by the side of the bed, knotting our fingers and waiting and dreaming and praying.

The important thing to remember is this: when God gave Mary faith to believe the impossible, it's not as if she didn't harbor some doubt or that her life would always make sense. She believes in spite of being surprised, a little anxious, and unsure of what's next—and she moves forward with trust.

Further, like Mary, we too have Jesus in us and with us. The same voice of God that spoke to Mary still speaks to us in Scriptures, sermons, baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Yes, you do not bear the Word made flesh in your womb, like Mary, but you nevertheless still do bear the Word in your Body with His Spirit.

Three final interesting comments about this painting:

- Gabriel is uniquely depicted as a pillar of pure light. He is the only source of light in the painting, symbolizing how God's presence is our only true light.
- Note how the shelf behind the pillar of light intersects with Gabriel forming a cross.
- Note as well how the three pots, the one on the shelf in the upper left, the one at Gabriel's "feet," and the one of the far right form a triangle around Mary. These three pots symbolize not only the Holy Trinity but also Mary's future as the vessel that will bear our Lord Jesus.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

+ Pr Hatesohl

## **BOARD OF MINISTRY DIRECTORS** *by Ken Ladage, Chairman*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

May knowing Jesus bring you peace to bless each day, hope for each tomorrow, and joy in every season.

Christmas is the "most wonderful time of the year": homes are decorated, cookies baked, trees are trimmed, presents wrapped, and the chilly air signals the coming season of merry activities. But we're not really ready for Christmas without preparing for the birth of Christ in the season of Advent. So, we light one candle for hope, and peace, and joy, and love and we keep lighting candles until he comes!

A Voters Meeting is scheduled for December 4th at 9:15am. The main order of business will be the election of two members for the Board of Ministry Directors. The Nominating Committee, Keith Bereolos, Larry Melman, Janet Westberg and Solomon Post will present a slate of candidates. A second business item involves the Synod Convention in 2023. Trinity Lutheran may nominate candidates for President, First Vice-President and for a Regional Vice President by February 28th.

The Board will not be meeting in December, our next meeting will be January 12th. The Board welcomes your input. A segment of each Board meeting, (second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm) is reserved for Steward comments, suggestions, or questions. A suggestion box is located in the Narthex.

Your Brother in Christ,

Ken Ladage, Chairman, Board of Ministry Directors



*Thank you* to the wonderful people of Trinity who have reached out with cards and phone calls over the last couple years. *Marlene Luedke*

# SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS *Psalm 100:2*

December 2022 Elder / Usher Schedule						
Date	Day	Time	Main Elder	Assistant Elder	Main Usher	Confirmation Ushers
12/4	Sun.	8:00am	Steven Drescher	N/A	Hoppy Kahl / Georgina Ozga-Dortch	Noah Drescher / Jacob Steinbach
		10:30am	Tim Mahnke	N/A	Roger Stettner	Sam Sneed / Anthony Sindelar
12/7	Wed.	7pm	Donovan Johnson	N/A	Reuben Velez	N/A
12/11	Sun.	8:00am	Donovan Johnson	Tim Mahnke	Hoppy Kahl / Georgina Ozga-Dortch	Luca Kittel
		10:30am	Keith Bereolos	Roger Orkfritz	Niko Bereolos	Cameron Bredlau / Gavin Kittel
12/14	Wed.	7pm	Keith Bereolos	N/A	Niko Bereolos	N/A
12/18	Sun.	8:00am	Rick Castel	N/A	Matt Castel	Rylan Castel / Jacob Steinbach
		10:30am	Donovan Johnson	N/A	Reuben Velez	Noah Drescher / Sam Sneed
12/24	Sat.	3:00pm	Rick Castel	Steven Drescher	Matt Castel	N/A
		7:00pm	Solomon Post	Roger Orkfritz	Roger Stettner	N/A
		10:00pm	Steven Drescher	Tim Mahnke	Bella Westberg / Georgina Ozga-Dortch	N/A
12/25	Sun.	10:00am	Keith Bereolos	Solomon Post	Hoppy Kahl	N/A

## Emergency Line



Pastor is always available to you in the case of a pastoral emergency, even after hours. Simply call the main Trinity phone number, 847-669-5780, and follow the instructions.

Your call will then be forwarded to the pastor.

(Note: Pastor's cell phone number has changed. To reach him for non-emergencies, call the office or send him an email.)



Sign up for weekly emails from Trinity!

<https://www.trinityhuntley.org/email-sign-up>

# A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR *by Lana Gibbons*



*O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O come, ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him born the king of angels:  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!  
O Come, All Ye Faithful (LSB 379 vs. 1)*

**O COME, LET US ADORE HIM!** You get the message; Come! Come and adore Christ the Lord! Come and be blessed by all the gifts God gives us through His Word and sacraments! Come and rejoice that Jesus is born to be our Savior! **Come and worship! Come!**

**O COME, LET US ADORE HIM!** The *Celebration Ringers* (Bells) and *Voices in Praise* (Adult Choir) have plenty to ring and sing about our Savior's birth. Dedicated to serving God with the gifts He gives them, these groups are preparing songs for Advent and Christmas on Tuesday evenings. They will not be rehearsing on December 27, 2022 and January 3, 2023 and will resume on January 10, 2023. You are welcome to ring and sing in exultation with us! **Come and worship! Come!**

**O COME, LET US ADORE HIM!** *His! Band* (Instrumentalists) will fill the loft with beautiful music during our Advent and Christmas services. I am thankful for all those that play, along with the ringers and singers, and hope that more people would be able to serve in the music ministry. **Come and worship! Come!**

**O COME, LET US ADORE HIM!** Calling all children to participate and be a part of the *Joyful Chorus* in the Children's Christmas service, "Sing for Joy...Jesus is Born!" on December 18th at 9:30. The children will be singing songs as the story of Jesus' birth unfolds. Teens and adults are welcome to join us as readers! **Come and worship! Come!**

*Sing for Joy...  
Jesus is born!*



**CALLING ALL KIDS!**

**SING FOR JOY AS YOU  
TELL THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH!**

**DECEMBER 18, 2022 AT 9:30 A.M.**

REHEARSALS IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY  
DECEMBER 4 AND DECEMBER 11  
AT 9:30 A.M.

INTERESTED? QUESTIONS?  
SEE LANA BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES  
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

## TLC PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Linda Kranz, TLC Preschool Director*

November brought us so much discussion about what we are Thankful for. Our little ones are very inciteful and know that God has given them so much to be thankful for and it warms our hearts to hear their thoughts. The preschool staff is also thankful for Trinity Church members who support us and our school throughout the year with your prayers.

December is a month when we are also thankful for God sending us His Son Jesus. Our preschoolers are busy little elves making paper, cards, decorations and gifts. We are also singing songs and hearing stories about Jesus' birth and all the people and animals that had a part in his birth in the stable. A favorite activity to play is with the Nativity Set so that they can act out the story.

We wish you all a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*TLC school year theme:*



## LWML *by Reta Stohs*

Being a Christian is a blessing and the Joy of Jesus in our lives should be evident. The LWML website is full of information and contains all the news and events going on. You can visit them at [www.LWML.org](http://www.LWML.org)

You can check out their latest eNews newsletter by clicking [HERE](#).



Instant  
**Church Directory™**  
Online

**Are you using the Photo Directory?** There are four ways to view the directory:

1. Download the app on your phone at [www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app/](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app/). When searching for Instant Church Directory, choose the one with the little green house.
2. Download from any computer/laptop at [www.members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://www.members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)  
*For both options 1 & 2, you will set your account up with your email. Only emails that are listed in the directory will sync. Contact Jamie in the church office if your email doesn't match and she'll update it.*
3. Request a PDF directory from the church office.
4. If you are unable to access through a computer, please contact Jamie in the church office for a printed copy.

*Note: The app and online version are always current and updated. The PDF and printed version will only be updated at the time of publishing.*

If you do not have your picture in the directory, it's never too late! You can submit online or send an image to the church office email.

## BIBLE STUDIES, GROUPS AND EVENTS

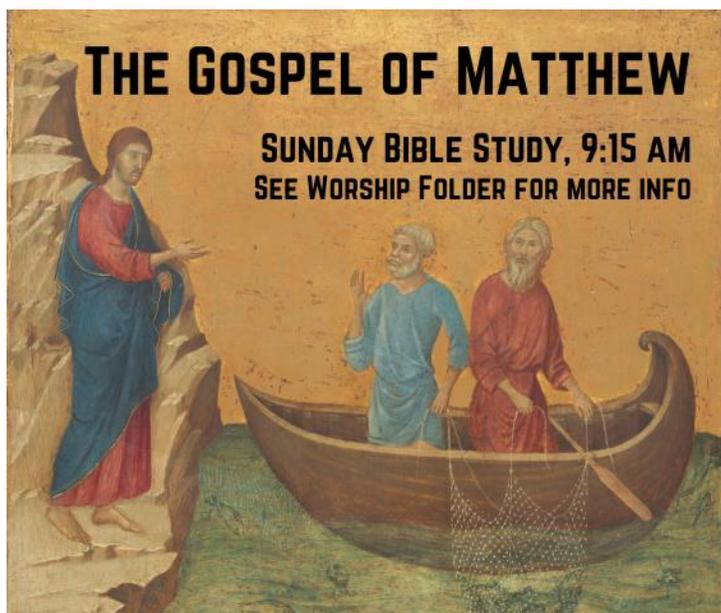


SAVE THE DATE  
January 25, 2023  
5:00 - 6:30 pm

# FAMILY MINISTRY NIGHT

Raising Children to Know Jesus

Dinner and Childcare Provided



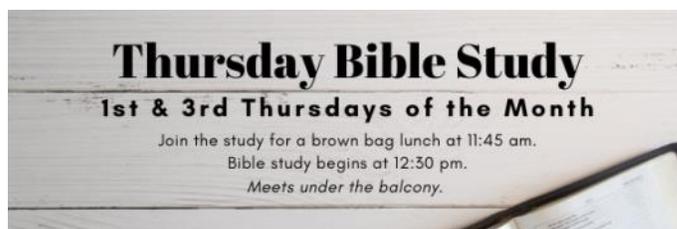
## THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY, 9:15 AM  
SEE WORSHIP FOLDER FOR MORE INFO



## Sunday School

Coming January 2023



## Thursday Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month

Join the study for a brown bag lunch at 11:45 am.  
Bible study begins at 12:30 pm.  
Meets under the balcony.

*The Thursday Bible Study will be concluding its study of Genesis and the patriarchal narratives this month. In January we will begin a study of the Hard Sayings of Jesus. You are welcome!*



## Men's Breakfast

2nd Saturday  
of the Month at 8:00 am

All men are welcome to meet  
for breakfast and fellowship

Meets at the Village Inn  
Huntley



*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*  
Hebrews 13:16

The Adopt a Family Christmas Tree is available in the Narthex. If you have not already done so, please consider taking a family members' ornament from the tree. The ornaments have information about the family members and gift card options. All gift cards must be **returned by December 4<sup>th</sup>** for delivery to the Grafton Food Pantry. A box is provided under the Christmas tree for the gift cards. Please attach the ornament securely to your gift card. If you have any questions, contact Judy Ladage at 224-858-7282.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Moellenkamp	12\1
Taylor Calame	12\2
Jan Wood	12\2
Carole Bowgren	12\3
Donovan Johnson	12\3
Andrew Hatesohl	12\5
Scott Dvorak	12\5
Samara Melman	12\5
Mary Jo Simonsen	12\6
Shelly Goers	12\6
Tara Nelson	12\10
Carol Jaroch	12\11
Janette Dennis	12\14
Jake Nelson	12\14

Sue Goers	12\16
Bernice Hoffman	12\19
Roy Ravagnie	12\19
Ryan McNamara	12\22
James Krecker	12\22
LeeAnn McNamara	12\23
Bob Lutzow	12\24
Ceil Rieker	12\25
Irene Hunter	12\25
Diana Lutzow	12\28
Payten Kamp	12\28
Judy Ladage	12\29

### ANNIVERSARIES

Norm & Krissy Fossmeyer,	22 years on 12/9
Roy & Eileen Derby	35 years on 12/12
Matt & Maddie Drafall	11 years on 12/31

*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, or have the wrong information, please call the church office.*

## VOTER'S MEETING SUNDAY, DEC. 4TH AT 9:15 AM

### AGENDA:

- ELECT TWO MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF MINISTRY DIRECTORS
- SYNOD 2023 CONVENTION



# Altar Flowers

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2023 IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.  
TO PLACE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR FOR A SPECIAL DATE, SIGN YOUR NAME  
AND OCCASION (IF APPLICABLE) NEXT TO THAT DATE.  
ALTAR FLOWERS MAY BE TAKEN HOME AFTER THE LAST SERVICE (IF MORE  
THAN ONE PERSON HAS SIGNED UP, PLEASE JUST TAKE ONE VASE).  
THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GLORIFY GOD AS YOU REMEMBER SOMEONE  
YOU LOVE OR CELEBRATE A MILESTONE!  
THE COST IS \$35. FLOWER ENVELOPES ARE IN THE RACK IN THE NARTHEX.

# CHURCH CONTACT AND OTHER INFO

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## Contact

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## Staff

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 Lana Gibbons, *Organist & Music Director*



## Elders

Keith Bereolos  
 Enrique Castel  
 Steve Drescher  
 Donovan Johnson  
 Tim Mahnke  
 Roger Orkfritz  
 Solomon Post  
 Dale Schoenrock

## Board of Ministry Directors

Keith Bereolos  
 Ed Dennis  
 Nancy Dvorak  
 Ken Ladage  
 Keith Nelson  
 Sandy Phelps  
 Janet Westberg

## **Trinity Worship Times**

Sundays @ 8:00 am and 10:30 am

## **Holy Communion**

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays

## **Worship Service Broadcast**

Every service is broadcast live on the internet. You can find it at [TrinityHuntley.org/live](http://TrinityHuntley.org/live) or on the Trinity home page.



@TrinityLutheranHuntley

**Church Office Hours** The church office is open Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Hatesohl is available in the office both Tuesday and Friday mornings and by appointment.

**Help Keep Church Records Up To Date** If your contact information has changed or you are not receiving emails, please let the church office know. Call the church office at 847-669-5780 or email at [office@trinityhuntley.org](mailto:office@trinityhuntley.org).

**Prayer Chain** Trinity's prayer chain is always available to pray for you and those you love. Jesus hears our petitions and He will answer according to His good and perfect will. With thanksgiving, we make our requests to Him. Call or email the church office.

**Hospital Visits** Please contact the church office if you or a family member are, or are planning to be, in the hospital. You can be added to the prayer chain and/or a visit can be scheduled.

**Flower Chart** The flower chart for 2023 is on the bulletin board above the tract rack in the Narthex. To place flowers at the altar for a special date, sign your name and occasion (if applicable) next to that date. The cost is \$35. Altar flowers may be taken home after the last service (If more than one person has signed up, please just take one vase). This is a great way to glorify God as you remember someone you love or celebrate a milestone!

**Electronic Giving** Trinity offers two options, Give+Online and the Vanco Mobile App. Visit [TrinityHuntley.org](http://TrinityHuntley.org) and click on the "Giving" tab for more information.

**Head over to Culver's Restaurant** of Huntley, Rt. 47, on ANY Saturday evening, ANY Sunday or ANY Wednesday and present your weekend bulletin when ordering and Culvers will donate 10% of your total order to Trinity.

**WORSHIP ANEW - A Program for Shut-Ins** A 30-minute Lutheran worship service is televised weekly on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on Chicago's CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) and at 10:30 a.m. on TCT (DirecTV channel 377). A complete list of viewing options is available at [WorshipAnew.org](http://WorshipAnew.org).

**MCRide** is a great way to get around McHenry County. It is an "on-demand" travel service available to citizens of Huntley. Riders schedule their trips in advance and the vehicle provides curb-to-curb service from the rider's desired pick-up and dropoff destinations. Call 1-800-451-4599 to schedule a ride.

**Grafton Food Pantry** Please place donations in the "shopping cart" located in the narthex. Please also consider a monetary gift. If you would like to make a monetary donation you may place a separate envelope from your Trinity donation in the offering plate labeled FOOD PANTRY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Questions: Contact Judy Melman at 847-669-6563 or [lmelman02@comcast.net](mailto:lmelman02@comcast.net).

## *Advent & Christmas 2022*

### **Advent Midweek Meal and Taizé Evening Prayer**

- Wednesdays, November 30, December 7 & 14
- Meal at 6:00 p.m. and Service at 7:00 p.m.

### **Children's Christmas Program**

- Sunday, December 18 at 9:30 am

### **Christmas Eve**

- Lessons and Carols  
Saturday, December 24 - 3:00 p.m.
- Divine Service  
Saturday, December 24 - 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 pm

### **Christmas Day**

- Divine Service  
Sunday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.

### **Epiphany of Our Lord**

- Divine Service  
Sunday, January 1 - 10:00 am

No Sunday Bible Study or Sunday School: December 18 through January 8. Classes resume January 15, 2023, 9:15 a.m.

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