

The Trumpet February 2024

Newsletter for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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A Letter of Encouragement By Director of Music Ministry, Noah Smith

Dear Church Community,

Times of change and transition may evoke mixed emotions due to the uncertainty they bring. The prospect of navigating the unknown can be unsettling, especially in the context of a church community. However, with concerted effort, accountability, and responsibility, these challenges can be transformed into opportunities for growth and positive transformation.

Embracing change requires a collective commitment to open communication, active listening, and shared vision. By fostering a culture of accountability, where each member recognizes their role in the church's journey, a foundation for positive change is laid. Individuals must take responsibility for their contributions to the community.

A church's identity is shaped by its members, beliefs, and actions. Through intentional efforts to build a strong community, the church can emerge as a wonderful and resilient place for everyone in the wider Clallam County area.

Accountability and responsibility extend beyond the church walls to engage with the wider community. By actively participating in local initiatives, addressing societal needs, and demonstrating a commitment to service, the church can carve out a meaningful role and influence within its broader context.

We would not be who we are without our members. Each member is the church, and together we form a collective identity. This identity will transform, while change may be intimidating, a church's transformation into a wonderful place hinges on the collective dedication of its members. Through shared effort, accountability, and responsibility, the church can not only navigate transitions successfully but also thrive, establishing a resilient identity that positively impacts the wider community.

You can take action by

- participating in meetings and being clear about your needs
- inviting friends and neighbors to check out our special events -
- appreciate and value your church family for who they are and what they bring to your life
- be the change you want to see
- reflect on what you can bring to the table during our transition
- pray for the future of the church and our community

God's guidance sustains us, providing strength, wisdom, and unwavering support on our challenging journey as a church. God's love and divine presence illuminates our path, fostering unity and resilience.

-Noah Smith

Black History Month at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



This February, we will be singing and hearing sacred music by composers of the African diaspora. Sacred music of African Americans has played a crucial role in shaping the musical identity of all of the United States. Music here would be vastly different without the contributions and advancements of African American musicians, and we owe some of our favorite hymns to the contributions of Black composers!

The cultural heritage and music of the African diaspora form a vibrant tapestry, weaving threads of resilience, diversity, and creativity. Stemming from the forced migration of Africans during the transatlantic slave trade, this rich heritage manifests in a myriad of musical genres, including spirituals, blues, jazz, gospel, reggae, Afrobeat, and hip-hop. Rooted in the fusion of African rhythms, spiritual traditions, and the harsh realities of the diaspora, these musical forms serve as powerful expressions of identity, resistance, and celebration. They transcend borders, influencing global music and contributing profoundly to the world's cultural mosaic, fostering unity and understanding. This connection to history and culture makes it a powerful medium for expressing the unique identity of African American churches.

African American sacred music is known for its emotive and spiritual qualities. Gospel music, for example, is characterized by passionate vocals, rhythmic energy, and a strong emphasis on expressing faith and spirituality. Rooted in struggle and faith, this music fostered resilience in family life and community of the enslaved by providing a cathartic outlet for hardship. Gospel and soulful hymns offer solace, strength, and a communal bond, empowering individuals to endure adversity with unwavering hope.

Music has the ability to bring people together, and African American sacred music has been instrumental in fostering a sense of community within churches. The call-and-response tradition, common in many African American musical forms, encourages active participation and engagement during worship, creating a sense of unity and shared experience.

African American sacred music has demonstrated a remarkable ability to adapt and innovate. Over the years, it has incorporated various musical elements, including blues, jazz, and R&B, contributing to the diverse musical landscape of American churches. This adaptability has allowed churches to connect with different generations

and maintain relevance in changing times.

Many African American sacred songs have carried messages of social justice, equality, and activism. During the civil rights movement, for example, spirituals and gospel songs became anthems for those advocating for change. The connection between music and social issues has been a powerful tool for addressing and expressing the values of the African American church community.

African American sacred music has had a profound influence on various genres of American music. From blues and jazz to rock and hip-hop, elements of African American sacred music can be traced throughout the broader musical landscape. This influence underscores the significance of this music in shaping not only the identity of churches but also the broader cultural identity of the United States.

In summary, African American sacred music is essential for the formation of the musical identity of churches in the United States due to its historical roots, cultural significance, spiritual expression, community-building qualities, adaptability, role in social justice, and its broader influence on American music. It continues to be a dynamic and integral part of the rich tapestry of musical traditions within the United States.

Celebrate Black History Month with us in worship, immersed in the rich tapestry of sacred music by black composers. Join our community for a soulful and inspiring experience.



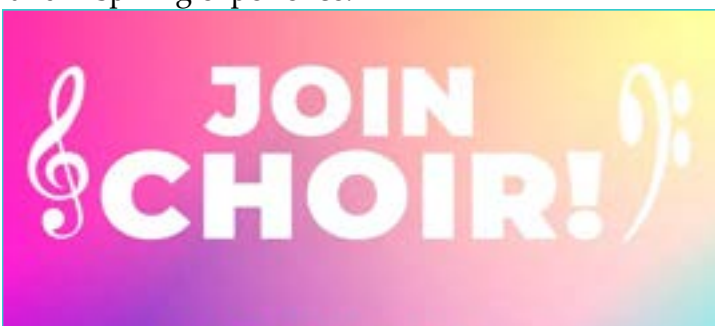
Thank You! For all who donate food or funds to help maintain our Food Pantry. It is located by our memorial garden behind the church. There are currently 3 folks from our church that shop and take turns filling the pantry throughout the week. We would love to recruit more folks to help! With a few more people, maybe we can each devote 1 day a week to checking in on it.

The pantry certainly has support from the community and we are not solely responsible for it, but as it is one of the most frequented, we try to make sure no one comes and finds it empty. Not everyone can make it out to the food bank either as unhoused folks are on foot.

JOIN US in our mission! We will have a meeting in the near future for anyone interested in helping out in some way. Please let Amy Burghart or Lucy Nordwell know if you 'd like to be involved.

Trash or Treasure Halloween Box

I'm sure many of you remember our trash or treasure box we had in the narthex to recycle candy wrappers. After we collected some candy wrappers to be recycled we sent it back to Rubicon. Well It processed 1.05lbs. That was all kept out of the landfill and our waterways! Most curbside recycling do not have the ability to recycle candy wrappers. In 2021 more than 600 million pounds of candy wrapper from just Halloween ended up in the landfills. Great job everyone getting in those wrappers!



Holy Trinity Library

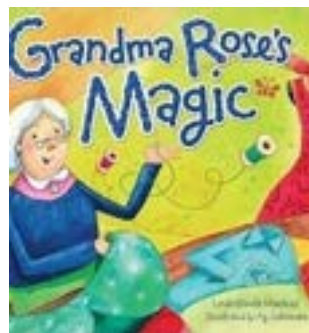


The Library Team has been busy over the last month, reading, writing, purging and continuing to suggest books that will entertain, encourage and educate. We hope more of you will be interested in joining the TEAM. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 9:30am. Also, have a lovely Valentines Day.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

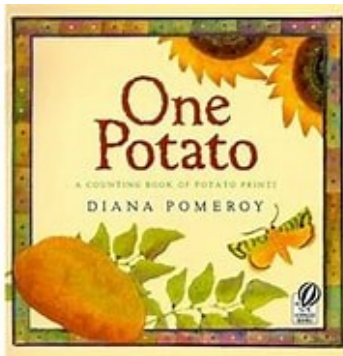
Grandma Rose's Magic (2012) by Linda Elovitz

Marshall illustrates the Jewish concept of "chesed" (kindness) and passing on traditions like being helpful, from generation to generation.



Grandma Rose makes magic for other people every day, through her kindness, love and doing the unexpected. This charming book teaches the value of community and the reward of paying it forward. Donated by Zorba Alexis-Stricker and reviewed by Anita Bonham.

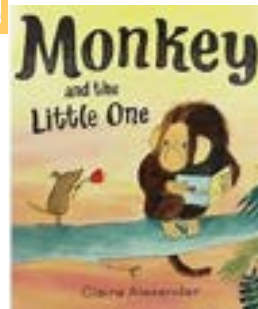
One Potato: A Counting Book of Potato Prints



(1996) by Diana Pomeroy is filled with colorful potato prints in vivid acrylics illustrating each page of this counting primer. The last two pages include instructions for making your

own potato prints... with the help of someone a little older. Donated by Zorba Alexis-Stricker, reviewed by Anita Bonham.

Monkey and the Little One (2015) by Claire Alex-

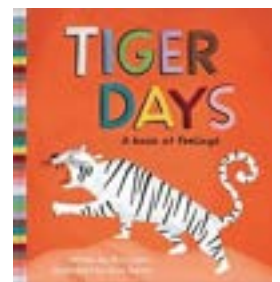


ander describes an unlikely friendship. Monkey likes living alone in the jungle and doesn't want anyone to bother him. My own take on the charmingly illustrated lesson is "we don't always get what we want, but

sometimes we get what we need" Donated and reviewed by Anita Bonham.

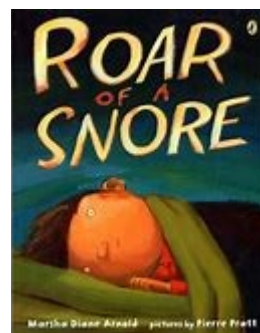
Tiger Days: A Book of Feelings (2018) by Wash-

ington State Book Award Winner, M.H. Clark gives the reader permission to experience any emotion that happens to inhabit them. Each emotion is assigned an animal.. "on Monkey Days,



I'm silly.. or On Turtle Days I'm quiet. Each has a short rhyming verse illustrating it is OK to feel. (PS, it's OK to be several different animals on the same day.) reviewed by Anita Bonham.

Roar of A Snore (2006) by Marsha Arnold, pictures

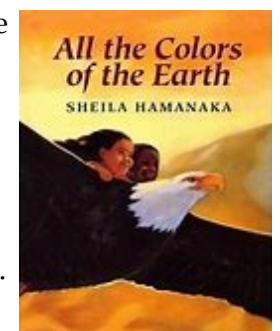


by Pierre Pratt. Intriguing, inviting illustrations make the rhyming story a favorite for children of all ages. The question to be answered, "Who is snoring?" A fantastic book to read aloud.. reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.

All the Colors of the Earth (1994) by Sheila Hamanaka.

The oil on canvas illustrations and the weaving words make this a book to be cherished, shared and admired.

The gentle tale explores the varied colors of humanity with acceptance gently presented. reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.



Grandpa's Airplane (2008) by Kirk Thomas. Designed and illustrated by Gita Lloyd & Gasper Vaccaro. The imaginative, brightly illustrated and LARGE words make this a wonderful book to read together as a family. The many uses for planes

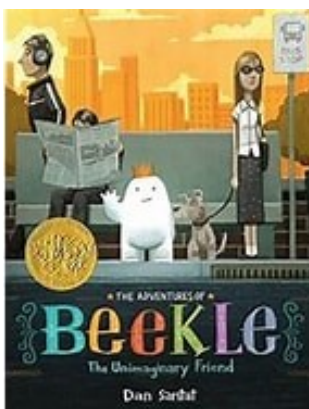
in Alaska are educational and inspiring. Enjoy. reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.

The Adventures of Beekle, the Unimaginary

Friend (2014) by Dan Santat.

An artfully done story about a long search an imaginary friend took to find his REAL child. A tale of persistence and positivity. The illustrations take the reader on a ride that can translate to anyone looking for a friend.

reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.



(Dec 22) At Ailanga we are fine, it is not raining any more. We thank God for the safe and peaceful end of the second term. All students left seminary for the long vacation. Most of the staff members are on their annual leave. Few of us will be in the office due to urgent needs. The seminary office will be officially opened on January 5, 2024.

We wish you God's blessing for the Christmas and New Year 2024

(Dec 27) Greetings from Ailanga and Meru for the Christmas week and for the New Year 2024. In Tanzania, especially in Meru, it is green, though the strong winds began three days ago. How is it in Seattle USA? A day before the closing of Seminary, three visitors from the USA – the greater Milwaukee synod (Wisconsin state), visited the Seminary and we informed them about you from Seattle. I also wrote and gave them your email address. I hope they will contact you.

From January 2024, the Diocese of Meru appointed a new chaplain for Ailanga. He is Rev. John A. Mbise. He is one of the first graduates of Ailanga Seminary in 2006.

We will communicate for more details as soon as possible after opening the office on January 5th 2024.

Please keep the Ailanga School Project in your thoughts and prayers. Donations may be made via check or PayPal.

Please make checks to: Ailanga School Project, % Faith Lutheran Church, 8208 18th Ave NE, Seattle, 98115.

For PayPal, please use this link: https://paypal.me/AilangaSchoolProject?locale.x=en_US. All money coming to the Ailanga School Project will go to meet the current need.

For more information contact:

Ailanga School Project website: <https://www.ailanga.com/>

Asante sana! (Thank you very much)

The Ailanga School Project Board

Ailanga News

Target summer 2025 delegation trip

The Ailanga School Project board has decided to target a delegation trip to Ailanga in the summer (late July-early August) of 2025. We have identified some youth and some chaperones who are interested and available for a 2025 trip. We think that the 2025 trip will be a youth delegation trip, but are open to other possibilities depending on those interested. Youth delegation trips are normally 6-10 youth and 2-4 chaperones. Youth should have completed their 10th grade year in school before going on the trip. We plan to get together with and then put together a preliminary list of delegates in the spring of 2024. If you have interest or questions, please let us know (see ASP board members below)

News from Ailanga Headmaster

Holy Trinity Preschool

December was a fun and busy month at preschool. During Jesus time we learned about the amazing Christmas story. Mary, Joseph, angels including Gabriel and the shepherds were all part of our discussions.

Red and green were the featured colors this month and the shape was a star. The students made decorations for our class Christmas tree and also made gifts and cards for their parents. In their cards, the students told what they would like to get for Christmas and also what they thought that other members of their family would like to receive.

The special snack at Christmas party included gingerbread cookies decorated by the children. Cookie decorating by preschoolers generally means piling as much frosting and sprinkles on each cookie as you can. It's always a surprise when the cookie is lifted and 90% of the decorations fall off!

One of the things that we have been learning about is giving to others. Our students adorned small Ziploc bags with holiday stickers and filled them with food items for the Little Free Food Pantry.

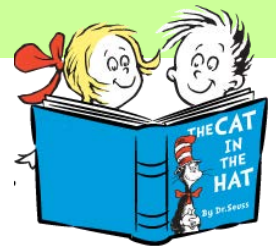
We would like to give a very special thank you to Sharon Reuter and Lucy Nordwell. They have been making cloth napkins for us so that we can reduce some of the waste in our classroom. The latest edition from Sharon featured several different emergency vehicles and cars, needless to say they were a big hit!

We wish for all of you the peace and joy that the miracle of Christ's birth brings this season and always. Thank you for your continued support of the preschool!

-Mrs. Kathy, Mrs. Brenda

Reading Contest

The HTLC congregation vs the preschool reading challenge **begins on Sunday February 18!** After you read a book, please fill out a Dr. Seuss hat slip with the name of the book and your name. The slips and the jar to put completed slips in will be on the table in the narthex. The completed slips will be posted in the preschool classroom. The reading challenge **ends on Thursday, March 2nd** which is Dr. Seuss's birthday. The trophy and the bookmark are once again at stake!



Holy Trinity Preschool Fundraiser **BAKE SALE**

Sunday, March 3

9:30-11:30am

~ kids sing during worship service ~

~ treats available to purchase ~

Please bring your favorite baked item to sell... and all your sweet teeth to shop!

* Please list ALL ingredients *

Creation Care



Optimism “...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8)

Food for thought. And if there was ever a food shortage it's finding good news these days. But it's out there.

Climate-wise, our own state is one year into the Climate Commitment Act which is projected to reduce greenhouse gases by 95% by 2050. Businesses working to avoid paying for pollution “allowances” are incentivized to find ways to reduce carbon emissions. Meanwhile, revenue from allowances is funding clean energy efforts such as electric school buses, free transit rides, rebates for heat pumps and other high efficiency electric equipment and incentives for various commercial vehicles to go electric. It's also helping fund a large-scale solar project by the Yakima Nation and is attracting green industries to the state.

Washington State Ferries, the biggest greenhouse gas emitter among state agencies, will be totally hybrid-electric by 2040 drastically reducing emissions and saving million in fuel cost. The first two vessels are expected spring 2028...how exciting!

For more positive environmental news check out ecodaily.org or dailyclimate.org/goodnews/. Also: [//go.grist.org/signup/beacon](http://go.grist.org/signup/beacon) sends a round-up of good climate news to your inbox every Friday.

On the heart-warming human angle, I love On the Road with Steve Hartman (CBS Mornings available on YouTube). One story was of a boy about 8 who, over the course of a couple years, lost both parents and was adopted by his aunt. Those who

knew his story often looked on him with sad faces which bothered him. So he asked his aunt to help him buy some small toys to give to people to make them smile. It worked, at the mall and other public places, and with total strangers who were touched by a little human kindness from a small boy.

“Just direct your feet to the sunny side of the street.” Jimmy McHugh & Dorothy Fields (1930)

-Jan Interfaith Earth Care Coalition



6:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

6:30pm Soup Supper

Bring family, friends or neighbors each Wednesday in Lent (February 21, 29 and March 6, 13, 20), as we gather in the sanctuary for a meditative Lenten journey through music and prayer. Stay for our soup supper to connect over a meal. You can sign yourself up to bring a favorite recipe. The sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex.

We are so grateful to receive your donations in support of this church! You may give in person, by mail or online.



Council Treasurer Report

December 2023 Financial Report
 Interim Treasurer Carol Marie Jackson
 htltreasurer@olypen.com

Below is our financial overview for December of 2023 (YTD- fiscal year to date)
 General fund offerings in December were \$5,000 above budget; year-to-date (YTD) is now \$4,700 below budget.
 Total operating revenue was \$5,500 above budget this month; YTD is now \$5,300 below budget.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	Dec 2023	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	2023/2024 (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue						
General Fund Offering	\$35,896	\$30,833	\$5,062	\$180,314	\$185,000	(\$4,686)
Radio Broadcast Offering	\$100	\$433	(\$333)	\$1,380	\$2,600	(\$1,220)
Rental Income	\$1,100	\$979	\$121	\$6,810	\$5,875	\$935
Preschool Tuition	\$1,720	\$1,155	\$565	\$5,466	\$6,930	(\$1,464)
Reimbursement / Miscellaneous	\$40	\$0	\$40	\$132	\$0	\$132
Interest Earnings	\$81	\$67	\$15	\$1,194	\$400	\$794
Uncategorized Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$198	\$0	\$198
Total Revenue	\$38,937	\$33,468	\$5,470	\$195,495	\$200,805	(\$5,310)
Expenses						
Ministry Expenses	\$1,898	\$2,606	(\$708)	\$13,763	\$15,637	(\$1,874)
General & Administrative Expenses	\$6,406	\$8,892	(\$2,486)	\$37,650	\$53,350	(\$15,700)
Personnel Expenses	\$24,504	\$25,547	(\$1,043)	\$148,233	\$153,282	(\$5,049)
Total Expenses	\$32,808	\$37,045	(\$4,237)	\$199,646	\$222,270	(\$22,623)
Net Operating Revenue	\$6,129	(\$3,577)	\$9,707	(\$4,151)	(\$21,465)	\$17,313
Other Revenue						
Donor Restricted Income	\$3,640	\$233	\$3,407	\$49,724	\$1,400	\$48,324
Other Expenses						
Donor Restricted Expenses	\$5,263	\$100	\$5,163	\$92,093	\$600	\$91,493
Net Revenue before Adjustments	\$4,507	(\$3,444)	\$7,951	(\$46,520)	(\$20,665)	(\$25,855)
Net Revenue	\$4,507	(\$3,444)	\$7,951	(\$46,520)	(\$20,665)	(\$25,855)

Total operating expenses were \$4,200 below expenses changing the YTD to \$22,623 below budget. The primary reason for reduced costs was a decrease in expenses for building and yard maintenance. Year-to-date our net revenue is a loss of \$4,200.

When we add in our donor related finances, we have a loss of \$46,500. These expenses were paid from donor accounts, such as heat pump project or the contingency fund.

6 Month Deep Dive into Budgeted Categories

Personnel Expenses: We have been able to keep personnel expenses (payroll and salary benefits) \$5,000 below budget. As Karen Selig shared with us last Sunday, the changing of pastors opens new doors. Well it will open our financial door and we will see an additional decrease to our personnel expenses. On January 1st, we will not be paying for a 1.5 pastor salary and benefits. Our pastor payroll will be approximately \$800 per month with our substitute pastors. When the interim pastor is hired, this will only be a 1.0 position, not a 1.5 position.

As we budgeted a \$30,000 deficit for this year, this decrease in expenses will help lower our deficit.

JULY - DECEMBER 2023			
GENERAL & ADMIN EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDGET FOR YEAR	OVER YEARLY BUDGET
Office Supplies	1,033.39	4,000.00	-2,966.61
Postage	467.40	800.00	-332.60
Online & Computer	1,259.24	2,500.00	-1,240.76
Utilities	4,901.92	12,000.00	-7,098.08
Propane	1,543.66	6,000.00	-4,456.34
Telephone	682.70	1,700.00	-1,017.30
Office Equip & Maint.	4,956.51	5,500.00	-543.49
Building & Yard Maint.	-4,315.53	18,700.00	-23,015.53
Janitorial Supplies & Equip.	302.09	350.00	-47.91
Building Safety & Elevator	6,313.15	8,000.00	-1,686.85
Service Charges	1,305.96	3,000.00	-1,694.04
Accounting Fees	17,537.00	30,150.00	-12,613.00
Building Insurance	7,532.42	14,000.00	-6,467.58
Bad Debt Expense	341.08	0.00	341.08
Total General & Admin	\$43,860.99	\$106,700.00	-\$62,839.01

JULY - DECEMBER 2023			
MINISTRY EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDGET FOR YEAR	OVER YEARLY BUDGET
Worship, Sound, Music	1,149.13	4,000.00	-2,850.87
Instrument Tuning & Maint	960.00	1,500.00	-540.00
Radio Broadcast	2,800.00	5,200.00	-2,400.00
Faith Formation	475.77	750.00	-274.23
Preschool Program	688.20	1,800.00	-1,111.80
Youth & Family Ministries	648.95	300.00	348.95
Library Books & Materials	0.00	250.00	-250.00
SW Synod ELCA	8,225.00	14,100.00	-5,875.00
Mission Partners- Local	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Total Ministry Expenses	\$14,947.05	\$30,900.00	-\$15,952.95

Above you will see a breakdown of our general and administrative expenses as well as ministry expenses. I have included the entire year's budget as a reference.

General and Administrative Expenses: Office equipment and maintenance has increased due to an increase in the monthly photocopy machine rental rate along with increased usage of photocopy paper and postage. Building and yard maintenance expenses are \$5,500, but we had a credit from Parish Plumbing for \$9,800, so you see this -\$4300 actual amount. This credit was from expenses that were paid for during the last fiscal year. I will move this credit, so we can see our true expenses for this year. Janitorial expenses are higher than the last 3 years. This may be due to using temporary staff. Building safety and elevator expenses continue to be impossible to budget. We recently had elevator and boiler L&I inspections, but the main culprit is increasing elevator upkeep costs.

Ministry Expenses: Youth and family ministries is the only account with a red flag. The increased expenses are due to an effort to bring in more youth and families.

PRESCHOOL FINANCIALS	
7/1/23 - 12/31-23	
REVENUE	
Tuition	5466.32
Fundraiser	1910.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$7,376.32
EXPENSE	
Salaries	8567.03
Supplies	688.2
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$9,255.23
NET REVENUE	-\$1,878.91

Preschool Financials:

We currently have 6 students enrolled.

Net revenue shows a loss of \$1,879. Because of the low enrollment numbers, an \$8,230 deficit was budgeted for this fiscal year. But due to severe cuts in new materials and training, we may only see a deficit of \$4,000 this year.

Fundulgencies: You thought I forgot. Below is the breakdown of our Fundulgency Fundraiser for the Contingency Fund:

Donations: \$4,415 Expenses: \$542.05 Net: \$3,872.95
Organ expenses: \$2,107.47

Net increase to Contingency Fund: \$1,765.48
Noah was able to have the organ repaired and \$1,765 was added to our contingency fund. Thank you all.

IRS Donation Statement: Your 2023 IRS Donation Statement was mailed and emailed earlier this month. If you did not receive it, please send me an email or call the church. Thank you all for your generous donations and your time helping us keep our church going.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

EPHESIANS 2:10

Friday Friendship Dinners at the Methodist Church are being revived!!

Lucy Nordwell hopes to put together a team of 8 or more people who are willing to help plan, prepare, and serve a meal 4 times a year to community members in need.

First United Methodist is the hosting organization. Organizer Jeff Bohman's goal is to recruit 13 or more teams so that a meal can be provided each Friday night. The Methodists provide a beverage, vegetable, bread and dessert. We provide the main dish.

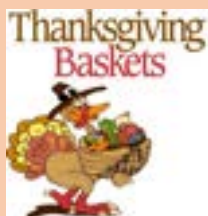
Our church has participated in this rewarding service opportunity in years past. We can share Christ's love by providing a warm meal once in each season of the year!

If you are interested in joining this team or if you have any questions, please call or email Lucy,

Lucy.nordwell@gmail.com

360-808-5611

Thanksgiving Shopping Report 2023



Thank you so much to all who generously donated their time and money for our Thanksgiving shopping this year!

We received donations totaling \$3630! We shopped for 10 families chosen through Lutheran Community Services (LCS) and had enough money left over to give a \$400 Visa Gift Card to Lisa Lyons at LCS. This combined with 13 turkeys (Safeway donated a free frozen turkey for each \$100 spent) will go towards providing holiday meals in December, again through LCS. So your gifts continue to provide for our neighbors in need!

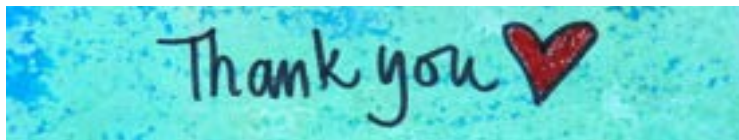
There is *still* some carryover money. We will transfer some of the funds to our Little Food Pantry Fund and carry the balance over until next year. How wonderful to be able to share God's blessings to with others!

Lutheran World Relief Kits and Quilts

We need your help! Every year we send several Personal Care Kits to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed throughout the world to assist people during times of need (i.e. natural disasters, geopolitical unrest). These kits include soap (2 bath size bars, totaling 8-9 oz. per kit), a sturdy comb, a metal nail clipper, a toothbrush in individual packaging and a towel. Our greatest need is lightweight towels. The towels need to be lightweight because they are usually washed by hand and need to be dried outside. LWR requests towels that are approximately 20x40 or 27x52 inches or in between. These towels can sometimes be found online in bulk for \$2-4 per towel. Or they can be purchased at thrift stores, if they are in like new condition (no stains or tears). You can place any donations in the box labeled LWR below the coat rack by the church office.



Thank you for your continued support of HTLC's mission to help others in need!



Staff & Leadership

- ♥ Kathy Braun and Brenda Kennedy– Thank you for your creative ability to education our pre-schoolers.
- ♥ Mary Ann Unger– Thank you for your unparalleled guidance during this time of transition.
- ♥ Holy Trinity Chancel Choir– Thank you for your beautiful music especially during our holiday services.
- ♥ Radio Sponsors– Thank you so much to all our wonderful radio sponsors. We have many people that tune in every Sunday on the radio. Check out our sponsor sing-up sheet.
- ♥ Coffee Makers-We appreciate the warm cup of coffee on Sunday mornings. Thank you for staying after the service to clean those mugs and coffee pots.
- ♥ Hana Meyer– Thank you for all your help with hospitality and making everyone feel so welcomed at events.
- ♥ Larry Grey-Thank you for 8 wonderful years as our building custodian!
- ♥ David and Elizabeth Christian-Thank you so much for shoveling snow from our sidewalks so people can get into the building safely. What a workout!

Staff

Noah Smith, Director for Music Ministry
 Natalie Petersen, Office Coordinator
 Amy Burghart, Data & Special Project Admin
 Kyle Lucas, Custodian
 Kathy Braun, Preschool Teacher
 Brenda Kennedy, Preschool Teacher
 Candance Hall, Caretaker
 Elijah Sussman, AV Engineer

Enduring Gifts Committee Members

Elizabeth Christian, Margaret Ruud (secretary),
 Jonathan Picker, Sharon Reuter, Dave Birmingham, Margaret Ruud and Karla Strutzel (chair).

Church Council

President: Mary Ann Unger
 * Vice President:
 * Interim Treasurer/Finance: Carol Jackson
 Secretary/Communications: Sharon Reuter
 Facilities: Greg Bondy
 Worship: Deborah Bopp
 Education: Kathy Plocher
 Youth: Madeline Irwin
 Christian Service: Lucy Nordwell
 Hospitality: Hana Meyer

Thank you to our volunteers in these leadership roles! * indicates available opportunities. These important roles are necessary for the success of our church community. There is talent! Talk to someone today that you think would be a great fit, then tell the Pastors. See brief descriptions or pick up full a copy at church.

Join us Sunday, February 4th in the Fellowship Hall immediately following our Worship Service. Grab your coffee and snack and join us in a discussion with Rebecca Shjerven from the Synod.



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This is a great way to "introduce" curious friends or neighbors.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Epiphany 28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School-RM 3	4-5pm Confirmation Class Rm 1	6pm Council Meeting	4pm-4:45pm Kids Choir, 7pm Chancel Choir			
5 Epiphany 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School-RM 3 11am Congregational meeting with Rebecca Shjerven-Fellowship Hall	4-5pm Confirmation Class Rm 1	5pm Right relations (zoom)	4pm-4:45pm Kids Choir, 7pm Chancel Choir			
Transfiguration of our Lord 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School-RM 3 11am Fireside Chats-Fireside RM	4-5pm Confirmation Class Rm 1	10:00am LWR Quilters	6pm Ash Wednesday Service	9:30am Library Team Meeting		
1 Lent 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am Worship		2pm Executive Committee	1-2:30pm Threads of Love in Fireside RM 6pm Holden Evening Prayer 6:30pm Soup Supper			
2 Lent 25	26	27	28	29	1	2
9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School-RM 3	4-5pm Confirmation Class Rm 1	10:00am LWR Quilters 6pm Council Meeting	4pm-4:45pm Kids Choir, 6pm Holden Evening Prayer 6:30pm Soup Supper			