

TRINITY TIDINGS~JANUARY '23

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"THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE"

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Happy New Year! We are praying that 2023 is filled with marvelous new discoveries of God's amazing grace to us in Jesus His Son. During our New Year's worship, we used the familiar words of Ecclesiastes 3 where the Preacher declares:

For everything there is a season
And a time for every matter under heaven
A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up
what is planted.
A time to break down, and a time to build up.
A time to weep and a time to laugh.
A time to keep and a time to throw away.
A time to be silent and a time to speak.
A time to love and a time to hate.
A time for war and a time for peace.
God has made everything suitable for its time.
God has put a sense of past and future
into our minds.
God has done this so that all should stand
in awe before Him.
Whatever God does endures forever.

These are wise words for a New Year! It helps us to put time into perspective. At the end of a year, we count the time behind us, the days have gone past. At the beginning of a new year, we look to the days before us, with hope in the promise of God through Jesus Christ, His Son. There's the past, the future, and then the present, right now! As you read these words, that's where we find ourselves, right here, right now.

Time stands still. As we wait, sometimes impatiently, for what God has yet to unfold for us, it can seem that time stops or creeps backward – "the second hand unwinds..." And it's there that God says STOP! "Be still and know that I am God." Stop, and consider the time of your life beginning with the here and the present. Consider the present time and remember that God holds all of time in His hands and has ultimately come to end the limitations of time and thrust us past time into eternity.

We are still in the seasons of time and God wisely teaches us that these seasons will wax and wane over the course of our time. Still, there is one constant – God will hold these seasons in His hand and carry us through them with His strong and mighty arm, just as He stretched out His arms on the cross to complete the season: "There's a time to be born and a time to die."

Jesus was born for us that he might die on the cross for our forgiveness and that He might rise again as the seal and guarantee of our salvation. We find ourselves in between those times – being born and dying. And there's no better place to be!

Let's enjoy the New Year and trust God's promise to make us heirs of His eternal kingdom. Let's not fear the present because the future has been sealed by His blood shed for us.

In Christ, Pastor Bolt

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday evening Bible Study continues at 6:30pm. All are invited to join us!
For more information, you may contact Jon Bush
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NAVIGATORS BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday morning Bible Study will soon resume
Watch your bulletin or see Randy Daberkow for more information.

HELP IS HERE! A five week Video assisted Bible Study, by Max Lucado continues, here at Trinity, following our worship services. All are invited to attend this Bible Study which meets in our church sanctuary. For more information, see Tom Gaide.

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
Saturday Evening 5:30pm
Sunday Morning 9:00am

NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Our prayers have been with the following members and friends who have been ill and/or hospitalized: Jacob Freeman, Jon Bush, David Walmer, Greg Hill, Cathy, Rick Lawrenz, Amy Huth, Cindy Schmidt, Norma Larson, Marcie (Brul) Wright, Henrietta Voss, Victor Voss, Rose Sears, Connie Elson, Dora Daberkow, Ty Butcher, Melanie Trujillo, Wilbert Lutz, Frank & Joyce Michelli, Larry Graham, Lucille Cochran, Adella Schmidt, Helen Koncilia, Sophia DeSalvo, Earl Schwalm, Jeanive Solheim, Sara McBee, and Jerry Dockendorf. May God continue to strengthen and heal them. Our prayers continue for Krystal Sherrod and family as her father was called to his heavenly home. May God continue to comfort them at this difficult time.

PRAYERS ANSWERED FOR JACOB! We rejoice with David & Stacey (Daberkow) Freeman as their son, Jacob was released from the hospital and was able to spend Christmas with his family. Thank you everyone for keeping this, one of God's "little ones" in your prayers. May God continue to make Jacob stronger each day.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Jeanine Bolt
- 3 – Jacob Ahlin
- 9 – Emily Giebel
- 11 – Joyce Michelli
- 12 – Dora Daberkow
- 13 – Lindsey Sheppard
- 14 – Terri Beeman
- 15 – Jacob Brunner
- 16 – John Meyer
 Melanie Trujillo
- 19 – Kent Schmidt
- 20 – Matthew Lawrenz
- 21 – Benjamin Halfacre
- 25 – Brianna Resendez
- 29 – Nathan Beeman
 Tobias Meyer
- 31 – Pastor Randy Bolt

THANK YOU to Jon Bush and Emily Brunner for the wonderful gifts of music during our Christmas Eve worship services. And as also to Shirley Ranus! You were such a blessing to all of us!

SCHOOL/EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY NEWS

*For we walk by faith and not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7*

A Belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of Trinity's school staff, students, and teachers! We pray that your holiday season was full of great memories and peaceful rest as you reset from one year and prepare for the next.

Before our Christmas break, our students, staff, and parents had so much fun preparing for Christmas by dressing differently each day of the week; Monday was our ugly sweater day, Tuesday we wore flannel, Wednesday we dressed in our Christmas best, Thursday we dressed "Christmas from head to toe," and Friday we got to wear Christmas pajamas and participate in fun activities and crafts, enjoy delicious hot cocoa, and we even got to see Santa! He reminded us why we celebrate Christmas each year and the wonderful blessing the season brings. Our Christmas program was on Thursday evening, and we were so happy to dedicate our performance to Mrs. Freeman. Even though she was unable to be with us for our program, we knew she was in our hearts that night, and our students did such an amazing job of telling the wonderful story of our Lord Jesus's birth. Their strong, clear voices proclaimed the beautiful story with confidence, hope, and JOY!

January is an exciting month for our school because we get to celebrate National Lutheran Schools week with hundreds of other Lutheran schools around the nation. We will again participate in a "spirit week," and dress differently for each day. We also get to participate in exciting things like a presentation from the raptor center, virtual field trips to India, cleaning up our city block, and mini courses. Each morning we will virtually travel to India to learn about boys and girls in that country, as well as learn about what God is doing there and how we can help! A portion of the chapel offering we have collected during our 2nd quarter will go to some of the missionaries who are working in India, and we will get to be part of bringing God's word to Indian boys and girls.

We are so blessed by your prayers for our school, its students, teachers, parents, and families. We ask that you continue to pray for us as we start a brand new calendar year and the second half of our '22-'23 school year, and we encourage you to join us for any of our upcoming events and activities. We look forward to finishing this school year out strong, and we will continue to walk by faith and not by sight. May your new year be blessed! ~ Kacia Vigil