



Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church

The Beacon January 2025

Being Called Into A New Year

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you”  
John 20:21



Dear Partners in the Gospel,  
Growing disciples is no easy business. Discipleship is a matter of Christian maturity. I recently read a definition of discipleship that I think says it all:

**(Discipleship is) the life-long, Bible-based, Christ-centered process of leading a person into a new identity with Christ, developing that person according to his/her specific abilities given to him/her by Christ, so that the individual would be empowered to live a life characterized by love, trust and obedience to Christ.**

Jesus empowers us through the Holy Spirit to be his ambassadors to this world. Why? Because his presence is needed and required in a world that, by nature ignores, and minimizes God’s love and power. I believe God’s greatest desire is to have his creation worship and glorify the creator. The way we do this is believe God is God and do what God, through Jesus, has commanded us to do. **“Give yourselves completely to God - Every part of you... to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposed.” Romans 6:13**

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We are called in this New Year to deepen our love for God, loose our hold on our ego’s and personal preferences and allow God to shape and mold us in ways that will grow our trust in God’s directions. In this coming year, God may sharpen us in faith by reevaluation our personal materialism and encourage us to share more. God my hone our skills as peacemakers by opening our eyes to, and inserting us in conflicted relationships and/or situations. In this coming year, God may challenge us to become uncomfortable... by introducing us to people that are different (by skin color, ethnic background, political understandings, sexuality experiences, etc...) than us. Building faith and trust in God is not for the faint-hearted.

Each year, we are encouraged to make New Year Resolutions. For years, I have encouraged people to not give something up (God really doesn’t care how much chocolate you eat), but to increase your activities that will grow you in discipleship. I’ll help with your first list...

5 Activities that will Grow Me closer to God.

- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
  - 5.
- May God bless us all as we walk together as Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church in 2025.

Peace  
Pastor Tom



Sunday,  
January 19, 2025  
Following the 9:30am  
Worship Service

The Giving Tree Update

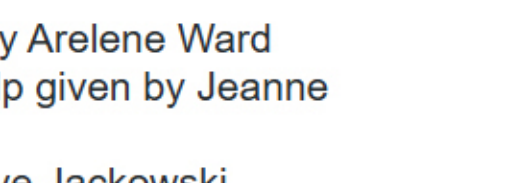
Thank you to all who donated numerous items to all of our beneficiaries - ADVOCAP/Headstart kiddos, Humane Society, Critter Junction and New Beginnings Pregnancy Center. We are continuously amazed at the giving generosity of our church family.

Have a Happy New Year!  
Faith in Action Team

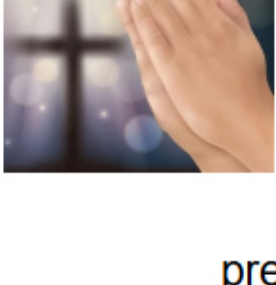
Poinsettia Donations

Thank you to all those who contributed to having the poinsettias adorn our church this past holiday season.

Thank you



In Memory of James Gokey given by Faye Gokey  
In Memory of Henry Sing and Jeanne Knudson given by Marguerite Sing Family  
In Memory of Paul Kunz given by Sandi Kunz  
In Memory of Fred Ward and son, Robert Swanson given by Arelene Ward  
In Memory of Verna and Hazel Dille and Bruce and Josh Olp given by Jeanne Olp, Beth Krause and Chris Pieper  
In Memory of Roger Anderson Jr. given by Sharon and Steve Jackowski  
In Memory of Dick Bahr, Shelly Beaver and Edythe & Melvin Ollerman given by June Bahr  
In Memory of Butch Hagen given by the Fauska Family  
In Memory of Robert Kahl given by Mitchell & Laura Kahl  
In Memory of Victor and Roberta Lund and CJ & Lucille Will given by Dean & Becky Will  
In Memory of Ed & Clydice Fauska given by Jan & Bob Lauska  
In Memory of Leo & Irene Roehl given by Jan Fauska & JoAnn Roehl  
In Memory of Wayne Brennan given by Susan Brennan  
In Memory of Our Loved Ones given by Sherry & Jim Alberts  
In Memory of Bill & Ingrid Gillmeier and Mike & Marion Lindgren given by Mike & Sigrid Nanna  
In Memory of Charles Von Rotz, Tim Plout & Judy Von Rotz given by Jane Von Rotz, Pat Plout and Bob Von Rotz  
In Memory of Wilmer & Bettyann Krueger given by John & Debbie Kehrmeier  
In Memory of Ron Auchtung given by Ron’s Family  
In Memory of Lloyd & Victoria Greenwood & Eugen & Betty Bohm given by Bob & Audrey Greenwood  
In Memory of Ray Schwarze given by Jo Anne Schwarze  
In Memory of Harold & Alice Veith given by Susan Giese I  
In Memory of Mel & Janet Sinotte & Sara Kozisek given by Dana & Pam Kozisek  
In Memory of Reynold (Ren) Blakely given by Marion Blakely  
In Memory of Judy Hari given by Lyle Hari  
In Memory of Beatrice (Boots) Shepherd given by Jim Shepherd  
In Honor of our Family given by Chuck & Carla Kenas  
To the Glory of God given by Dave & Nancy Hackbarth  
To the Glory of God given by Helen Meyer



Prayers To Welcome the New Year

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before you with hearts full of anticipation and gratitude. We thank you for the gift of life and for the journey that has brought us to this moment.

Lord, we acknowledge the highs and lows of the past year—the joys and sorrows, the victories and challenges. Through it all, your presence has been our constant source of strength and hope.

As we welcome this new year, we place it in your capable hands. We trust in your plan and purpose for our lives, knowing that your ways are higher than our ways, and your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

We pray for your guidance in the coming year. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and wisdom. Help us to discern your will in all that we do and to walk in obedience to your Word.

Fill our hearts with hope, joy, and peace. May your love and grace shine brightly in our lives and be a source of light in a world that often needs it.

Lord, grant us the courage to face the unknown with faith and trust. In times of uncertainty, remind us that you are our anchor, our refuge, and our strength.

We thank you for the lessons and blessings of the past and look forward to the opportunities and adventures that the future holds. May we use our time, talents, and resources to bring glory to your name and to be a blessing to others.

In the name of Jesus, we welcome the new year with open hearts, renewed faith, and the confidence that you will be with us every step of the way. Amen.

January Birthdays



January 3  
Faye Gokey  
Joanne Zimmerman  
Marvin Grahl  
Coleen Rudolph  
  
January 4  
Daniel Jacobs  
Mark Spannbauer  
Scott Comeaux  
  
January 6  
Carla Hanna  
Amy Popp  
  
January 8  
Elaina Seider  
  
January 9  
JoAnne Schwarze  
Patrick Dobbs  
Everly Jacobs

January 13  
Brennan Solamita  
Robert Zar  
  
January 14  
Jacob Boykins  
  
January 15  
Dylan Fleischfresser  
Emma Hansen  
Terry Schuett  
  
January 16  
Michele Brosi  
  
January 17  
Donald Chapman  
Jerry Aspatore

January 24  
Travis Moser  
  
January 26  
Ralph Malo, Sr.  
Trevor Taylor  
  
January 27  
Andrew Jurgensmier  
  
January 29  
Colt Boykins  
Gary Dilling  
Katie Hamburg  
Martie Schmalz  
  
January 30  
Craig Seider  
  
January 31  
Conrad John Mayer

JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 1pm Deborah Circle 6p Wildcats Basketball	3	4 5:30p Worship w/Communion
5 9:30a Worship w/Communion 10:30a Littles Spark	6 6:00p Brownie Troop #8300 Mtg 6p Facilities Mtg 5:45p Champions of FdL	7	8 6:30p Spark, Connect, SHYG, Confirmation	9 6p Wildcats Basketball	10	11 9a - 12p Pine Wood Derby - Cub Scouts 5:30p Worship
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