

February 2022 Newsletter

Finding the Right Size

Have you ever had shoes that just don't fit? When I was 9 years old, I had a pair of tennis shoes that fit me like a glove. They had a good-sized rubber-bumper on the toes that made them perfect for kick ball. They fit so well they were like a natural extension of my foot and in them, I was fast. I was the fastest kid in my class that year. I loved those shoes!

Before the end of the school year, however, they were no longer working for me. Why? Because I had grown. Now I know that for many of you when you were growing up you outgrew clothing and shoes all of the time. Not me. In case you haven't noticed, I am on the shorter end of the height spectrum. I usually wore out my pants and shoes, so outgrowing this pair of shoes was a new phenomenon for me. Now these shoes – my beloved shoes! – no longer fit. My toes were cramped in them which made me run slower. And kicking? With my toes doubled up inside, every time I kicked a ball, I thought I was going break one of my toes at the second knuckle. I learned that shoes that are too small don't work.



Then I got a new pair of shoes. Since I went through the previous pair so quickly, my folks decided to get my next pair a little big “so I had room to grow into them.” Then, my feet stopped growing for a good long time. I now had these shoes that felt like clown shoes. I ended up wearing two pairs of socks, which helped, but still they felt like I was wearing my dad's shoes.

People often have a difficult time finding where they “fit” in a congregation. Sometimes when people find their place in a congregation, they stay there. Forever. Then an odd mentality can sink in, both in the person and in the congregation. The person begins to think, “If I don't do it, nobody will.” And the congregation begins to think, “Well, Janice is doing it, so I don't have to.” Both views are deadly to a congregation.

On the individual level, it is a form of martyrdom. Martyrdom thinking is often rooted in control, where the person believes that only they can do this task, or that they alone will do it the “right way.” These are like shoes that are too small and restrictive.

In a previous call, I had a member who complained that “no one would help her.” Then, when we found someone who was willing to help, the woman was demanding; everything had to be done her way and to her liking. She would come in later and re-do things because “it just didn't look right” and undermine the work of the person we found to help. Needless to say, the people we found to help, soon quit, finding no joy in helping the woman out, and the woman could continue to be the over-worked, martyred, volunteer.

On the congregational level, there is apathy. As long as the tasks are getting done – even if it is by the same people, over and over again – then why should I volunteer? I call this the “Chuch Magee effect.” Chuch (pronounced chooch) was the road manager for a large rock band that traveled the world. Chuch had a sudden heart attack due to his scleroderma and immediately

the band was without a key person just before they were to go on tour. They had to hire 5 people to take on all the tasks that Church absorbed over the years. Those were big shoes to fill. Congregations that have a small group of people doing most of the work are less able to absorb the loss of a key person, should something happen to them, God forbid.

Author Frederick Buechner said, "The place God calls you is where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." When that happens, it is beautiful and people blossom before our eyes. Those are well-fitting shoes. This is what we want to see happen at Trinity. We want more people involved. We want younger people involved. We want more people to have an opportunity to lead and envision new possibilities. We want to make it so everyone has an opportunity to serve.

Won't you try on a new pair of shoes?

Chisholm Thanks You!

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of Chisholm Elementary School, I would like to express our appreciation to the members of Trinity for including Chisholm Elementary in the ministry of the church.

Funding from Thrivent Financial along with support from the congregation and the Outreach ministry team has touched the lives of so many of our children and their families. The commitment of the church to providing school supplies and holiday assistance for our students has been such a blessing. Please share my heartfelt gratitude to those who gave of their time, talents, prayers and financial support; may each and everyone be blessed.

Thank you for your generosity and your continued support of Chisholm Elementary School.

With kindest regards,
Marla DeLoach Griffin
School Counselor



Thank You from the Pastor and Staff

Pastor Tim, Cantor Brian, Parish Secretary Mary and Custodian Laura give God thanks to all those who contributed to the Pastor and Staff Christmas Fund.

We don't know who all contributed toward this fund, but we give God thanks for your generosity. It is good to be remembered any time, but it is even more special at Christmas time. We sincerely thank you, one and all. Peace and goodwill to all.

Thank You from the Hopkins Family

A huge thank you to "Our (anonymous) friends at Trinity" for the very generous gift card surprises you placed in our church mailboxes in November and December!

Flower Distribution

Each week we have two beautiful bouquets of flowers that adorn our sanctuary. We normally gift those flowers to persons unable to worship in person. COVID restrictions have prevented us from being able to do this. If you have a friend, family member or neighbor who you believe would enjoy receiving flowers, please feel free to take a bouquet after the church service!

Congratulations!

To Mary and Alex Parada (and big sister, Mia) on the birth of Alejandro David Parada. Alejandro was born on December 23 and was 7 lbs. 5 oz. He will be baptized at Trinity on Sunday, February 13.



To grandparent, Raeann Purcell, on the birth of Theo Jireh James Kluvi to Kaylin and Armand Kluvi. Theo was born on December 23, the day we commemorate John, Apostle and Evangelist, and was 8 lbs, 8 oz.



To grandparents, Gary and Nancy Hopkins, on the birth of Luca Carmine Hopkins to Heather and Matthew Hopkins. Luca was born on January 6, the Day of Epiphany, and was 6 lbs. 14 oz.



Halifax Urban Ministry

Please sign up to prepare the meal at H.U.M. on February 28th at 8:30a.m. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Mission Workshop

The Mission Workshop is the name for our quilting group that meets every Tuesday from 9-11 am. Women and men alike gather to cut, piece, sew, and tie the quilts (and they have plenty of good conversation too!). If you are looking for something to do, consider joining the Mission Workshop!

We recently blessed the quilts, school kits, baby care kits and personal care kits. We donated 238 quilts, 28 school kits, 21 baby care kits, and 28 personal care kits. In case you are wondering what all goes into the kits, this is what they contain:

School kits: 4 notebooks, 1 ruler, 1 eraser, 1 scissors, 5 pencils, 5 pens, 1 pencil sharpener, and 1 box crayons

Baby Care kits: 2 bars of soap, 2 diaper pins, 2 shirts, 2 receiving blankets, 2 sleepers, 2 pair socks, 1 sweater, 1 hat and 1 hand towel

Personal Care kits: 1 towel, 1 comb, 3 bars of soap, 1 nail clipper and 1 toothbrush

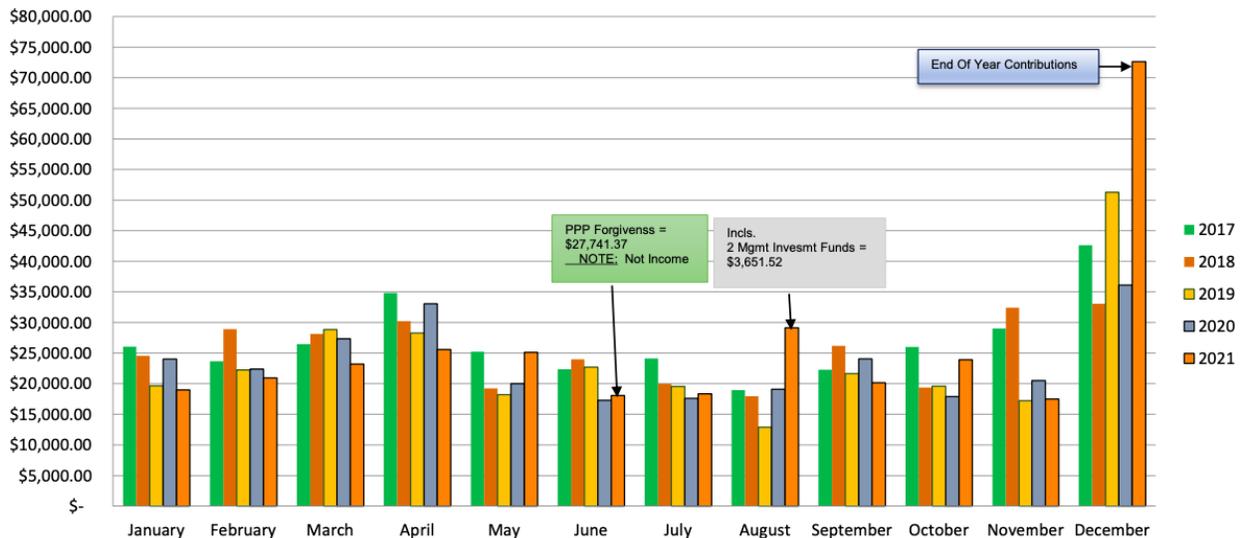
What goes into them is determined by Lutheran World Relief so that they are uniform from kit to kit. Thanks to all who participated in making these projects as well as getting them to the LWR distribution location. We also welcome donations to LWR to cover the cost of shipping of these items overseas.

Donation Items

We are currently collecting cancelled stamps, pill bottles and cards. If you would like to participate, please leave these items in the fellowship hall. They are distributed to various organizations such as Doctors without Borders.

Thank You, One and All for Your Generosity!

We had exceptionally strong giving for December. In fact, it could be the most that has ever come in to Trinity in a month! Our God is a God of Abundance and the Holy Spirit moved each one of us to give generously as we are able and together, we can do amazing things! We ended up receiving \$341,000+ for the year, which was about \$10,000 more than our expenses! (Unfortunately, we carried a \$26,000 deficit from the previous year. Still God is very good to us!)



We continue to receive financial Statements of Intent, which strengthens our ability to plan our ministry. Thanks to all those who have sent their Statements in!

We have already received:

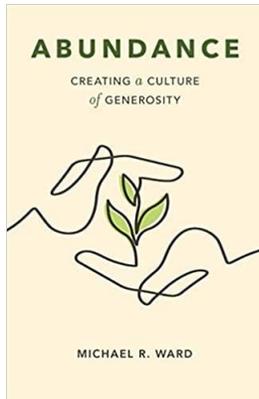
57 Statements of Intent received

48 of these Intents indicated an increase in generosity

\$674.37 is the estimated* weekly increase in giving for 2022

If you have not returned your intent card, it is not too late. You can mail it or send it via email to: trinitylutheran485@gmail.com and your intent will be recorded from the email. Please remember that intents are not binding, but are used for us to proclaim our faith, and to help congregational leaders make plans for the coming year.

* Since some people did not pledge last year, we took the amount they gave in 2021 and divided it by 12 to get an average monthly amount. Then, we divided that number by 4 to get an approximate weekly amount for 2021 so that we could do this comparison.



Join Your Council in Thinking about Abundance

The Council has covenanted to read *Abundance: Creating a Culture of Generosity* this year. It is by Michael Ward who has been working with our congregation on forming strong stewardship practices. I invite others to join us. You can purchase the book on your own through your favorite book retailer or borrow a copy from the church office (we have one extra copy).

Monday Morning Bible Study

We meet via Zoom at 11 am (Eastern Time) on Mondays to study the lessons that will be used in worship the following Sunday. It is a good way to dwell in the word and reflect more deeply on the lessons. Here are the readings for February:

February 6 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13] *Isaiah says, Here am I; send me*

Psalms 138 *I will bow down toward your holy temple.*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *I am the least of the apostles*

Luke 5:1-11 *Jesus calls the disciples to fish for people*

February 13 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10 *Blessed are those who trust the Lord, they are like trees by water*

Psalms 1 *They are like trees planted by streams of water.*

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 *Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died*

Luke 6:17-26 *Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full*

February 20 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 *Joseph forgives his brothers*

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40 *The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.*

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 *The mystery of the resurrection of the body*

Luke 6:27-38 *Love your enemies*

February 27 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35 *Coming down from Mount Sinai, Moses' face shone*

Psalms 99 *Proclaim the greatness of the Lord; worship upon God's holy hill.*

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 *With unveiled faces we see the Lord's glory as we are transformed*

Luke 9:28-43a *Jesus is transfigured on the mountain*

March 6 – First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 *The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand*

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.*

Romans 10:8b-13 *If you confess that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved*

Luke 4:1-13 *The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days*

Zoom information for the Monday Bible Study (Or simply go to our website and click on the third red link)

Join Zoom Meeting via computer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87504774403?pwd=VUpUUGJPRkNlVlYhHhVSXBHUkh3UT09>

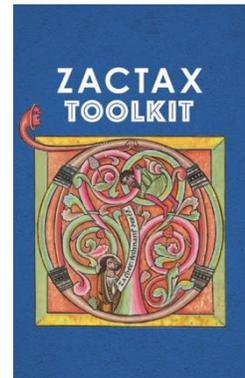
Join Zoom Meeting via telephone

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The Sunday Study - ZacTax

The Zacchaeus Tax Campaign is a part of the New International Financial and Economic Architecture initiative (NIFEA), a joint effort by the Council for World Mission, Lutheran World Federation, World Communion of Reformed Churches, World Council of Churches, and World Methodist Council.

The Zacchaeus Tax Campaign calls for a global tax and economic system that acts like Zacchaeus, the tax collector who repented of his wicked ways, which delivers equity and makes reparation for exploitation and injustice.



“Taxation is an important tool for sharing wealth equitably within and across countries as well as for holding corporations and citizens accountable for their responsibility towards upholding the common good, including care for the global ecological commons,” states the introduction to the Toolkit.

“Churches can and ought to play an important role in encouraging national and international systems of taxation that: reward work and redistribute gains, promote gender justice and ecological sustainability, and penalize 'public bads' such as speculative, polluting, and resource-depleting activities,” it states.

“Our faith compels us towards a just world,” said Philip Vinod Peacock, WCRC executive for witness and justice, “and one way of attaining it is through a system of just taxation that is directed towards the needs of the poor and dispossessed and not towards the wants of a few.”

You can download a free copy of the resource from our website: www.trinitylutheransb.org

Schedule:

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| February 6 | 1. Introduction; 2. Why Taxes and Taxation? 3. Calls of the Zacchaeus Tax Campaign, Calls for Tax Justice |
| February 13 | 4. Theology of Taxation and the Zacchaeus Story; 5. Why do we need a Tax Policy? |
| February 20 | 6. Church Resources and What Can the Churches Do? How can the Churches |

design a Campaign at the National Level? A. Inequality; B. Ecological Debt; C. Reparations; 7. Church Resources – Bible Study – Solidarity over Greed

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Items looking for a New Home – FREE!

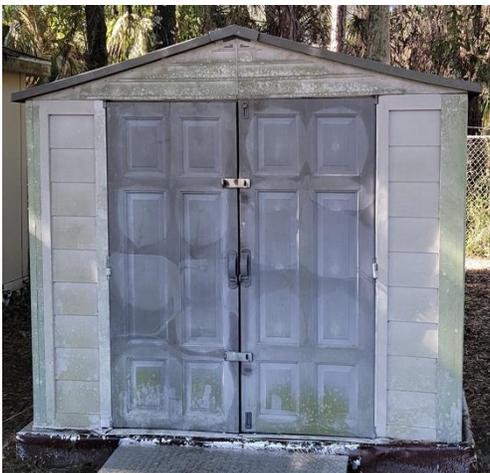


Trinity has some items that we have been storing that we would like to go to a new home. The first is a stand that was used in the Riverside building. We believe it held a memorial book. It has a glass top that lifts open and a drawer.

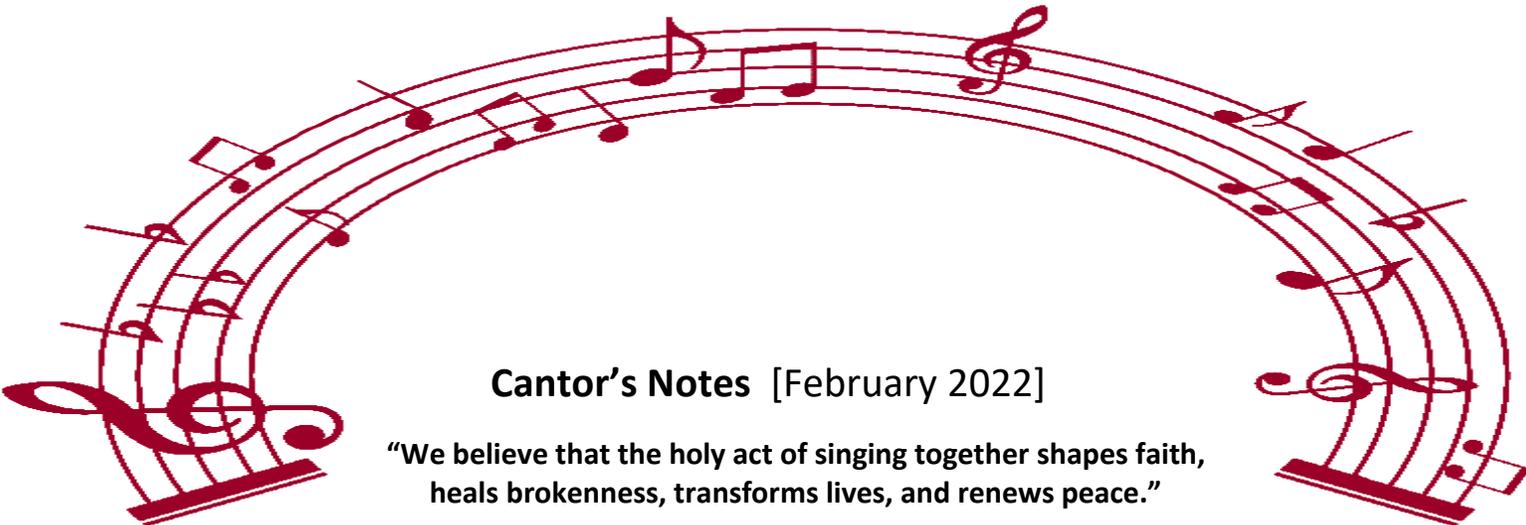
The second item is a large stoneware fountain. It looks like a jar, but it had a water pump in it and water bubbled up and then flowed over the side. We are guessing that the pump failed and so it was

removed from its location and another gardening design was put in its place. To make it bubble again, it would need a new pump.

We also have a plastic shed. It is approximately 9 feet wide and 11 feet deep. It does need a new floor and a good power-washing, but is in otherwise good condition.



If you would like any of these items, please contact the church office and we will get you in touch with the people who can help you get these items. Thank you!



Cantor's Notes [February 2022]

**"We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith,
heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace."**

The guiding stance of *The Center for Congregational Song* of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

Here is Epiphany text for your devotional use during this season of light! Our choir has sung an anthem using this text many times. The author, Rev. Dr. Herman Stuempfle, served as president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Eight of his hymn texts are included in our hymnal.

*The silent stars shine down on us with bright but sightless eye,
unmindful of our little earth, of us who live and die.
Are we but grains of stranded sand beside a cosmic sea
that lie unvalued and unseen in such immensity?*

*Creator of all stars you came to grace our transient race.
In Christ you spoke a word that broke the silences of space.
Still through that word you call our hearts to know that we are known,
to trust we do not walk through time unvalued and alone.*

*We see the star the wise men saw and hope again is stirred.
We track the footprints left in time by your incarnate Word.
We see them climb a lonely hill where Love is left to die –
the Love that formed the farthest star and hears the faintest cry.*

*O Christ, the bright and morning Star whose radiance does not fade,
whose glory filled the universe before the planets played:
come, heal our hearts of blinding doubt till faith shall end in sight.
Shine down upon our darkened earth and conquer sin's long night.*

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923-2007



Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)
Brian Larson



A NEW BIRTHDAY SONG

Using the tune KREMSER, *We Praise You, O God*

We celebrate with you the life that God gave you.
We thank him for letting us share in your joy.
God bless you and keep you and shine his light upon you.
With love we sing together happy birthday to you.

	2	Joan Norris	17	Tammy Currey	
	3	Fay Faller	18	Dale Armstrong	
	5	Carol Topham	21	Nancy Hopkins	
	5	Jeff Winterstein	24	Alfred Schroth	
	10	Anthony Gracia	24	Louise Armstrong	
	11	Judy Driesbaugh	25	Betty Still	
	16	Bob Horak	28	Bert Davis	

Upcoming Memorial Services

- ✦ Gretchen Marz's Memorial Service will be on Wednesday, February 2 at 4 pm.
- ✦ Elisabeth Johnson's Memorial Service will be on Monday, February 14 at 11 am.
- ✦ We have not yet scheduled the Memorial Service for Gladys Bachman. Please keep watch for that announcement later in February.

All of these services will be in-person and live-streamed. You can get the live-stream link on the homepage of our website at www.trinitylutheranssb.org.



TRINITY COLUMBARIUM



COLUMBARIUM NICHE SUBSCRIPTION FEE

MEMBER: \$2000.00

NON-MEMBER \$3000.00

Includes one niche which will hold two urns, a faceplate (to covers the niche) that is engraved with name of deceased, plus year of birth and death.

APPLICATION AVAILABLE

Contact one of the following:

- Marilyn O'Connor (386-402-4304)
- Jean Haughwout (386-478-9650)
- Church Office (386-428-4307)

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