



NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, LEWISTON, IDAHO
Member of North American Lutheran Church (NALC) &
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

November & December 2023

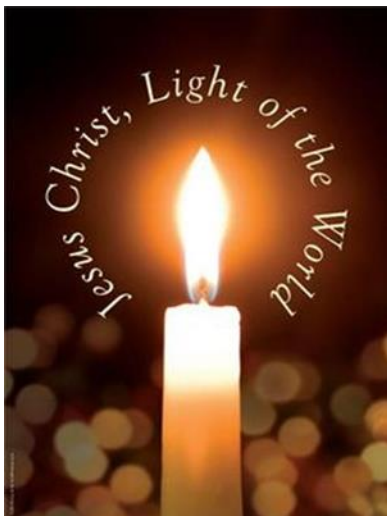
“The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.”

(John 1:14)

Greetings in Christ!

Advent begins this year on Sunday, December 3, 2023. It is a season of longing, of waiting, and of expectation that the sometimes seemingly far-off God would draw near, come close, and enter our world. The late Eugene Peterson adeptly expressed the fulfillment of this longing in his paraphrase of John 1:14, “The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.” Advent is the season in the church when we yearn *afresh* for God’s intimate presence among us. What then are we called to do with that?

In Advent, our lectionary texts bid us to keep awake, to turn anew toward the expectation of the coming Christ, and to remove any obstacles to God’s movement in our church, our communities, and our lives.



As we prepare to celebrate the arrival of God’s-self, who became human in the form of our Lord Jesus Christ, we light one candle on the Advent wreath each Sunday. The final one — the central Christ candle — is lit at the Christmas Eve candlelight service as we worship our savior Jesus, *the Light of the World*.

The Christmas Eve candlelight service has been a long-cherished tradition of Trinity Lutheran Church. I look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ at the **Christmas Eve Worship Service, Sunday, December 24 at 7 p.m.** The moment when all our candles are lit, when we can see the light of Christ reflected on all our faces is my favorite. It is at that moment action from us is required. We are called, then, in turn, to go out (through that “Servants Entrance) into our neighborhood and the streets of our town to *be* the light of Jesus sharing his love and telling our neighbors about him!

In Joyful Expectation,
Pastor Donna Zipp



12th Annual Three Days of Prayer

January 2-4, 2024

Prayer was a holy habit practiced by Jesus Himself (see Mark 1:35; Luke 11:1). The disciples who walked alongside Him witnessed a connection between His public life and ministry, and this habit of prayer. It was a connection so significant, that they asked Jesus to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1).

LCMC's Three Days of Prayer on January 2-4 is an opportunity for us to follow the Lord's example and to come together as one across the association with a shared purpose: *to pray*.



***It's Going to be a Stellar
Children's Christmas Program!***

(And the children are the stars!)

Sunday, December 18th, 2023 at 9:00 am
the Children of Trinity Lutheran Church and
the Trinity Lutheran Preschool kids will come together
to *Shine Jesus Light!*

to retell the story of Christmas
as the stars who were twinkling away the night Jesus was born.
Please plan to join us!

**DIRECTORY CHANGES
& TRANSITIONS**

Jim Dammon - new address
Life Care Center
325 Warner Drive, Room # 308
Lewiston, ID 83501
Cell 208.553.0208

Louis Damman - passed away
a memorial service was held at
Trinity on October 12, 2023.

Alice Damman - new address
Alice Damman RM 150
Grace Assisted Living
9995 W State Street
Boise, ID 83714
damman2@gmail.com

**MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

January/February Newsletter Articles Due: WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2023. Boards, committees, and groups are invited to submit articles for the newsletter. Please let the office know when your group has any changes for meeting times/dates. Email your articles to: tlclewiston@gmail.com

or drop them by the church office.

NALC Newsletter: The latest NALC Newsletter is available at thenalc.org.

LCMC Newsletter: <https://lcmc-nw.com/northwest-district-newsletter>. The national site is www.lcmc.net.

Portals of Prayer: Portals of prayer (through the month of December) are available in the Narthex. If you would like a copy of this devotional please call the church office (208.743.4414) and we will see that you get one.

Mary Martha Today: **November 2nd and December 7th.** Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. (east wing). All women are welcome.

Worship & Evangelism Boards:

Meet on **November 7th and December 5th** at 4:45 pm.

Property Board: Meets on **November 7th and December 5th @ 5:30 pm.**

Stewardship Board: Will meet on

December 5th at 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP Donna Piraino.

Church Council Meetings: **November 14th and December 12th.** at 5:30 pm.

LWR Quilting Dates: Meeting dates in **November 9th, 16th and 30th.**

Choir Practice: **November 1st and 8th** during **CROSS+GEN** plus **December 13th.**

Bible Study: **November 2nd, 9th 16th and 30th** at 2 pm.

YOUTH

Group Meetings

November 12 & 26
after church services

If you have questions
please call **Rebecca
Matchey** 208.305.0215

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES



Our Fall Bible Study has started. - You may still join us....

The Gospel of Mark – Let's prepare for the arrival of Lectionary (RCL) Year B and the Season of Advent. Thursday Afternoons 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. October 19th – November 30th in the fellowship hall. *Lead by Pastor Donna.*

CROSS+GEN - Join us for a self-serve meal at 5:00 pm typically every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month followed by a time of study, prayer and discussion.



THIS MONTH on November 1st and 8th due to Thanksgiving.
NEXT MONTH - December 2023 - no CROSS+GEN

Schedule:

Self-Serve Dinner from 5 pm - 6 pm

Opening Devotion

between 6:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Following @ 6:30-ish until 7:15

- Choir Practice in the Sanctuary.
- H2H Confirmation/Bible

Exploration in the Fellowship Hall.

Closing Devotion between 7:15 pm - 7:30 pm

- All participants come together for closing prayer/dismissal.

CONFIRMATION

Will be on

November 1st and 8th during

CROSS+GEN.

November 7th, 10 am - 2 pm

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

Tips for healthy relationships & conversations.

Council Members, please RSVP this week in order to accurately prepare for lunch.

Third Wednesday, Servant Events

The final Servant Event of 2023 is **on November 15th from 5:00-7:30 PM**, we will participate in serving and sharing a meal to and with our community at **The Bridge Dinner Church**, 701 Bridge St. Clarkston, WA 99403.

We earnestly pray that Confirmation Parents and sponsors and their students will plan to take part in this pilot adventure TOGETHER! Remember service learning is an integral part of our confirmation program and other churches in our community are counting on us to help.

Remember, ***God's children of all ages*** are invited to **participate!** This is not only for families with children — we need single adults, grandparents, empty-nesters, couples, retirees, young adults, and **YOU!**

Please RSVP Steve Hanson @ 208.792.7680. Steve needs to know if he has a team as he is working in conjunction with another church on this event. THANK YOU!

In His Love, *Pastor Donna Zipp*

COLLECTION FOR 'THE BRIDGE DINNER CHURCH' in Clarkston

We are collecting warm coats of all sizes for 'The Bridge' in Clarkston, Washington. Emphasis should be on winter coats for men.

Mark your calendar!



MEN's BREAKFAST

November 25th &
December 30th
@ 9:00am

at the Hells Canyon Grand Hotel.

Come, enjoy good food &
fellowship.

Men of every age are welcome!

FAMILY PROMISE

It is our turn to host
FAMILY PROMISE from
11/26/2023 to 12/03/2023

We are in need of volunteers.

For more information please
contact Edy Matchey or call the
church office.. We will send you a
link to sign up.

Thank you!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We were able to produce & assemble
130 Quilts 219 School Kits

Thank you to all who donated or helped.
Our mission items have been taken to
Spokane on October 20th 2023.
Anyone who is interested in sewing quilt
tops at home may receive pre-cut squares
at Trinity.



IN NOVEMBER
**Holy Communion will be on
the 1st & 3rd Sunday!**



Special occasions may alter
set schedule.

Joyful Traditions® Cake Rolls

Your orders will be delivered to me at the church on 11/16. I will be delivering them with the help of our Youth Fusion group members most likely on that following Sunday.

Thank you, **Rebecca Matchey** - 208.305.0215

THANK YOU
Volunteers



*Thank you to all our volunteers. This congregation would not function without **YOUR** support!*

The crew who worked hard on our lawn and sprinkler system this fall did an outstanding job. Thank YOU.

The new striped parking lot looks awesome and was cleaned very well. Thank YOU.

Our premises are being cleaned and reorganized/decluttered by helpful hands. Thank YOU.

The fellowship hall is being decorated, set up for special events, food is prepared and coffee is brewed. Thank YOU.

You pray for family members, send cards, make phone calls, volunteer in the office when needed, and visit members and friends who are no longer able to attend church services. Thank YOU.

The huge accounting job is taking up a lot of time, dedication and knowledge. Thank YOU.

There is a lot of behind the scenes work going into the preparation of our Sunday services and ministry. Thank YOU.

Sewing machines are running, hands are sewing, packs are assembled and mailed. Thank YOU.

*Teamwork and good communication make all of our large and small tasks easier and less time consuming. **TOGETHER** WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.*



Please remember:
The **Processional Rehearsal** will be coming up on **December 16th.**

Join us for our annual **Christmas Program** on **December 17th** at 9 am.

Christmas Eve Service: **December 24th**, at 7:00 p.m.

Cookies: Please bring cookies to share for Coffee Hour following the Christmas Eve Service.



Pastor Donna Zipp and Nora appreciate all the various ways the members of Trinity have served the Lord & His church the past year.

An Invitation:

3rd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Afternoon

Wednesday, December 6th
@ 2:00 pm
in the fellowship hall.
RSVP until 12.01.23
requested.

"A Taste of Germany"
Advent Cafe, Tee und
Kuchen.



LUTHERHAVEN WINTER EVENTS

Deck the Halls
**December 8-10 or
December 15-17**

It's Christmas... at
Camp!
Simple. Festive.
Holy.

Spend a beautiful winter weekend sharing memories, laughter, joy & creativity. Make new, traditions and strengthen your faith as a family.

REGISTRATION
**Register at least
7 days before the event.**
See attached file.



ANNUAL

YOUTH Lock-In New Year's Eve Party

December 31, 2023
Arrive at 5 pm

We will provide dinner, snacks and breakfast. Please pick up your children at 9 am the next morning.

Parents will need to sign a form during drop off. If you have any questions, contact Becca.

Thank you!



PARTY

Dear Trinity members,

PLEASE NOTE: December schedule....this year our Children's Christmas program is on the 3rd Sunday (December 17th) so we will move the scheduled Communion to December 24th.

Please be aware, this may happen occasionally throughout the year as events get scheduled.

You might also have noticed that the Baptismal Font has been moved to the Narthex of the church. Traditionally, Baptismal Fonts are placed in the entrance to the church as a reminder of us entering into new life through Christ and our Baptism.

Moving it thus ties in with the decision to serve communion twice a month; this way the Font is available to everyone each Sunday upon entering the church as a remembrance of your Baptism and the integral part it plays in your faith.

In His Service,
Worship/Evangelism boards

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COMMUNITY FOOD BANK
 ▪ **Thank you**, for donating non-perishable
 ▪ foods, to benefit our food bank and people
 ▪ in need! Please keep contributing as there
 ▪ is need. Your donations may be placed in
 ▪ the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
 ▪ Thank you, *Lee Brown*
 ▪
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CALENDARS

The postal service has started delivering 2024 calendars from various vendors to many of us. Each year we collect and deliver calendars to the Idaho State Veterans Home. This is something we can do as part of our Mission Service and it doesn't cost anything. **A purple TLC bag is hanging on a hook in the narthex for your calendar donations.** (Most banks and credit unions hand out free calendars, but you have to ask for them.) Thank you.

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD

Please continue to donate food items during the Holiday Season. The need for assistance is growing in the LC Valley.

We would like to support a family or several families this year as we did the past Holiday Season. Please contact us with names of families in need.

Thank you. God Bless.
Donna Piraino
(Box is in the fellowship hall.)



Trinity Lutheran Church

Our class is in full swing and progressing wonderfully!! We've bonded, made new friends, and continued to learn everyday!

For the month of November, our letters will be "F" and "T". During the letter "F", we'll explore things that float, and things that sink. We will learn more about Fall, and learn why the leaves fall and change colors.

For the letter "T", we'll be learning about Thanksgiving, and we will discuss all the things we are thankful for. We will have a Thanksgiving party on November 21st, please join us! There will be no school November 22nd, 23rd, or 24th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Teacher Kaysha can be reached at 208-503-5403 for any questions!

-Teacher Kaysha



ANNUAL
Family Christmas Smörgasbord

Sunday, December 10th at 5:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us for an evening of delicious food, fellowship and singing Christmas carols.

Sign up sheets will be in the narthex for your favorite dish to bring.



Poinsettia Order Form

I will sponsor _____ Poinsettia(s)

Donor
 Name: _____

\$17.00 per Poinsettia. Please return this form with your payment to the Church Office, or place it in the offering plate at Sunday Worship.
Last day to order is December 3rd.

Phone: _____

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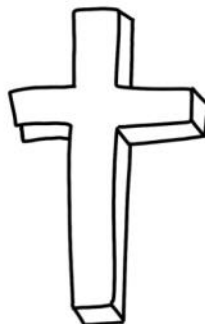
The Christmas holiday is coming fast! There is a bunch to do in such a short amount of time. As we head into Christmas break, we will be studying the letter "S". We will make snowflakes and snow men and women. We will learn the story of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Our Christmas party will be held on December 15th. The children will participate in a book exchange. Please send your child with a wrapped book of their choice. Please write who it is from. Please be sure to bring these by December 8th. If you're unable to bring a book, let me know.

The church hosts a Christmas program and the kids are all invited and encouraged to participate! Christmas program practice is after worship on Sunday the 3rd and 10th. On Saturday the 16th, there is processional practice, dress rehearsal + Christmas caroling. Sunday the 17th is the Christmas program! We will sing a song this day at Church, please come along! I will send home the song we are singing for the kids to practice at home. Please invite your friends and family to attend church with us!

Thank you all for your participation! As always, I can be reached at 208-503-5403 for any questions!

-Teacher Kaysha



Dear Friend,

From our local Salvation Army Office.

As thoughts turn ahead to Thanksgiving, please know that we count you among our greatest blessings! Your exceptional generosity makes you a true hero in the lives of the people you help us serve. They and we are so thankful for committed friends like you.

While many of us look forward to holiday meals with family and friends, other people in Lewiston are bracing themselves for more hardship.

Parents struggle to keep food on the table. Families whose main breadwinner was laid off face eviction. Too many will spend this special time of year without food or hope. Their holiday dreams of a better future will be crushed under the stress of just making it day to day.

Since you so obviously care deeply about children, families, and seniors in Lewiston, please send a gift today to provide them much-needed food for meals throughout the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. You will keep their spirits high and fill their hearts with joy for a brighter future.

Your kindness
is a blessing!

A holiday meal means much more than a day without hunger. It means you care. A Salvation Army meal averages only \$1.25.* Imagine the lives you will improve.

Being hungry or homeless is already tough. It's much harder during the holidays. Kids won't feel the warmth of stability, safety, and security. Parents worry they've failed as providers despite all their hard work. When you give them food for a Thanksgiving meal, you give them the strength and encouragement to get back on their feet.

There are two sets of meal tickets, reply slips, and return envelopes enclosed. One is for Thanksgiving and the other is for Christmas.

Please use the first set now to send your Thanksgiving gift of \$50, \$75, or any amount. Simply choose the amount of food for Thanksgiving meals you'd like to provide and send your gift along with the ticket for the same amount by November 11 in the yellow envelope.

Then, send your gift of Christmas food for meals with the second set no later than December 24 in the green envelope.

But do you know what would help most of all? Use both sets to send your combined Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts today. Your generosity will provide emergency financial assistance, meals, and other essentials for people who are facing critical situations.

You will be the key to transformation in the lives of so many people who feel hopeless. They'll know that compassionate friends like you care – that they haven't been forgotten.

Blessing someone in need
is a great way to give thanks for the blessings
in your own life this holiday season.

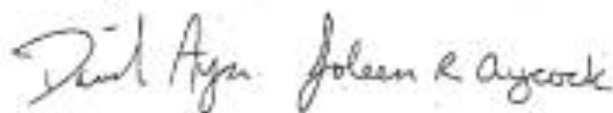
You can rest assured, people struggling here in Lewiston will be truly comforted by the access to food you provide. You will be the reason they enjoy hearty Thanksgiving and Christmas food for meals, and for that they will be deeply grateful for you.

We hope we hear from you right away. The holidays are right around the corner, so we have no time to waste.

Thank you for caring about children, families, and seniors who are going through hard times. We wish you and your loved ones a very happy Thanksgiving.

Meal tickets and how to give to our local Salvation Army are attached to his electronic newsletter edition. Please check the additional attachments in this email.

With gratitude,



Captains David & Joleen Aycock
Corps Officers

P.S. Enclosed are two sets of meal tickets, envelopes, and reply forms. Please use the first set to send your Thanksgiving gift by November 11, and save the second set to make your Christmas donation by December 24.

P.P.S. You can also give online at salvationarmynw.org/hope – please don't wait; the holidays will soon be here.

If you can, please send your combined Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts now to feed the bodies and spirits of your neighbors in need this holiday season. Thank you!

REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR THOSE GRIEVING

Family and Friends of Louis Damman (husband of Alice Damman)

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Karen Bergeron, Kathy Olson, Hunter Grossklaus, Janet Linscott, Jordan Bergeron, Norma Gushliak, Jim Dammon, Claudette Woodland, David Andrews, Kristen Hanson, Steve Hanson, Zeny Brown, Penny Goldammer, Ollie Goldammer, LaVonne Heitmann, DeeLee Mendenhall, Anthony Nedrow, Doris Berry.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Brian Garner: (brother of Mona Gish)
Karen Anderson: (daughter in law of Dorothy Anderson)
Belinda Hanger: (friend of Rebecca Matchey)
Maddie Hawkins: (Crystal Hawkins family)
Linda Stolte & Jeanette Totten: (Aunts of Carmen Petersen)
Ricky Shope: (requested by Carmen Petersen)
Jacob Rector: (requested by Ramona Gish)
Melody and Ivan Thompson of Good Hope
Brook Henze: (daughter of Kim Cushman)
Nadia Skorobogatova: (Elena & Oksana's mom)
Eugeniy Skorobogatov: (Elena & Oksana's dad)

Prayer Requests

To have your request included on the prayer list or prayer chain, please contact:

Edy Matchey

Phone: 208-743-6469

E-mail: lgis2@aol.com



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Marine Sergeant Wayne Fetterman: (Grandson of Ed Jasinski)
Sergeant First Class Matt Spears: (Son of Sandra Spears)
CPL Josh Hunt, Marine Corps: (Grandson of Vince Fibelstad)
Petty Officer First Class Malcolm Gish: (Son of Mona and Joe Gish)

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November Birthdays



Doug Mood	11/03
Irvin Lange	11/13
Sylvia Russell	11/16
Vince Fibelstad	11/16
Robert Grossklaus	11/17
Zander Johnson	11/17
Darrell Russell	11/19



Wedding Anniversaries

happy memories
happy times
happy anniversary.
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David & Carmen Petersen	11/08
Kurt & Oksana Erickson	11/13
Mike & Cindy Lindauer	11/20
Bob & Denise Walk	11/30



Baptism Anniversaries

Donita Hansen	11/08
Izabella Tadzhimatova	11/16
Deborah Daulton	11/20
Darrell Russell	11/21
Joby Watson	11/23
Carla Kucirek	11/24
Connor Hawkins	11/25
Bryson Moses	11/25
Emmitt Quisenberry	11/25
Weston Quisenberry	11/25



SERVING US THIS MONTH

ALTAR CARE	Jessie Erickson Sr. & Jr.
GREETER	Lee Brown and friends
USHERS	Barry Erickson / Jim Kress / Mike Lindauer
COMMUNION SET UP	Kim Cushman
COMMUNION SERVERS	Kim Cushman & Jessie Erickson
PEW SUPPLIES	Denise Walk

SERVING THE COMMUNITY THIS MONTH

November 21 at 3:00 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY SOUP KITCHEN: Donna Piraino

VOLUNTEER AT CHRISTMASTIME!

Christmas is one of **The Salvation Army's** busiest times of the year.

This is a great thing! But it means we need a lot of additional hands this Christmas. Whether you can lend an hour a week or an hour a day, volunteer opportunities exist for people of all talents and skill sets.

Please call **208.746.9653** today or visit **Lewiston.SalvationArmy.org** to find the opportunity that's right for you.

Together, we can make the Holiday Season a little bit brighter for our neighbors in need.

December Birthdays



Kaitlyn Johnson	12/01
Marissa Johnson	12/01
Samuel Poleson	12/04
James Robison	12/04
Ramona Gish	12/07
Kathleen Olson	12/08
Marian Haugen	12/08
Rebecca Matchey	12/09
Grace Matchey	12/09
Zeny Brown	12/12
Gretchen Kingsbury	12/15
Martha Hendry	12/16
Linda Stapp	12/17
PJ Hillemann	12/17
Cheyenne Kingsbury	12/20
Katherine Johnson	12/26
Kherington Carter	12/28



Wedding Anniversaries



Sheila & Anthony Nedrow	12/06
Richard & Katherine Johnson	12/26
John & Betty Goetzinger	12/28



Baptism Anniversaries

Janet Thorson-Mador	12/01
Jim Kress	12/01
Joan Watkins	12/16
Ashley Matchey	12/17
Baxter "Lee" Brown	12/21
Arlan Matchey	12/23
Kaitlyn Johnson	12/24
Marissa Johnson	12/24
Zander Johnson	12/24
Tom Hughes	12/29
Shelby Kingsley	12/29



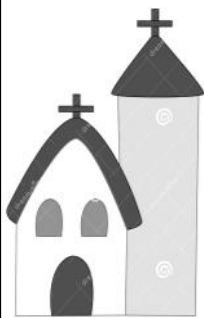
SERVING US THIS MONTH

ALTAR CARE	Marian Haugen & Sheila Nedrow
GREETER	Lee Brown & friends
USHERS	Jessie Erickson / Rodney Zipp / Donna Baker
COMMUNION SET UP	Edy Matchey
COMMUNION SERVERS	Ramona Gish & Zeny Brown
PEW SUPPLIES	Denise Walk

SERVING THE COMMUNITY THIS MONTH

December 19 at 3:00 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY SOUP KITCHEN: Donna Piraino



SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

Pastor:	Donna Zipp
Church Admin.:	Nora Fairchild
Organist:	Mary Neuman
Preschool Teacher:	Kaysha Allen
Teacher Assistant:	Korbyn Portzen
Lawn Care:	Property Board
President:	Steve Hanson
Vice President:	Arlan Matchey
Council Secretary:	Mary Neuman
Treasurer:	Ed Jasinski
Financial Secretary:	Donna Baker

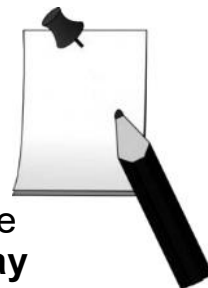
BOARD CHAIRS

Education Board:	Rebecca Matchey, Donna Piraino, Carmen Petersen
Evangelism Board:	Denise Walk
Property Board:	Mervin Schneider
Finance Board:	Barry Erickson
Stewardship Board:	Donna Piraino
Worship Board:	Edy Matchey
Youth Board:	Rebecca Matchey

DUE DATES

Worship Folder
Announcements Due
**Before noon on
Thursdays**

Newsletter Articles Due
**10:00 a.m., Wednesday
DECEMBER 13TH**





The **TOOTH FAIRY**
visited our preschool children!

Our 2023/24 preschool children received a surprise visit by our own Tooth Fairy DeeLee Mendenhall in October. The students received tooth care kits and had fun learning about tooth care.



Our hard working **Lawn Restoration Crew** was visited by the **TOOTH FAIRY** as well.

Jim Kress, Edward Jasinski, Bob Walk, Robert Grossklaus, Janet Thorson-Mador and John Goetzinger worked hard by first removing the dead grass, prepping the ground for seeding and then applying new grass seeds. Their work was timed perfectly as temperatures had dropped and the new shoots appeared just before the first frost. I am wondering what the Tooth Fairy had to tell them during her visit... :)