

Snowflakes fall from heaven unassembled.





# We are called. GOD'S Work, our Hands, GOD'S Family! Jahlan 2023

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Trinity Lutheran Parish Monthly Newsletter: Mona & Six Mile Grove Lutheran Churches

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## From the Pastor

"And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:16-17

For many people, the holidays are the happiest time of the year. We spend so much energy (as well as money) making sure the right gifts are given and our family get togethers go smoothly. Even after the parties are over and the decorations put away, the celebration of Jesus' birth continues to fill our hearts with peace and joy for many days to come... Or at least that's what Christmas should be like.

But it can also be a time of pain and sadness for countless others. When so many people are forced to deal with health issues, financial hardships, or broken relationships, the holiday season can actually be a burden... I know someone whose mother passed away on Christmas morning. And even though her health had declined and the death was not unexpected (this person described it as 'a gift'), there's no doubt that, at least for her, Christmases from now on will always remind her of grief and loss.

when Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan, God announced through both the dove and the voice from heaven that Jesus was someone very special. This happened at the beginning of his public ministry and it set the tone for everything that would happen from that point on. When lame people could walk, when blind people received their sight, when crowds of hungry people were fed, and when storms were miraculously calmed, the world found out that God was present IN their pain and hardship. Everything would now be different!

As we continue to celebrate Immanuel, God with us, we know that the hardships and challenges we face do not have the last word. Jesus is God's Son, the Beloved, and he has come into the world in order to heal us, and save us, and restore us in our relationship with God. During this Epiphany season, let us recognize how our lives are different because of our faith, and let us help each other through our hardships as we praise God for the light of Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year, and we'll see you all in church!

Pastor Scott

### Sunday School:

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>Every Sunday at the hosting church for 9:00 am worship.
Children will leave worship after the children's sermon for class.
See calendar to see where Sunday School will be.
>Sunday School will resume on January 6th

# Confirmation:

wednesday's – 6:30 at Our Savior's starting Jan 4th

## Youth for Christ in Austin

The building is on the northside across the street from the High School (400 3rd Ave, Austin). Contact, John Engelstad, the Director, #507-481-4894. Feel free to check it out on FB. Facebook Group: Austin Youth for Christ. Breakfast Clubs:

Middle School on T & Th from 6:55-7:45 A at Bethlehem Church, Austin

High School on M & F 7:30-8:15 A at the Youth for Christ building

If you were confirmed in 2022 you are now a voting member and encouraged to come to the Annual Meeting. YOUR vote counts!



**Scissors** Fancy : **glitter** pencil, crayon or marker as unique and as special as you What you need: are in God's eyes. Make a snowflake ribbon or yarn hole punch glue stick round plate or saucer paper (plain white or your snowtlake) (about the size you want glittery wrapping paper)

What you need to do: 

2. Cut out the circle.
3. Fold the paper in half three thick, fold it just twice.) times. (If the paper is plate or saucer. paper by tracing around the

Draw a circle on a piece of

6. On one side, write some Unfold your paper. Use your scissors to from the folded paper. carefully cut out shapes

7. Decorate the other side using things that are special And about you.

8. When the glitter is dry, punch a hole in the snowflake. the glue stick and glitter.

Put ribbon or yarn tie it to make a hanger. through the hole, and

> Directions: Draw lines to match the two halves of the snowflakes. Write the letters = It is the New Year and in many places it is cold enough to snow. God created snowfalses that are so unique that no two are alike! It is the same way with people—we are all one-of-abid. If God cares so much about how each snowfake is made, imagine how much God cares about you! on the numbered blanks to 2 Photogram form the words and to complete the verse. real rons Psalm 139:14, NIV

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful Answer:

#### D New Year wish

And enough determination to use every day Enough enthusiasm to keep us looking forward; Enough friends to give us comfort; Enough hope to keep us lively; Enough failure to keep us humble; Enough happiness to keep us sweet; May the New Year bring us: Enough faith to overcome despair; Enough wealth to meet our needs: Enough success to keep us eager; Enough sorrows to keep us dependent upon God; Enough trials to keep us strong;

and situation somehow for good

## Prayers of Healing and Strength to:

Jack Rector Jerry Sampson Deanna Wagner Linda (Haugen) Lagoni John Mickelson Alex Hanson Lorna Anderson Phyllis Helgeson Autumn Whalen Barb Fossey Larry Schatte Lorraine Kyllo Gary Fredrickson Lydia Mittag Kyle Trytten Parker Gennert **Emily Nelson** 

commanders. "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their

Christopher Slindee Riley Wondra Adam Dublinske (M) Thomas Frank Skyler Thomas (NG) Kelly Fredrickson

Ed Dreyer (M)

Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen. acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of the Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless

(NG=National Guard), (M=Marines), (AF=Air Force), (A=Army), (N=Navy)

## Missions to pray for:

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>Pastor Samuel, his family and church members in Oaxaca.

>Friends of Ngong Road children and their families - Lenny Kamanda, Faith Mumo, Emily Wanjiku, Godfrey Otieno and Swinny Mbone. Josephine Wairimu, Monica Wanjiku, Sharon Mideva, Victor Nyarega,

>Peace and Power, Marie Sandvick Center, Lyle Food Shelf, Good Earth Village, Noah's Ark Adventure, Haiti

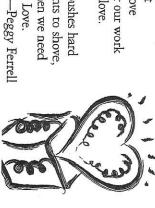
## Prayers for guidance:

Pastor Scott ~ Parish Council ~ Church Councils ~ Sunday School Teacher ~ Members of Six Mile Grove, Mona & Our Savior's Lutheran Churches

### This Busy Day

From God above And time for love. With time for our work Today is a gift

To share more Love. And haste wants to shove That's just when we need When work pushes hard



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## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

LECTORS: Name

Sunday, Jan 1 - M

Thursday, Jan 5 - OS

Sunday, Jan 8 - M

Thursday, Jan 12 - OS

Sunday, Jan 15 - SMG

Sunday, Jan 15 - SMG

Thursday, Jan 22 - SMG (Annual Mtg)

Thursday, Jan 26 – M
Sunday, Jan 29 - OS

USHERS:

Mona: Terry and Faye Haugen

SMG: SMG members

COMMUNION ASSIST:

Mona: Becky Fredrickson and Nancy Mickelson

SMG: Jim Sampson and Timm Ehret

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Mona: Terry and Faye Haugen

MG: TBD

Thank YOU for the giving of YOUR time and having a Servant Heart!

## CONCERTS / TOURS

- Newsboys Concert on Friday, Feb 24th at Autumn Ridge Church,
   7:00 pm (3611 Salem Rd SW, Rochester, MN)
- Mercy Me Concert on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Mayo Civic Center.
   7:00 pm (Civic Center Dr SE, Rochester, MN)
- Elevation Worship Concert on Friday, April 21st at Target Center,
   7:00 pm

## CHURCH INFO

SO	9:00 am	Sunday, Feb 5	
SMG	$7:00  \mathrm{pm}$	Thursday, Feb 2	
SO	9:00 am	Sunday, Jan 29	
Mona	$7:00  \mathrm{pm}$	Thursday, Jan 26	
SMG - Annual Mtg	9:00 am	Sunday, Jan 22	
Mona w/HC	7:00 pm	Thursday, Jan 19	
SMG w/HC	9:00 am	Sunday, Jan 15	
SO	$7:00  \mathrm{pm}$	Thursday, Jan 12	
Mona w/Choir	9:00 am	Sunday, Jan 8	
OS w/HC	$7:00  \mathrm{pm}$	Thursday, Jan 5	
Mona w/HC	9 00 aam	Sunday, Jan 1	
	CHEDULE:	JOINT WORSHIP SCHEDULE:	

#### COUNCIL MTG's

- Parish Council will meet Tuesday, Jan 3 at SMG, 7 pm.
- Mona Council will meet following the Parish Mtg
- SMG Council will meet Sunday, Jan 15 at 7 pm.
- All 3 Church Council Mtg on Jan 17th at 7 pm at? (please note this on your calendar)
- It is important that you as a council member attend these mtg's.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

All reports must be turned into Wanda no later than Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. You can drop them off at the office, call me and I will come and pick them up, hand them to me at church, put them in my mailbox at either church, or email them to me. Need reports/letters from Parish & Church Presidents, Parish/Church Treasurer's, Drive-in, Sunday Schools, WELCA's, Bible Study groups, and Pastor, Thank YOU for your prompt attention to this in advance! Please use this email: monaandsmg@gmail.com

## ANNUAL MEETING

Will be at SMG on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 9:00 am worship. If there is something you would like to discuss, contact Steve Sampson to get it put on the agenda (C#: 507-438-1200 or Email: <a href="mailto:steven@mrsam.com">steven@mrsam.com</a>). It is important as a member of Mona and Six Mile Grove Lutheran to attend this meeting. Your input is important!

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Christian Radio

## YEARLY CALENDAR

If you would like your information in the Yearly Calendar, please start working on it and make sure to turn it in to Wanda. For example: Ushers for Sunday/Thursday worship services, Meeting dates and times for the MLL, SMG WELCA, Naomi Circle, Mona Bible Study, and etc.

## SMG OFFERING ENVELOPES

for 2023 will be in church mailboxes. Limited pre-numbered boxes were ordered based on 2022 offerings. If you need a box, (not found in your SMG mailbox) please contact the Treasurer, Stephanie Riles, #507-440-7851.

SMG BIBLE STUDY (AKA ABC=Adult Bible Class) Following worship in the Dining Hall. All are welcomes

## YOU ARE INVITED!

We would love to have you join us for the New Coffee Club. Gatherings will be the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am for Coffee, Conversation and Christian Study at Our Savior's Lutheran in Lyle.

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Good Samaritan Society in St. Ansgar is looking for anyone interested in volunteering. This could include helping with activities, visiting 1-1 with a resident, passing waters/snacks, or any other task one is willing to help with! We would love to add a few new faces to our family. Please contact Kelsey at 641-713-4912 to volunteer.

## EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER

For the Lyle Food Shelf on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm at Our Savior's in Lyle. Join us for a variety of soups and fellowship for a free-will offering. Choose an empty bowl to take home as a reminder there are always empty bowls in our community.

#### WELCA / CIRCLES

>SMG WELCA – Jan 5th, H: Joan S

>Naomi Circle - No meeting

>Mona Bible Study – Jan 10 at 1:00 pm, H/L: Ramona

>Mona LL - No meeting

Morth two in the bookcase.

## Jesus Gives Me Joy

What is the difference between joy and happiness? Happiness is a feeling based on circumstances, and doesn't last. Joy is deeper, and lasts even when bad things happen. Jesus promises joy to those who follow lim, but we have the choice to accept it or not. The words in the puzzle all have meanings similar to the meaning of "joy". Hud and circle each word. When you're done, decode the verse at the bottom using the alphabet code box. This verse tells why choosing joy is so important in a Christian's life. Words are hidden up, down and diagonally in any direction.

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Teachers: Limited class time? Set a timer to see who can find the most words in the time allowed

## WISDOM FROM A 3-YEAR-OLD



The mother of a 3-year-old girl was teaching her daughter how to pray the Lord's Prayer. After a few nights of having the girl repeat the prayer after her, the mother asked the child if she would like to pray the prayer by herself. She did pretty well until just after she prayed, "and lead us not into temptation." Instead of praying, "deliver us from evil," she prayed, "deliver us from e-mail."

When we see all the "spam" that comes into our e-mail boxes, who can deny the child's wisdom?

## Trinity Lutheran Parish Council Meeting December 6, 2022

Trinity Lutheran Parish Council met on December 6, 2022, at the Mona Church at 7:00 p.m. Those present: Pastor Scott, Carol Anderson, Becky Fredrickson, Nathan Garvey, Wanda Hanson, Brian Helle, Brian Mason, Jamie Patterson, Steve Sampson, Craig Whalen, and Karen Whalen.

President Steve called the meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Secretary's report was read. Carol made a motion to accept, seconded by Becky. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given. Brian Helle made a motion to accept, seconded by Nathan. Motion carried.

Craig asked about the office insurance. The Six Mile Grove trustees will meet with their insurance person to go over the policy and get back to the council.

#### Old Business:

Wanda has been printing the bulletins. There will be a trustees meeting on December 13, 2022, at 7 p.m. at Our Saviors between the trustees and presidents of all 3 churches. The small group meeting will be December 20, 2022, and if there are any items you would like discussed, let them know. There will be a meeting with all 3 councils on January 17, 2023, with an agenda to hopefully keep things moving and extra conversations to a minimum.

#### New Business:

Craig brought up maybe moving the annual meeting out to March or sometime later when things may not be as busy. Items from the small meeting were that there will no longer be a meal before the Thursday night services. The hosting church will print the bulletins. We are paying our Saviors for half of the bulletin covers and inserts cost. They are looking for ideas of church driven activities to include the community. Canceling church is to be done by 6 the night before. Steve asked about changing the council meeting to a different Tuesday. Brian Helle made a motion to move the council meeting to the second Tuesday of the month starting in February 2023, seconded by Carol. Motion carried. Reports for the annual meeting booklet are due to Wanda by January 10, 2023. Steve will be coming up with an agenda for the annual meeting to be printed in the booklet once approved by the council. The printer is leaving lines again, wondering if there is someone in the area that works on them. Craig will try and take a look at it again.

Nathan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Becky. Meeting adjourned. The Lord's Prayer was prayed.

Kim Whalen, Parish Secretary

(This double sided ½ page was possible due to running out of ink while printing the newsletter.)

## MONA OFFERING OPTION

This is from Nathan Garvey who is a Trustee on the Mona Church Council. We have been working on getting this set up all year, since I became part of the church council. If you choose to give this way and have issues, you can reach out to me at 507-269-8021.

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#### THANK YOU!

(Email to Pastor Scott back in December)
Good morning, Pastor Scott

We wanted to share good news with you and the congregations. Emily had a good report this week. Her PET scan was clear, no sign of active cancer at this time. She will continue on her current medications and repeat scan in 3 months. We are all headed back to Texas. We want to thank you and everyone for all the prayers & support we have experienced these past 7 months. We are so grateful to be part of your church community, always welcomed when we are here. We experienced so many kindnesses including cards, meals, & gifts. God's love & Grace was felt through your friendships & prayers sustaining us through this difficult time. Thank ya'll from the bottom of our hearts. We look forward to worshiping with everyone next summer.

We really do want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the kindnesses.

Thank you, Martha.

Chad, Emily, Ellie May & Evelyn Nelson Jim & Martha Looft

Ron & Lorna Anderson

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## THANK YOU!

music to all of us this Christmas season! Thank YOU to the Sunday School and Adult Choir for bringing the gift of

#### Dear Friends,

Sincerely, share the love of Jesus with our youth! a smile, "But I get to come here." Our goal at Youth for Christ is to create said, "My parents don't let me go to church," and paused, and then said with our breakfast clubs. We asked them, "What church do you go to in town?" Thank you for the generous gift of \$123.50 and for partnering with us to positive experiences at club that lead to lifelong followers of Jesus. Two of the youth mentioned by name the church where they attend. The third We had an opportunity to speak to three youth sitting at a table during one of

John Engelstad

Sunday's or before church on Thursday's! Thank YOU to all of you who have served Fellowship either after church on

Poinsettias at Mona: In Memory of Loved Ones

Pastor Scott & Tracey Meyer and family Gary & Becky Fredrickson and family Jeff & Stephanie Whalen and family Larry & Ramona Schatte and family John & Nancy Mickelson and family Dave & Diedre Dreyer and family Terry & Faye Haugen and family Kurt & Paula Meyer and family Glen & Gloria Moss and family Craig & Beth Whalen and family Alouise Anderson and family Kim Whalen and family Don & Karen Whalen

Trinity Lutheran Parish Council Meeting

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President Steve called the meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Pastor Scott offered a prayer. Scott offered a prayer.

Secretary's report was read. Carol made a motion to accept, seconded by Brian Mason. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given. The second of the Nathan. Motion carried. 

Old Business: Pastor Scott is officially certified in the LCMC. The council discussed maybe having someone from this organization. someone from this organization come and talk about it sometime.

New Business: A bill from Our Saviors was presented for bulletin covers and printing of bulletins since January for \$347.52 Koron Vision Saviors was presented for bulletin covers and printing of bulletins since January for \$347.52. Karen made a motion to pay this bill and have the trustees look into why they are printing the bulleting. Printing the bulletins and not our secretary when church is at Mona or Six Mile Grove, seconded by Jim.

Motion carried Thorough Motion carried. There was discussion on having supper before the Thursday night services, as it has been brought up and the end of year, s been brought up not to have these. Mona has their schedule for supper filled until the end of year, so will continue the end of year, so will continue through the end of the year. The worship committee brought up the issue of hymnals and would like all 2 should not have enough would like all 3 churches to go to the cranberry hymnals. Mona and Six Mile Grove do not have enough hymnals to do this and would not be interested in purchasing more. Sunday School is going good. There has been discussion in the small group of having 2 big group meetings in January, one before the annual meetings and one after the annual meetings.

Nathan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim. Meeting adjourned. The Lord's Prayer was prayed.

Kim Whalen, Parish Secretary

#### facts

#### Bible

Did you know that: There are 66 books in the Bible?

Psalms has the most chapters? 3 John is the book with the fewest words? Micah and Nahum are the middle books of the Bible?

 Psalm 117 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible? There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible?

• Psalm 117 is also the shortest chapter in the Bible? Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible?

Psalm 118:8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible? There are 31,101 verses in the Bible? "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust

Esther 8:9 is the longest verse in the Bible? It has

two words: "Jesus wept."

John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible? It has

STA Rescue Pancake Breakfast January 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-1 at the High School.

will hand out food bags at 10:00 am. The last Saturday of the month (January ??????) at Our Savior's in Lyle Lyle Food Pantry/Shelf

Can Drive: At HOME First = Helping Others Means Everything Please deposit your empty aluminum pop cans

into the fenced trailer at Mona Lutheran Church. Thank YOU! 

the Lyle Legion. Please donate your empty aluminum cans to a very worthy Collecting aluminum cans though out the year with a collection box behind Cans for Cancer

cause.

keep our shelves full. The food pantry at Our Savior's is grateful for your support, please help us AT OUR SAVIOR'S