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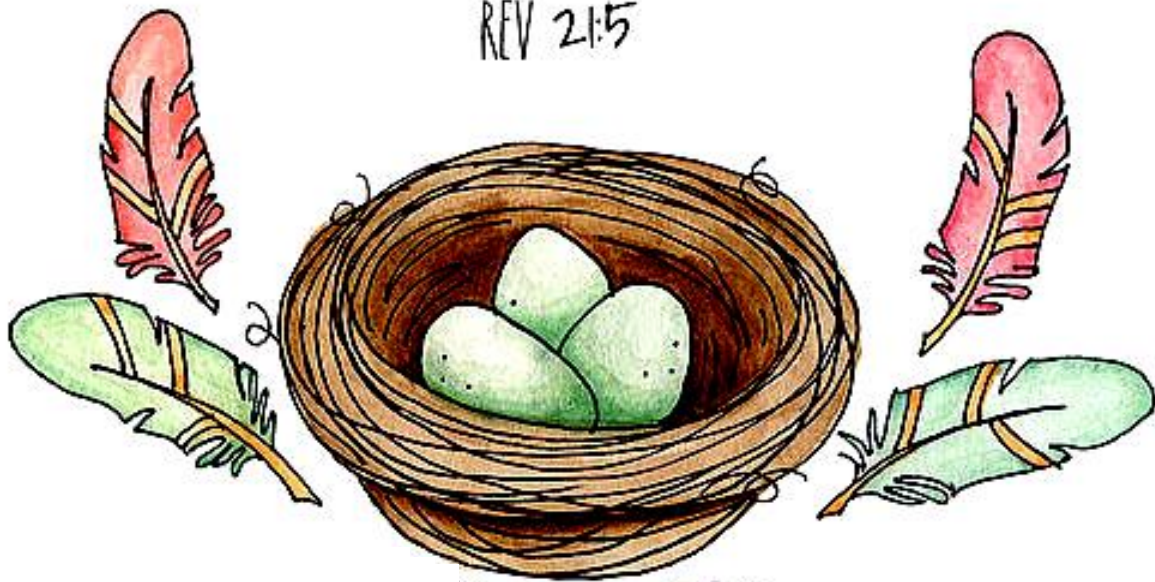
Monthly Newsletter

Sunday School @ 9:30 am

Worship, with Communion @ 10:30 am

Fellowship (after Worship Service)

Behold
HE MAKES ALL THINGS
NEW
REV 21:5



This month we focus on Jesus making all things new.

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Epiphany—Revealing New Things by Steven Hagler

This season of Epiphany begins on January 6. Epiphany can be defined as a moment of revelation and insight – an “aha” moment. It is a revealing of something new. Also, an epiphany is a theophany, an appearance or manifestation of a deity. In liturgical Christian churches, the Epiphany is celebrated by commemorating the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the persons of the Magi. Remember the wise men, coming from afar, following the star, to see the Christ child. This Christ child was the manifestation of the Word; God becoming a human being. The baby Jesus became the Epiphany, the manifestation, the revealing of God, both to Jews and Gentiles.

Jesus was born to reveal Himself to us and to make things new. “Behold, I am making all things new” (Rev. 21:5). What new things will God reveal to you in the New Year? What “aha” moments lie ahead for you in 2022? I pray that you have an epiphany in this season of Epiphany. Unfortunately, you can’t plan to have an epiphany; you can’t schedule it. They just happen. But you can put yourself in a place, or among people who receive them and give thanks for them. Epiphanies are more likely to occur when you are reading the Bible. Scripture is full of stories that show us how God makes things new for his glory and for the good of his people.

How does God make things new? He makes things new by the means of grace through a myriad of “re” words, i.e., revelation, restoration, revival, renewing, redemption, remission, regeneration, reconciliation, resurrection, repentance, refreshing, and others.

Today, as I sit in my office at home, watching the snow fall, a couple of these words stick out in my mind. This white winter wonderland will be restored to new growth and the greening of spring. God restores us to a right relationship with him through

the gift of forgiveness and justification. He restores our relationship with Him and our earthly relationships with people we interact with. He can even restore days and years that have been lost to the effects of sin (Joel 2:25). That is the greatest evidence of the extravagant nature of God’s mercy. Not only can he renew a life and redeem its future, but he can also redeem its past.

God makes dead things alive again. Literally. He has power over death in every sense, and he demonstrated that to us when he raised Jesus from

the grave. Scripture says that, as believers, we have that same power dwelling in us. It’s what gives life to our dead souls (Romans 8:11).

I can get so easily discouraged when I think about all the times I’ve failed and given in to temptation...just in the last week. And it makes the idea of fighting this battle for another year of life seem overwhelming. But this truth, that I have the same power that raised Christ

from the grave dwelling in me, gives me great hope. If I lay down my weak, flawed existence every day, I can trust that God will resurrect it with new life and new grace.

As we begin a new year, let’s commit to hoping in God’s power to make things new. He restores and resurrects, making new identities, and creating new life. He offers renewed mercy to his own every day. He promises to make us new. Look for those new things in the coming year. There will be new blessings, new trials, new failures, and new victories. Through it all He will give you an epiphany as He reveals Himself to you.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Steve





Tree of Sharing

By Marcia Taes

The Tree of Sharing was quite a success this year. Thanks to everyone who got tags and went shopping. We were able to fill all the gifts for three families who are living at Anna Ogden Hall. They will have a Merry Christmas and know that there is hope, love, joy, and peace in this world. Lorinda was our go-between at Anna Ogden Hall, and she said there was such joy as the moms wrapped their children's gifts. I am not sure they realize that there are gifts for them also. The Tree of Sharing is one of our outreach ministries with The Union Gospel Mission.



Ilene Benham & Marcia Taes next to the decorated "Tree of Sharing"



The HTLC Council in its December meeting requested that a 2022 Budget Committee be formed and prepare a 2022 Budget.

The budget will set the spending for the church's operations and ministries. Dan Olson will chair the committee and Ilene Benham has agreed to serve.

The Council would like to see another 2 – 4 church members participate on the Budget Committee.

Please contact Dan Olson for information and your interest to serve.

Call Committee Update

By Marcia Taes

The names of the Call Committee were taken to the council at the December meeting and unanimously approved. They are Marcia Taes (facilitator), Dan Olson, Myrtle Stoop, Squeaky May, Denel Ingraham, and Eric Fletcher. Our first meeting will be in January. Please pray for us as we begin this important process to do God's will.

Gracious calling God, call on us with your grace again and again. Renew us daily in the peace, hope, and eternal life we have been called to proclaim. As we work to call a pastor to our congregation, may we count on the prayers of all members of this community of faith to uphold us, just as we trust your Spirit to guide us. We remember, God, you are the one who called us first. Amen.

6th Annual Neighborhood Food Drive Photos by Diane Fried

During our annual neighborhood food drive, we collected **1,150 lbs. of food** and donated it to the Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank.



Thank you so much to all that helped make this event a huge success!

UGM Coat Drive Results by Diane Fried

**Thanks to your generous donations,
HTLC donated:**

- ♦ 29 coats
- ♦ 20 pairs of gloves
- ♦ 37 stocking caps
- ♦ numerous winter shirts and sweatshirts

**Thanks to the Thrivent Fund Money,
HTLC purchased and donated:**

- ♦ 10 coats
- ♦ 20 pairs of gloves
- ♦ & 24 stocking caps



*Dan Olson & John Fried dropping off
coats at UGM with Dave Wall*



*John Fried loading up
coats at HTLC*



*Dan Olson dropping off another round
of coats at UGM*

6th Annual Neighborhood Food Drive Update by Marcia Taes

Sunday, December 19 was the 6th Annual Neighborhood Food Drive. Many of our members helped to make it possible. Diane and John Fried stapled fliers onto the bags and received a grant from Thrivent to pay for the pizza party, which they hosted, following the food pick up.

Our drivers were Denel and Judy Ingraham, Charlie May, Chuck and Marcia Taes, Eric Fletcher, and Tom and Nancy Purcell. Eric organized the routes. Caitlyn and Peyton Fletcher and Owen and Ava Andreasen distributed bags and picked up food. They were helped by the Central Valley High School Key Club and Caitlyn's friends from K9 dog training.

Ilene Benham, Marcia Macholl, and Jack Tiley helped set up and serve at the Pizza Party.

We collected 1,550 lbs. of food from the neighborhood to give to the Valley Food Bank this year.

A big thank you to all who helped, especially if I forgot to name someone.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes: December 14, 2021 — “Subject to Approval”

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Purcell, Secretary

Present: Marcia Taes, Diane Fried, Ilene Benham, Dan Olson, Charlie May, Myrtle Stoop, and Nancy Purcell. Also in attendance were Pastor Steve Hagler, Denel Ingraham, and Jack Tiley.

Call to Order: President Marcia Taes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Devotional: Nancy Purcell presented a devotional based on Luke 2:8-12, *The Lamb, Yahweh*, and the significance of the announcement of Christ’s birth to the shepherds.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Charlie and seconded by Dan to approve the November 9, 2021, minutes as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Dan presented the Treasurer’s report.

Checking:	\$ 33,920.88
MM Building Fund:	19,119.67
MM Savings:	27,232.56
Savings – Vanguard:	35,285.75



Pastor’s Report: Pastor Steve reported that he and Marcia meet weekly. He has also been attending the monthly meeting of the Worship and Music Committee. Steve has met privately with several people. He has also met with the Lundt family to prepare for Gerald Lundt’s funeral service. Steve reported he officiated at a private baptism on December 11. The mother of the child that was baptized had been baptized at Holy Trinity 28 years ago and requested that her daughter also be baptized at Holy Trinity. Pastor Steve has taken communion to members requesting it. If you know of someone who would like a pastoral visit and wishes to receive communion, please let Steve know.

Properties and Maintenance: Charlie reported that he would look at the bathroom remodel in the old section of the building after the first of the year. Dan will talk with Larry Tyler and see if he is willing to shovel the sidewalks when it snows. Tracy is willing to order supplies if we let her know when items are needed. There is a sheet by the kitchen door for listing needed supplies. With the increased use of the building, there is more garbage. We may need to look at additional garbage pickup. Someone knocked the first sidewalk light in the parking lot down and that will need to be fixed. The sensor on the light above the kitchen door does not always work and will probably need to be replaced.

Worship and Music: Nancy reported Worship and Music had met and picked hymns for December and planned the Christmas Eve Service. The pianist at the Lundt funeral indicated she may be available as a fill-in for Judy. Bonnie and Gary Hanson have purchased Christmas ornaments to be given out Christmas Eve. Because there are so few children it was decided not to do candy bags this year. Council discussed the use of lay people to fill in when Pastor Steve is gone as we did when he attended his mother’s memorial. It was agreed that it worked well and is another option if Steve is going to be gone for a Sunday.

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Congregational Ministries: It was reported that delivery of the Advent devotional to members who have not been in attendance at Sunday worship was well received. Only one member asked to be removed from the mailing list as his circumstances had changed. The reason most people gave for not attending was Covid and being uncomfortable with a group setting. The ladies' Friday Dinner & a Movie continues with the next one scheduled for December 17.

Christian Education: The Friday morning Bible study and breakfast is studying, "A Life That Matters" by Ron Hutchcraft. Pastor Jerry Larson, who suggested the book for evangelism, has been attending most breakfasts. The Tuesday morning Bible study on Romans will begin again after the first of the year. It was discontinued a couple of weeks because of Don Russell's exposure to Covid. Ava Andreasen continues her study of the Old and New Testament for confirmation.

Social Care and Concerns: The coats that were collected for Union Gospel Mission have been delivered and were received with excitement. UGM gave us the names of three families for the Tree of Sharing. All the tags were taken and Marcia will deliver the gifts on December 20. The bags for the community food drive were all stapled and delivered and well received by the community. Pickup will be December 19. Denel Ingraham, Eric Fletcher, Drew Taes and Chuck Taes will supply trucks for pickup. The Valley Food Bank will again deliver barrels to the church for the food collected. Diane has funds from Thrivent for pizza, soda, and cookies after the pickup has been completed. Diane and John Fried will order and pick up the pizza.

Continuing Business: Marcia presented the following names for service on the Call Committee: Myrtle Stoop, Dan Olson, Eric Fletcher, Denel Ingraham, and Squeaky May. Marcia Taes will serve as Facilitator in accordance with the constitution. Ilene made a motion that the Call Committee be ratified as presented and Diane seconded the same. It was approved unanimously.

New Business: Discussion was had regarding filling the vacant member at large positions on the Council. Because of the changing role of the council members with the updating of the constitution, it was decided not to fill the positions until the constitution has been adopted by the congregation. We also need to determine the length of the two remaining terms for the vacant positions. The matter was temporarily tabled.

Dan reported that Holy Trinity does not have a line item in its budget for benevolence and is not currently giving to benevolence. Myrtle made a motion to pay \$200 in support of the national level of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ and \$200 to the Northwest District of which we are a part. Charlie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. It was suggested that in the future this be a line item on the budget.

Dan indicated that he would like to form a Budget Committee to draft a budget prior to the annual meeting. He suggested the committee be three people, including himself. Ilene volunteered for the committee. Dan will ask Bonnie Hanson if she would be willing to serve and will also announce it to the congregation asking for volunteers.

Dan then presented a memo suggesting that council change the way committee reports are presented. Most councils (including ours) spend 85% of its time on routine matters such as the committee *(Continued on next page)*

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reports and only 10-15% on important matters. Dan suggested we need to change that format so we have more time to spend on the calling of a new pastor, implementing a membership structure, fulfilling ministry objectives, etc. After discussion, and if the same are approved in the constitution/bylaws, it was agreed the following council members would chair the committees as set forth below:

Properties -	Charlie May
Worship & Music -	Nancy Purcell
Social Care and Concerns -	Diane Fried
Christian Education -	Dan Olson
Congregational Ministries -	Ilene Benham and Marcia Taes



Diane suggested we need to assign council members to be in charge of counting the offering each Sunday. Diane agreed to be in charge for the month of December and Marcia will be in charge for January.

Next Month Devotional: Nancy Purcell

Adjournment: Meeting was closed with prayer at 8:37 pm.



I would like to thank you, the people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, for your generous Christmas gift. May you all have a blessed New Year.

Steve Hagler

Thank you all so much for your generosity to me at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is so appreciated. Blessings to all of you in 2022!

Tracy Tenney

Thank you all for my generous Christmas gift. You are so kind, and it is very much appreciated.

Judy Ingraham



All are invited to join us!

Fridays @ 7:30 am
Bible Study, Breakfast, & Fellowship

We are going through the book, "A Life That Matters" by Ron Hutchcraft. We read the chapter between Fridays and discuss the "Going Deeper" questions at the end of each chapter. If anyone is interested in discussing and sharing about how, who, why, and when do you share your faith in Jesus Christ, Friday Morning is for you. We start eating a very hearty breakfast at 7:30 am and we finish at 8:45—9:00 am. We have both men and women attending, and everyone is always inspired and challenged by the discussion.

The book and breakfast are free...so come join us!



This women's ministry event is a warm, friendship-building night of eating together, watching a movie, and comfortable conversation about moral issues and biblical perspectives.

All women are invited to join us!

Our next meeting is:

Friday, January 14

We meet for dinner @ 5:00 pm.

We will be watching:

LEAP YEAR

Contact Squeaky May for more information at (509) 951-7512 or squeak265@gmail.com.

Movie Schedule for 2022:

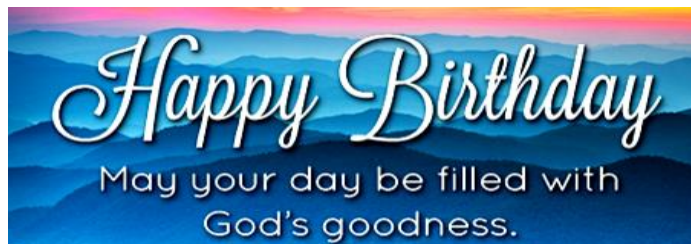
January 14	"Leap Year"
February 11	"An Interview with God"
March 11	"The Stray"
April 15	"Mr. Church"
May 20	"God Bless the Broken Road"

Holiday Fiddle Recital

The INW Junior Fiddlers entertained us with holiday fiddle tunes and singing on Saturday, December 18.

The program was fantastic.

They were asked for an encore!



January Birthdays

Caitlyn Fletcher	January 7
Sharon Nelson	January 8
Lukas Peterson	January 12
Joan Nelson	January 19
Al Marsh	January 20
Mark Andreasen	January 26



January 2 (2nd Sunday of Christmas):

- ✝ Jeremiah 31:7-14
- ✝ Ephesians 1:3-14
- ✝ John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 9 (Baptism of Our Lord):

- ✝ Isaiah 43:1-7
- ✝ Acts 8:14-17
- ✝ Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16 (2nd Sunday After Epiphany):

- ✝ Isaiah 62:1-5
- ✝ 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- ✝ John 2:1-11

January 23 (3rd Sunday After Epiphany):

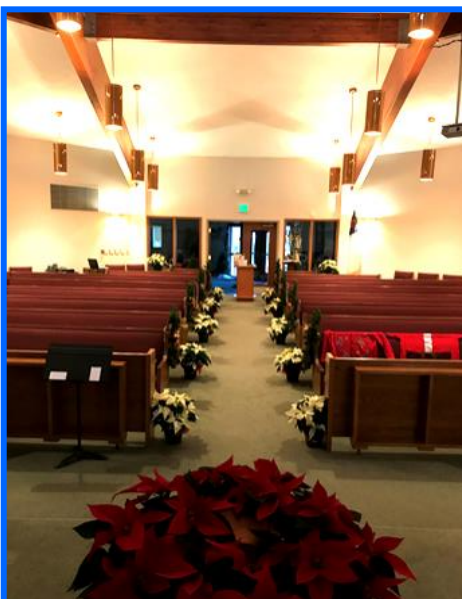
- ✝ Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
- ✝ 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
- ✝ Luke 4:14-21

January 30 (4th Sunday After Epiphany):

- ✝ Jeremiah 1:4-10
- ✝ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- ✝ Luke 4:21-30

Thank you to all who donated Poinsettia's for Christmas!

From:	Honoring and Remembering our Loved Ones:
Abitz, Sue	My Parents: Norm & Marge Erickson
The Andreasen Family	Our Grandparents
Benham, Ilene	Parents and Siblings
Bittrick Russell, Arlene	Tim & John Bittrick
Boyles, Virginia	Husband: Donald Boyles
Carter, Linda	Barbara Gulke
Hanson, Gary & Bonnie	Our Parents & Bonnie's Sister: JoLeen
Ingraham, Denel & Judy	Our Parents: Claud & Lorraine Ingraham, Neal & Betty Shaw
Lundt, Gerald	Herbert & Esther Lundt
Marsh, Al	Merry Marsh
May, Charlie & Squeaky	Charles & Mary May, Chuck & Vera Lutz, Elyse May
Purcell, Tom & Nancy	Our Parents: Herbert & Marie Hinkelmann, Mike & Florine Purcell, Our 50th Anniversary
Scheele, Duane & Janece	Past Advents & Christmas
Seybold, David & Christel	Ron Seybold
Stoop, Ken & Myrtle	Our Parents
Tadena, LaLita	My Mom: Jackie Brammer
Taes, Chuck & Marcia	Our Parents: John & Corrine Hendrickson, Tod & Margie Taes
Tiley, Jack & Donna	Our Parents
Wagner, Jill	Husband: LeRoy G. Wagner, Parents: Otto E. Rogelstad, & Myrtle B. Rogelstad, Brothers: Jack L. Rogelstad, Sr. & Otto E. Rogelstad, Jr.
Winchester, Dan & Smith, Rita	Our Families



January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1-New Years Day 10:00 am AA—SMM 8:00 pm AA—SNM
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-2 Corinthians 5:17

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Constitution & Bylaws Review Meeting	Saturday, January 8 @ 1:00 pm
Council Meeting	Tuesday, January 11 @ 6:30 pm
Dinner & a Movie— "Leap Year"	Friday, January 14 @ 5:00 pm
Amateur Radio Class	Saturday, January 15 @ 7:00 am
Newsletter Articles Due	Wednesday, January 19
Weekly Bible Studies (All are welcome!)	Tuesdays @ 10:30 am Fridays @ 7:30 am

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship w/Communion
11:30 am Fellowship (after Worship)

You can also call in at 1-509-223-2025
or tune to 95.1 FM and listen from the parking lot.