



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin the New Year, I would like to discuss something.

As we get into the new year we will hear from Matthew 2.

Mat 2:12-15 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. (13) Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." (14) And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt (15) and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Joseph takes the baby Jesus and his mother to Egypt for safety. Very often this is called seeking sanctuary. That word is used a lot these days in political discourse, but I want to concentrate on the religious part of the word.

Sanctuary can also be used for the place where we worship. When I took my worship course in the seminary we went through the basic parts of the church. Of course, when we enter the church, we usually enter through what is called a Narthex. I had one church that did not have a Narthex you entered right into the Sanctuary.

The Narthex acts as a place where people can visit and conduct church business. We have signup sheets there and all sorts of other things (Portals of Prayers, Devotional books, informational brochures.) That leaves the Sanctuary as a place of worship.

We consider the Sanctuary a sacred space. We worship there and gather there as family. One of the uses of the sanctuary is also meditation before Worship. A number of our members use the Sanctuary before worship for this exact purpose.

One of the things we need to make sure of is to keep the noise in the sanctuary at a minimum during this time to afford them the tranquility they deserve. One of the ways to do this is to keep conversations that are loud out in the Narthex.

Now before someone jumps all over me. I know we are all getting older and we are all little hard of hearing. (Some of us more so, my hand is up!) One of the constant battles my wife and I have is being able to hear each other. One of the ways to help that issue, is to make sure you are looking at the person and talking to them so they can see you. I know it sounds strange, but it does help.

It is just a common courtesy for each other allowing folks who want some quiet time before worship to have that quiet time. We have plenty of spaces in our church for conversation. Let us be courteous to one another.

May you all have a blessed New Year and may God shower his blessings upon you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of January

5 Melodie Bradley
7 Pat Parsley
9 Espen Riederer
10 Rachel Lochmann
16 Kathy Iverson
20 Julie Shorts
23 Mattie Raddle
25 Charleen Weathers

If we forgot you, we apologize, it means we most likely don't have it. Please see that the office receives it. Thanks



Baptismal Anniversaries for the month of January

Melodie Bradley
Gene Forrest
Joyce Anne Green
Betty Rice
James Thompson



Perfect Attendance!

Sunday School Attendance for the month of December

Children:

Kaleigh Frye
Brennick Riederer
Ainsley Riederer
Espen Riederer
Hope Puddephatt
Emelie Saylor
Baleigh Crook
Oliver Floyd
Mannix Riederer
Kingston Riederer
Cormick Riederer
Wyatt Rhodes
Mattie Raddle
Jasper Rhodes

Adults:

Tricia & Harold Jacobs
Bill Witt
Phyllis Dunger
Steve Lochmann
Waymond Meins
Donna & Pastor Marshall
Susan Marshall
Dan & Danelle Riederer
Erin Foster
Lynne Russell
Cathy Webb
Amanda & Phillip Dunger

2026 Flower Chart needs filling. Please take a look and see if there is a date for you to have flowers on the altar. Cost is \$40.



Sunday Average Attendance for last Sunday of November & first half of December— 55

Sunday Average Attendance online for last Sunday of November & first half of December — 15

Last Sunday of November & first half of December Offerings — \$54,192.92

RIEDERER ROLLERS "WE WILL ROLL IN, HELP, AND ROLL OUT!"

The Riederer family, as part of their homeschool studies, have a "helping business." As Ecclesiastes 4:9 states, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."

We have SIX (plus a parent).

We have experience in yard work, cleaning and organizing, painting, light power washing, etc.

Payment is negotiable based on time and job requirements.

Contact the "Riederer Rollers" for help! Flyers are available in the church Narthex with more information.

Call or text Danelle at 262-227-0660 or email at driederer1@me.com to schedule your helpers.

LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD



The members of Mary Guild had a merry time at their annual Christmas Party on December 4th. Phyllis

Dunger started the party off with a devotion and then led us in the Common Table Prayer. We ate, we chatted, we laughed and we played games. It was an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

We met the goal of 1050 peanut butter crackers and cheese crackers for Tucker Prison. The 332 packages that were left over we voted to send to Opportunity House.

The first Mary Guild meeting of 2026 will be held on January 8. Karen Witt has the devotion, topic and will serve as hostess. The mission project is a monetary donation to Trinity Hope in Haiti. They will use the donation to feed children.

Submitted by Kaye Meins

Esther Guild Mailbox Member Group



The December email for Esther Guild was a quiet one. A Mustard Seed devotion was provided called "It is a New Day". Christmas bookmarks were provided for coloring. The bookmarks are a way to remember our savior is born. Members were also encouraged to remember to give food to Neighbor to Neighbor. We had a very generous contribution of food to them for the month of December. We appreciate everyone supporting this organization.

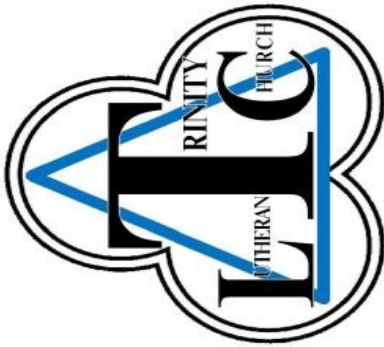
Esther Guild is an online LWML group that receives an email once a month with devotions, ideas to serve, news, and bible studies. If you would like to be included in receiving this email, please let Erin know by sending an email to emboggan@gmail.com.

Submitted by
Erin Foster



YOUTH EVENTS

Trinity Lutheran Youth Group will be selling sub sandwiches



SUB SANDWICH FUNDRAISER

Trinity Lutheran church Pine Bluff Youth Group are Selling Subs to raise Money to go to Youth Gathering 2028. All Money raised will go to the youth. We will be Collecting orders till January 25th, 2026.

CASH or CHECK only please. Checks made out to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Subs 6 inch \$7.00 a sub

# OF SUBS	SANDWICH	CHEESE	LETTUCE	TOMATOES	ONION	MAYO/ MUSTARD ON THE SIDE
	ITALIAN (SALAMI & HAM)	PROVOLONE				
	HAM	SWISS				
	TURKEY	AMERICAN				

TOTAL # OF SUBS:	
TOTAL COST :	
NAME:	PHONE #:



INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BELIZE

- + Belize is the only Central American country that does not have Spanish as its official language.
- + the nation's capitol was moved 50 miles away because of a hurricane.
- + The country has the only jaguar preserve in the world.
- + Belize has over 400 small islands.
- + The nation got its name in 1973. Previously it was known as British Honduras.
- + Belize is 60% forested.
- + The Belize barrier reef is a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- + Belize is the size of the state of Massachusetts.
- + The average annual regional temperature is about 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

Hava Blessed Christmas Celebration!

We greet you in the joy of the coming of the Christ Child. It is our prayer that the Lord is blessing your Advent season abundantly.

Here in the Dominican Republic the congregations came together for a Chrimtas concert in which all of the members participated. A great time of songs and fellowship was shared by all.

Dan held his last class of the academic semester today. The final exams for the semester will take place next week and the semester will officially end on December 19th. The commitment to the local churches does not end however as the seminarians continue to assist in the local churches during the break between semesters.

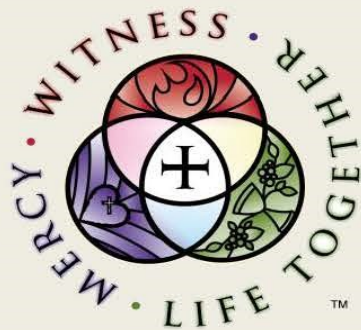
During this week two new seminarians arrived to the seminary community: Axel Flores who hails from Honduras and Nicolas Korb whose home country is Bolivia. Please pray for these future pastors as they acclimate to the Dominican culture and the seminary curriculum. We give Axel and Nicolas a hearty welcome!

We also welcome two new missionaries to the Latin American mission field: Makia Adler and Rev. Jonathan Anderson. Makia will serve in Belize as a short term mission trip coordinator and Jonathan will serve as an evangelistic missionary in Panama. They will be in the Dominican Republic for four months for orientation and Spanish classes. May the Lord bless both of their ministries abundantly!

As the Lord's people we celebrate the coming of the Christ Child with great joy. Furthermore we continue to proclaim the coming of the Christ Child to all nations. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government will be upon his shoulder. And his name will be called Mighty Counselor, Mighty God Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)



The pastors of Iglesia Luterana Cordero de Dios at with the new confirmand.

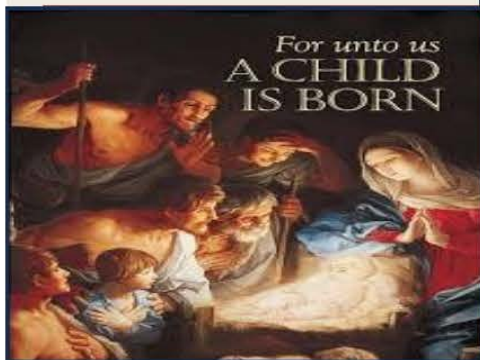


We Pray For

- + Our daughter's upcoming surgical procedure.
- + Seminarians Axel and Nicolas, who have recently arrived to the seminary.
- + Makia and Jonathan as they begin their missionary service.
- + The Christmas worship celebrations.
- + Those Christians who suffer persecution

We Give Thanks For

- + The success of the Christmas song concert.
- + Our mission donors who make our mission possible.
- + The churches throughout the world that celebrate the coming of the Lord.



Personal Notes

Our daughter Ana, who lives in Detroit has been diagnosed with mediastinal masses in her lungs. She now has to go to a specialist to diagnose her situation and recommend treatment. Apparently she will need to undergo a surgical procedure. Please remember Ana in your prayers during this time.

We thank God for the mission in Latin America. Your support provides Biblical training for national pastors, deacons, and deaconesses. Prayerfully consider how the Lord may be leading you to support this vital mission. The Lord provides the funding for his mission efforts through the donations of His local churches and its individual members. Through your financial donations national pastors and deaconesses will be formed and mentored that they may spread the Gospel throughout Latin America. Together we partner with God to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. We thank you for supporting the mission in Latin America. God's richest blessings! Have a blessed Christmas!



I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3)

Soli Deo Gloria
Daniel and Kathy



To support our work financially, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 790089
St. Louis, MO 63179-0089 Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Mark checks "Support of Daniel Conrad."

Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website, on our online giving page at www.lcms.org/conrad or call 888-930-4438 to speak with one of our Donor Care representatives.

You may also donate through Mission Central:
<https://missioncentral.us/conrad/>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Puzzle!

In the New Testament, followers of Christ are called by many names. Use the hints to fill in the blanks. Need help? Check an NIV Bible for the missing letters.

D _____ s
(Acts 6:7)



C _____ n P _____ e
(1 Peter 2:9)



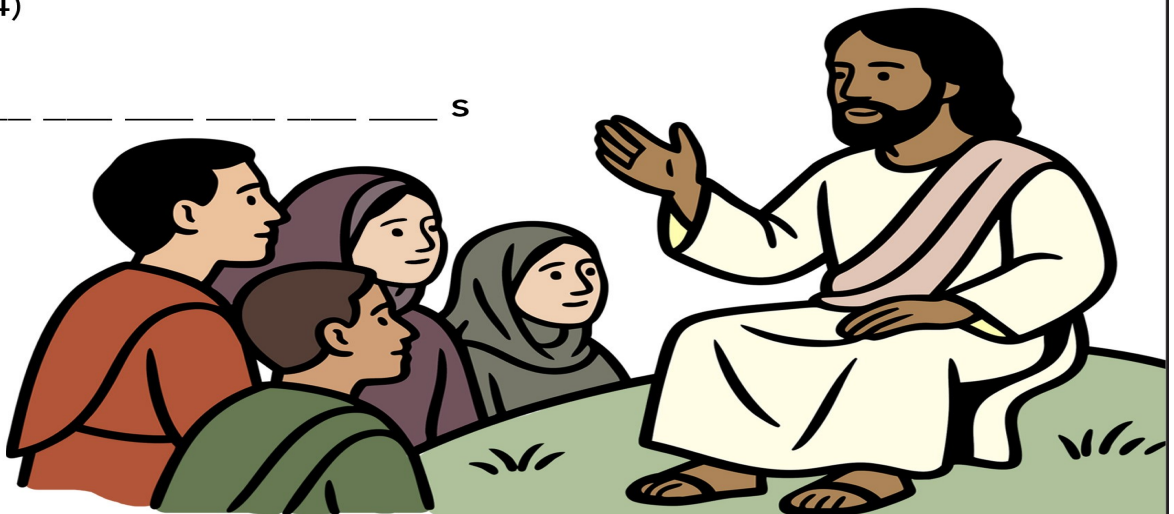
S _____ s of C _____ t
(1 Corinthians 4:1)

C _____ s
(Acts 11: 26)

B _____ s and S _____ s
(1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)

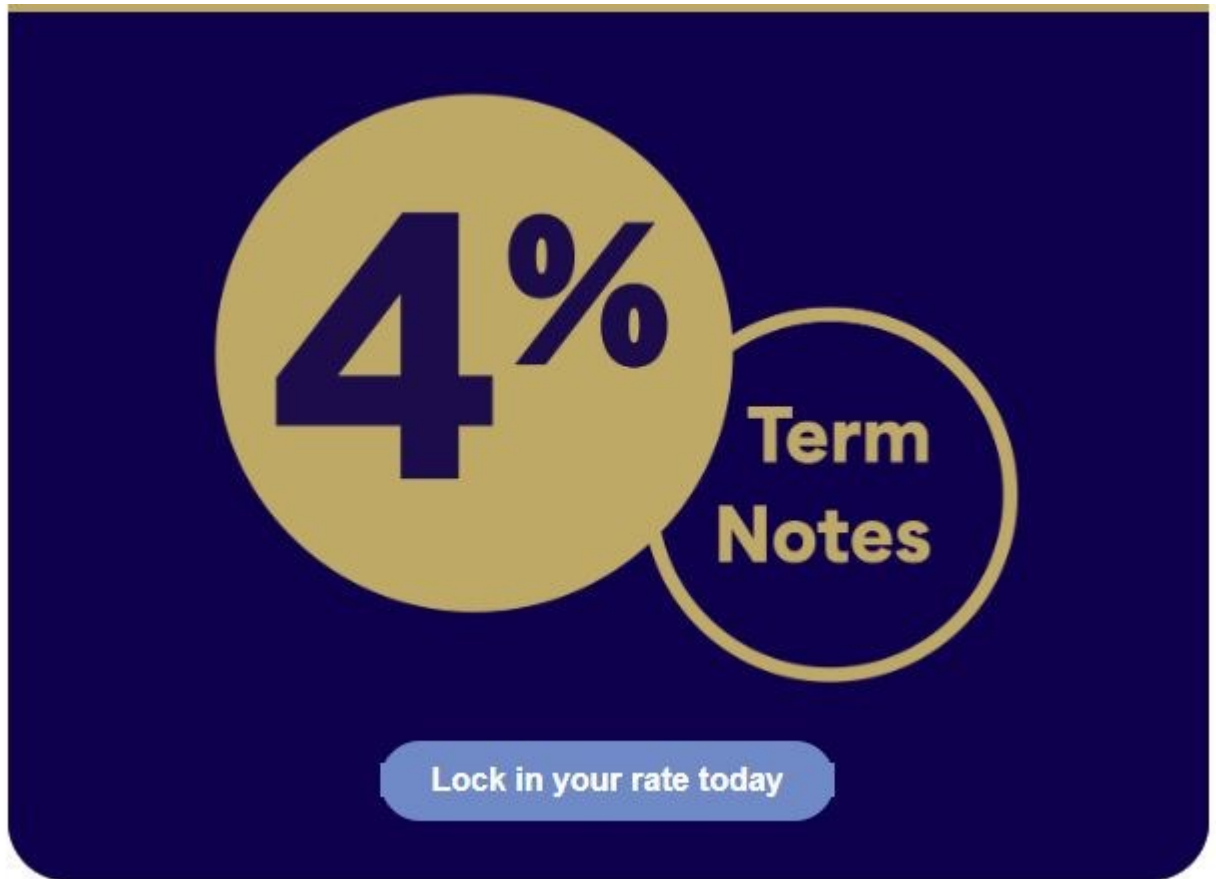
B _____ s
(Acts 5:14)

W _____ s
(Acts 1:8)



Answers: Disciples; Chosen People; Servants of Christ; Christians; Brothers and Sisters; Believers; Witnesses

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Looking to grow your investments before the year ends? Lock in a competitive **4%** rate with LCEF's 12- or 18-month term notes when you invest **before December 31**. Open an account with a minimum investment of \$500.



TRANSLATE GOD'S WORD

The Bible we use is translated into English from other languages.
"Translate" the verse below using the code.

CODE	E = △	L = □	R = ✦
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Proverbs 3:13

January 2026

	Elder	Ushers	Acolyte	Lector	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 4	Phillip Dunger Bill Witt	Andrew Raddle Dan Riederer	Espen Riederer	Erin Foster	JP & Phyllis Dunger "Praise to God for a New Year & new family members"	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 11	Robert Floyd Phillip Dunger	Bill Witt Harold Jacobs	Kaleigh Frye	Steve Shorts		Phillip & Amanda Dunger
SUN 18	Steve Lochmann Robert Floyd	Dan Riederer Andrew Raddle	Ainsley Riederer	Robert Floyd		Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 25	Steve Shorts Steve Lochmann	Phillip Dunger Robert Floyd	Brennick Riederer	Cherrie Bradley	Arleen Parsley "In memory of loved ones & Thanks for Gods Blessings"	Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins & Phyllis Dunger

January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
hello 2026 9:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Elders Meeting 12:00 Dedecorating 2 nd Sunday after Christmas		 4		1 New Year's Day  2		3 1:00 Craft Day Fellowship
11 9:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 Worship w/Communion 1:30 Confirmation Class 1 st Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord	5	6 	7	8 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study 1:00 Mary Guild Meeting	9	10
18 9:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Council Meeting 2 nd Sunday after the Epiphany	12	13 8:30 Circuit Pastors Meeting at Peace, Conway	14 Newsletter Deadline	15 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study	16 5:30 Tri-Circuit Family Gathering at Grace, LR	17 9:00-1:00 Mid-South Treasurer's workshop @ Hope Lutheran, Jacksonville
25 9:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 Worship w/Communion 1:30 Confirmation Class 3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany	19 Martin Luther King Jr. 26 Pastor traveling to Memphis for Circuit Visitors Meeting	20 Pastor is in Memphis for Circuit Visitors Meeting	21 10:00 Newsletter Committee	22 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study	23	24
		27 Pastor is in Memphis for Circuit Visitors Meeting	28 Pastor is traveling home from Memphis for Circuit Visitors Meeting	29 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study	30	31

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