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## Words from Pastor Kari's Pen.

### *Office Hours for*

### *Holy Trinity :*

*Tuesday-Thursday*

*1:00 - 4:00 PM.*

*By appointment  
only.*

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It's the beginning of a new  
calendar year.

It's a great chance to reset our  
hopes and goals.

It's also a time when we can be  
dangerously hard on ourselves.

It's a tricky balance between  
repenting of the things we are not  
proud to have done or failed to do  
and just being overly critical of  
ourselves. Repentance means we  
acknowledge where we have failed  
but have hope that we have a healthy  
and new way forward. We are being  
reclaimed to keep moving forward.

So, this year I would like to invite  
you to begin a conversation with me.

Let's ponder the meaning of New  
vs. Reclaimed.

We are always being made new – the  
old is redeemed and reclaimed for  
the glory of God and the good of

our neighbors. But we also hear  
good news that truly does make us  
new. The old things have passed  
away. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)  
Therefore if any man be in Christ,  
he is a new creature; old things  
have passed away, behold, all things  
are becoming new.

You are wonderfully and beautifully  
made in God's image. You have  
gifts of the Spirit that God delights  
in us using. And God is eager for  
us to rely on God for our  
continued renewal.

Let us be amazed at the ways God  
will renew us and make new things  
in our midst.

Glory to God in the highest, and  
peace you, all you creatures of  
Earth.

*Pastor Kari Lee*



**Annual Meetings will be held on**

**Holy Trinity 1/21      St. Andrew's 7/28**

**Both Meetings will be held following worship service.**

## Holy Trinity & St. Andrew's Joint Candlelight Service



# HAPPY Birthday FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Nathan Meyer (Jan. 7th)

Eloise Swards (Jan. 8)

Henry Sharp (Jan. 10)

Devon Wolf (Jan. 10th)

Pastor Myron Herzberg (Jan. 14)

Jack Strobel (Jan. 18th)

Ethel Mumm (Jan. 18)

Valerie Peart (Jan. 22)

Eugene Peart (Jan. 23)

Dianne Clemons (Jan. 25th)

Marlene Sharp (Jan. 27)

David Winegar (Jan. 30)

# HAPPY Anniversary FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Wayne & Marlene Sharp  
(Jan. 7th)

Tim & Lynn Vermillion  
(Jan. 20th)

Todd & Melanie Sharp  
(Jan. 23rd)

Cody & Stacey Simbro  
(Jan. 24th)



another variance, which was almost unheard of.

"It was by chance, or the grace of God, that the Smiths were able to accept another child, and give Rebec-

## SUNDAY MORNING ASSISTANTS

### LITURGIST

01/07/24 Vicky Bennett  
01/14/24 Wes Ranard  
01/21/24 Devon Wolf  
01/28/24 David Nilles

### READER

Vicky Bennett  
Sue Ranard  
Devon Wolf  
David Nilles

### USHERS/GREETERS

01/07/24 Bill & Linda Bennett  
01/14/24 Dianne Clemon & Marilyn Butler  
01/21/24 Rhonda & Dalton Wolf  
01/28/24 Bill & Vicky Bennett

### ACOLYTES

Runa or Eloise  
Runa or Eloise  
Runa or Eloise  
Runa or Eloise

Any questions contact Linda Bennett  
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## Bible Quiz

In the book of Judges, the warrior Barak would go to battle only if a certain female leader went with him. Who was she?

- A. Rebekah
- B. Jael
- C. Michal
- D. Deborah



The Answer is on pg. 4

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## St. Andrew's Lutheran Church - Service Helper List

updated 1/21/23

| Date      | Greeter            | Lector        | Comm. Asst. | Altar Guild   | Candle Lighting |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1/7/2024  | Carol Naeseth      | Carol Naeseth | Amy Collum  | Carol Naeseth | Easton Collum   |
| 1/14/2024 | Doug & Jaci Bell   | Doug Bell     |             |               |                 |
| 1/21/2024 | Nancy Wright       | Nancy Wright  |             |               |                 |
| 1/28/2024 | Brad & Teri Bowlin | Teri Bowlin   |             |               |                 |



In December, our mission support to the synod was \$504. There were donations of \$350 to ELCA World Hunger and \$300 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Our monthly mission for December was for the ELCA Good Gifts program, and we have received \$770 in donations so far this month. With our budgeted funds, we will be sending a total contribution of \$1,270.

Our mission emphasis for January will be for Wartburg Theological Seminary. Their mission statement: "Wartburg Theological Seminary serves Christ's church through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by being a worship-centered community of critical theological reflection where learning leads to mission and mission informs learning. The community embodies God's mission by stewarding resources for engaging, equipping, and sending collaborative leaders who interpret, proclaim and live the gospel of Jesus Christ for a world created for communion with God and in need of personal and social healing." If you would like to contribute to this mission, please write "Wartburg" in the special offering area of your offering envelope.

The word baptism comes from a Greek word (baptize), which means, "to immerse." Baptism is a ceremony in which a Christian is immersed in water before the church to publicly symbolize their belief in Christ.

The water is a symbol of sin being washed away.

Congratulations, Layne!



Answer: D (See Judges 4:1-10.)

## The heart of our faith



Christianity affirms that at the heart of reality is a Heart, a loving Father who works through history for the salvation of his children. Man cannot save himself, for man is not the measure of all things and humanity is not God. Bound by the chains of his own sin and finiteness, man needs a Savior.

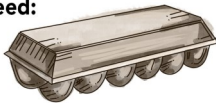
—Martin Luther King Jr.



Geodes look plain on the outside but contain beautiful crystals. Create these “rocks” to show how God makes us new on the inside.

#### What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors (and adult help)
- Epsom salt
- Plastic zippered bags (one per color of dye)
- Food coloring
- Glue
- Paintbrush



#### What you do:

1. Cut out the tops and bottoms of all the egg compartments so you can make 6 ball shapes.
2. In each bag, put 3 tablespoons of Epsom salt and a drop or two of food coloring. Seal and shake to mix.
3. With the paintbrush, spread glue inside two egg-carton halves. Sprinkle a spoonful of Epsom salt into those halves. Then close and shake.
4. Open your homemade geode and shake out excess salt.
5. Optional: Preserve the crystals with a coat of clear-drying glue.



## The children at Holy Trinity enjoyed making gingerbread houses



### One hooky day a year

On a random Saturday, I threw the to-do list out the window, packed up the kids and headed to the mountains. Because Saturdays are usually for catching up on chores, my sons were surprised by their new, carefree mom. We played, laughed and explored — all with no agenda. I introduced them to the concept of a hooky day.

As a child, my parents allowed me one of those per year. It wasn't a sick day but a day off, just because. I could take it any time (but not to avoid a test), and I didn't need to plan ahead. It was okay to wake up one morning and play hooky.

Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV) wisely states, “A merry heart does good, like medicine.” What will you do with an impromptu day off? Will you set your own pace walking through a park? Maybe stop at a restaurant you've wanted to try? Whether a fun day off includes spending time alone or with a friend, make the most of it as a God-given gift.

—Janna Firestone

### Christian symbol

**LATIN CROSS** — The Latin cross is the simplest and most common form of the Christian cross, possibly dating from the second or third century. Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians typically display a crucifix — an image of Jesus hanging on the cross — to remember his death for the sake of the world. Protestant churches often favor the empty cross, commemorating Jesus' resurrection.





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**Worship Times are  
as follows...**

**St. Andrew's  
9:00am Worship and  
Sunday school,  
10:00 Fellowship.**

**Holy Trinity  
10:30 am Worship  
Fellowship @ Holy Trinity  
11:30 am.**



**PRAYER**  
*How can we pray for you?*