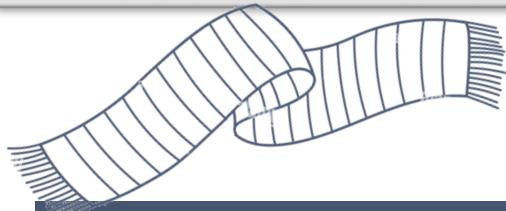




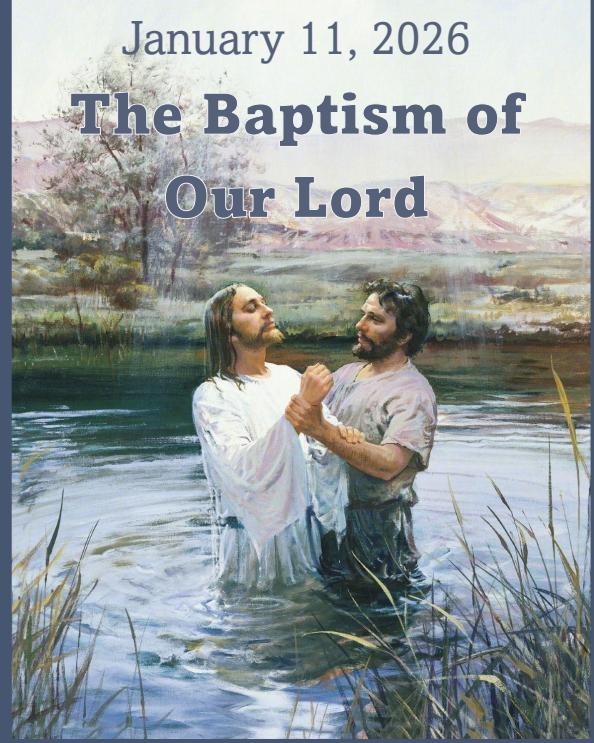
The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2026

(celebrated on January 4, 2026)



January 11, 2026 **The Baptism of Our Lord**



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*If you would like Pastor
to visit, please contact
him at
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or call the church office.*

Elders Note

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 5:22-26

Council Highlights

- We are changing the Council meeting times from 6pm to 5:30pm but staying on the third Monday of each month.
- We voted to disperse the Sauerkraut funds as follows:
 - \$500 towards the Trinity Youth LCMS Gathering fundraiser,
 - \$500 to Hart House,
 - \$500 to the Blind Association, and
 - The remaining balance of \$408 will go into our Gallman-Hawley fund for organ/piano maintenance.
- We selected Saturday 1/10/26 at 10am for the Christmas decoration removal party.
- If anyone has someone to add to the prayer list, please contact the Trinity office.
- If anyone has someone to add to the visitation list, please have them see Pastor Willson.

Ed

Epiphany



DAYCARE



Our School Age students decorating the tree.

The elves have arrived to decorate the Daycare Christmas tree!



Babies and Older Babies





Toddlers



Preschoolers

The elves were made by Miss Debbie!

EPIPHANY

Word Search

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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JANUARY Celebrations



Birthdays

- 4 Janet Vargo
- 11 Dorothy Cornish
- 15 Kayla Vossler
- 30 Sophia Fahs

Anniversaries

- 22 Glen and Brenda Kruger
- 22 Mark and Diane Vossler

From Katrina

My son Dominik, his wife Evelisse, and 2 Granddaughters, Camila and baby Elianna, came up from Florida and loved the snow! Evelisse is from Miami and never went sledding so we went.



We also went to the Bills game with Stephen's sister Andrea and what a great game that was!! GO BILLS!





NEW YEAR

DOUBLE PUZZLE

Unscramble the shuffled words to meaningful words and reveal the message!

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Decorating Our Church

On Saturday December 6th, members gathered at the church to put up the annual Christmas decorations. After all, who doesn't love to see all the festive colors of reds and greens, sprinkled with glitter and shiny ornaments. Wreaths of pine, holly, and cones. Beautiful bows complimenting the wreaths. It's a big job and those that showed up gave it their all.



Dee, Maurice, and Mike worked on the beautiful village you see displayed on the table in the Narthex. This is not a 15 minute job, but hours. It's in the details, and Dee has an eye for details. They also put up our manger scene in the glass case and the decorations on the top of the case too. Again, it's in the details. They had to be just so. We are blessed to have such a beautiful display during the holiday. You can thank Dee and her merry men for that.



Alice started working on the small tree in the Narthex, and Paul Lamberson was going to be her helper, but I saw a greater need for Paul helping with the larger Christmas tree. I knew Paul would be the right person for it, so I snatched him. The Sunday School kids put the bulbs and decorations on this tree Sunday morning. I think they all did a great job.



In the sanctuary, Ed Fahs, Gary & Nancy Link, and Pastor Willson had already gotten out the large tree from the back room. David and I arrived after all this had been done. This tree is in two, hand made, large crates/boxes. Carrying those boxes out is a feat of its own.



Before the tree goes up, we have to take down the wooden crucifix. Can you say heavy? I did hear a few grunts from Ed as he manually took that down, with help of course. It hangs where we put our tree, so it needs to find a new home for the season. So up the tree goes, but not as easy as I make it sound. It takes us a few tries to put it together. It, like many trees that size, have many parts. Which one goes in first? Oops, not that one! We eventually figure it out.

Now comes “decorating the tree”. The very part that I saw Paul was the right guy for. There are many pillow-like ornaments handmade by Cara Lee Morris, that she left here. They adorn the tree you see in the sanctuary. But how do all those get on the tree? For us shorter people, we just walk over and hang them on an available branch. But the highest branches? Well, someone thought of that long ago. They took an old, brass candle lighter, the same kind our acolytes use, a coat hanger, and designed a hook to hang the ornaments on the higher branches. You still need someone tall. And that’s where Paul has an advantage. Have you seen how tall he has gotten? Paul did an excellent job putting them up on the highest branches.



The church is decorated and many hands made light work. It’s done for another year, but they do have to come down after the Christmas season. The plan is to take them down on January 10th at 10:00 am. Please help with this task if you’re available.

Marsha



HAPPY NEW YEAR



Merry Christmas from the exercise class!



2026 Flower Chart

The “Flower Chart” for 2026 is posted. Please feel free to sign up for a specific Sunday.

The church does not purchase the flowers. If you sign up, you are responsible for providing and placing your own flowers.

Flowers can be displayed in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, or any special occasion. They can also be placed in memory of a loved one.

If you would like a message in the Sunday bulletin stating what your flowers are commemorating, please leave a note on the secretary’s desk or send an email to trinitywlsv@gmail.com.

In our prayers during December:

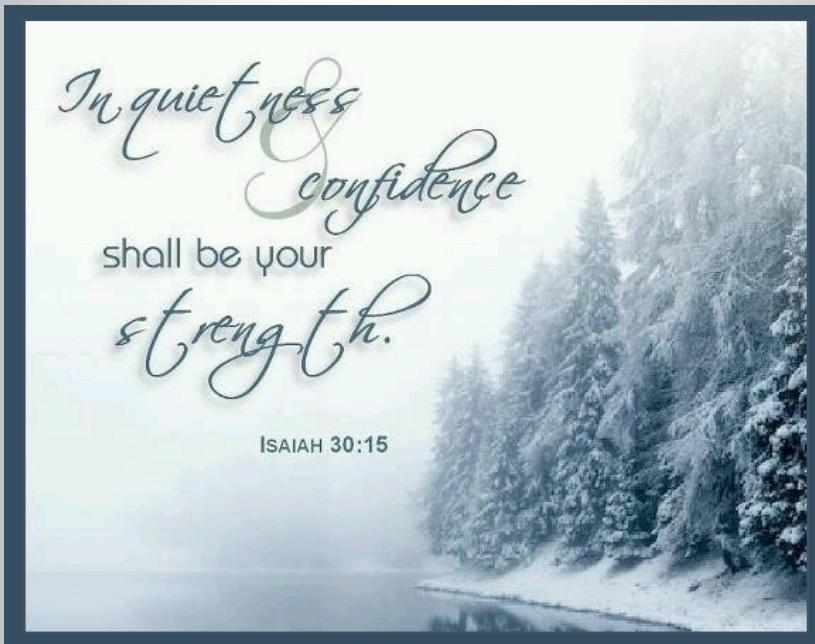
Homebound: Deborah Gerdes, June Helmer, Don Richmond, Dot Cornish, Bernice Blue

Continuing Concerns: Arlene Leave, Polly Helms, Kurt Thomas, Gwyn Shear, Doug Morrisson, Larry Hoyt, Jr.

Military Service: Stephanie Young (*Mary Lou Willet's niece*)

Care and Concern: Judy Brainard, Pam Aldrich Hakes, Deb Insley, Dale Black (*Sally Dannheim's son-in-law*), Betty Brandes- Gallman

Recently Deceased: Marge Vossler



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