

The logo features the word "TRINITY" in a large, white, serif font, with "tidings" in a smaller, teal, cursive font below it. The text is centered within a dark blue circle. The background is a vibrant, abstract composition of overlapping geometric shapes and lines in shades of purple, pink, orange, and teal, creating a dynamic and modern feel.

TRINITY *tidings*

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WHAT DOES THE “ELCA TEACH?”

The ELCA confesses the Triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In our preaching and teaching the ELCA trusts the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.

ELCA teaching or theology serves the proclamation and ministry of this faith. It does not have an answer for all questions, not even all religious questions. Teaching or theology prepares members to be witnesses in speech and in action of God’s rich mercy in Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURES, CREEDS AND CONFESSIONS

The ELCA’s official Confession of Faith identifies the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (commonly called the Bible); the Apostles’, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds; and the Lutheran confessional writings in the Book of Concord as the basis for our teaching.

ELCA congregations make the same affirmation in their governing documents, and ELCA pastors and deacons promise to carry out their ministry in accordance with these teaching sources. This Confession of Faith is more than just words in an official document.

Every Sunday in worship ELCA congregations hear God’s word from the Scriptures, pray as Jesus taught and come to the Lord’s Table expecting to receive the mercies that the Triune God promises.

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Throughout the week ELCA members continue to live by faith, serving others freely and generously in all that they do because they trust God's promise in the Gospel. In small groups and at sick beds, in private devotions and in daily work, this faith saturates all of life.

TEACHING FOR A LIFE OF FAITH

This connection to all of life is the clearest demonstration of the authority that the canonical Scriptures, the ecumenical Creeds and the Lutheran Confessions have in the ELCA. The Holy Spirit uses these witnesses to create, strengthen and sustain faith in Jesus Christ and the life we have in him. That life-giving work continues every day, as Martin Luther explained in the Small Catechism: the Holy Spirit "calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith."

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BELATED CONGRATULATIONS TO DICK AND DOROTHY ELKINS ON THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY! (OCT 12, 1963)





***Our Christmas Eve
Worship Was Made More
Joyous With The
Children Building The
Manger Scene And
Lighting The Advent
Wreath***



**A SPECIAL THANKS TO
JEREMY & MELODY COHN
AND CHIEKO GARLING FOR THE
WONDERFUL MUSIC
THROUGHOUT THE SEASON!**



New Years Traditions From Around The World

IN BRAZIL, revelers often wear white and go to the beach to celebrate the new year. At the ocean, some practice the tradition of making offerings to Iemanjá, or Yemanjá, an ocean goddess from traditional Afro-Brazilian religions Candomblé and Umbanda. Gifts are placed in boats and pushed into the ocean. Celebrants also traditionally jump over seven waves, thanking Iemanjá for something good that happened in the past year with each wave, and when done, they don't turn their back on the sea until their feet are out of the water, so as not to receive bad luck.

A TRADITION IN SCOTLAND, where New Year's Eve is known as Hogmanay, is "first footing" — literally the first foot to enter someone's home after midnight. To ensure good luck, the first visitor should traditionally be a tall, dark-haired male bringing pieces of coal, shortbread, salt, a black bun and whiskey. The party tradition is achieved sometimes in modern times with having one guest leave just before midnight so they can knock on the door as the new year begins.

RINGING BELLS 108 TIMES In Japan, Buddhist temples ring bells 108 times on New Year's Eve. This is because in Buddhism, it is believed that there are 108 types of earthly desires, and each strike of the bell will remove one desire. The tradition is called Joya no Kane. "Jo" means "to throw away the old and move on to the new" and "Ya" means "night,".

HANGING ONIONS

In Greece, families traditionally go to church on New Year's Day. After the service, they find an onion that they hang on the doors or in their homes as a symbol of good health, fertility, and longevity.

FINDING 12 ROUND FRUITS.

In the Philippines, celebrations feature round items, because it's believed that roundness symbolizes prosperity. Households pick 12 round fruits for each month of the year. People also fill their pockets with coins, or leave them on tables to attract wealth, and wear polka dots for good luck.

WATCHING BRITISH COMEDY.

Germans, along with some other Europeans, have had the tradition of watching the same black and white British comedy sketch from the 1960s, about a butler serving his 90-year-old employer and her deceased imaginary guests, on New Year's Eve.

EATING A DOZEN GRAPES

Spaniards celebrate the New Year by popping 12 grapes in their mouth, one for each chime of the clock marking midnight, which is supposed to bring good luck for the year ahead. Revelers eat a traditional kind of thin-skinned, pale green grape, which is harvested late in November or December. The tradition dates back more than a century.

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Financial Update: General Fund 2023

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)
Jan	\$ 10,607.10	\$ 13,876.34	\$ (3,269.24)
Feb	\$ 9,811.68	\$ 13,689.80	\$ (3,878.12)
Mar	\$ 15,415.88	\$ 13,223.68	\$ 2,192.20
Apr	\$ 11,757.23	\$ 12,974.25	\$ (1,217.02)
May	\$ 10,889.80	\$ 13,017.89	\$ (2,128.09)
Jun	\$ 12,032.64	\$ 12,008.69	\$ 23.95
Jul	\$ 11,605.95	\$ 11,891.37	\$ (285.42)
Aug	\$ 10,143.06	\$ 11,486.96	\$ (1,343.90)
Sep	\$ 12,224.56	\$ 12,502.24	\$ (277.68)
Oct	\$ 10,628.66	\$ 11,920.16	\$ (1,291.50)
Nov	\$ 10,735.30	\$ 14,239.77	\$ (3,504.47)
Total Jan-Nov 2023	\$ 125,851.86	\$ 140,831.15	\$ (14,979.29)

Our deficit for Jan-Nov is (\$14,979.29). "Debt Reduction" envelopes are available in the narthex for your use if you are able to help with an additional offering.

Donations can also be made electronically from your smartphone using the "Vanco Mobile" app available from the App Store or Google Play, or use our website QR code, or go to the Donations link on our website tlcrm.com or our secure website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRVQ/home>



Thank you for your continued support!

CREAM PUFFS

- 1 1/2 cups water
- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 1/2 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 6 Whole Eggs

Heat water, butter, salt and sugar to boiling.

Add flour, stir and cook until it leaves sides of pan and follows spoon. Remove from fire. Add unbeaten eggs, one at a time.

Beat until smooth and "satiny".

Drop on greased baking sheet or muffin tins. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes, then at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes longer. Cool.

Fill with instant vanilla pudding.

From the Kitchen of: Kathy Johnson

TLC LADIES GROUP









The ladies group will meet right here in the Church Lounge on January 9 at 12 noon for lunch time together.

Following our lunch we will have some trivia game time.

Please stop on by and

BRING A FRIEND!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31</p> <p>9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM</p> <p>10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner</p> <p>11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship</p> <p>2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm Fellowship Ministry</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00pm Masihi Church of God Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship</p>
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January Birthdays

- 20 Betty Anderson
- 20 Rebecca Vigna
- 25 Michelle Henry
- 31 Chuck Cosman

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