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Trinity's Sunday Schedule:

***Worship with Holy Communion
at 8:30 and 11:00am***

Choir at 9:25 in choir loft

All Sunday School classes 9:45

Parent Small Group 10am

**The Annual Meeting will be on
Sunday, February 2 following the 8:30
service (9:45-10:45) in Fellowship Hall**

All members are encouraged to
attend the meeting!

February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am ANNUAL MEETING 9:45 Kid's Sunday School 9:45	3 Prayer Shawl 10-12	4 Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11am	5 Men's Bible Study 7am	6 P.E.O. 10-3 Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30	7	8 Violin Choir 4-6 Open Roads Bike workshop 11-3
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Please remember that articles for the Newsletters are due by the 16th of each month; articles for the Sunday bulletins are due one week in advance, by end of day Sunday.

Youth Ministry

for all youth in grades 6th – 12th

As the great John, Paul, George, and Ringo sang, “All you need is love, love. Love is all you need.” This month makes us think of love of friends, family, and warm weather (someday, please??)!! We have lots of fun things coming up with our church friends, so grab your calendars. ~ Heidi

Lock-In And Parents’ Night Out



During the month of February, we’ll have a two-fer—a fundraiser and something fun for you! Join us on **Friday, February 14th**

from 5:30pm-8:30pm and help us care for the kids in our church while their parents enjoy a night out. We’ll have dinner, make something fun, and play games.

THEN, stay until the wee morning hours (aka, **8am**) for an awesome lock-in! We’ll play our own silly games, watch movies, play video games, eat junk food, and run around the church.

Just to reiterate, the Parents’ Night Out is from 5:30pm-8:30pm and the Lock-In is from 8:30pm-8am. Sign up by Wednesday, Feb. 12th if you can join us.



March Youth Group Days

Middle School Youth—So our group had talked about going to Avery’s horse barn, True Vine Equestrian, and doing a service project out there. They are not available on Sundays, so we will meet at church on **Saturday, March 1st at 9:30am**. Our volunteering time is from 10am-noon. They will assign us some tasks to complete, so please dress for work. If you live close to the barn, you can meet us out there (just let me know!). True Vine is located at: 22759 W McGillen Ave, Mattawan. We’ll have a great time and help out a wonderful organization! Sign up on our Facebook page or email me by Friday, Feb. 28th.



High School Youth—Our youth meeting is set for Sunday, March 9th. As of the printing of this newsletter, our service project is not yet set. However, keep this date on your calendar. We’ll get to do something helpful and fun!

**Head’s Up Announcement:

Coming up April 26th-28th, we are having a retreat weekend for our Youth and Family Ministries at the Double JJ Ranch in Rothbury, MI (about ½ hour north of Muskegon). This special weekend includes an indoor water park, bonding time together, campfires, and a break from the craziness of life. We will stay in individual cabins. The costs are: \$200 per family of 2 people, \$250 per family of 3 or 4 people, and \$300 per family of 5 or more people. That includes housing, 1 day waterpark passes, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner on Saturday. Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday will be on your own. This is always a fantastic weekend and we truly hope you will join us. Sign up any time. Checks can be made out to Trinity, memo: Family Ministry. Please let me know if you have any questions.

CAMP!!!

Calling all Confirmation and Senior High Youth! Our Trinity youth are going to Stony Lake Lutheran Camp on Sunday, June 15th thru Friday, June 20. To sign up, go to the Living Water Ministries website at www.elcalivingwater.com. For each person signed up for camp, you choose if you want to pay full rate, half rate, or nothing, and Trinity will donate \$100 per person. Camp is such a wonderful way to meet new people and explore your faith! Please let me know if you have any questions.



Lenten Soup/ Salad Suppers:

Another fundraiser for our trip this summer are the Soup/Salad Suppers we hold during Lent before the worship services on Wednesdays. The suppers begin at 5pm and the worship services begin at 6pm. To help out, please sign up for times on the Youth Board across from the kitchen. Parents and church members are encouraged to sign up to bring soup, salad, bread, and/or desserts. Sign up today!!

To get information about Youth Ministry activities and to sign up for events, please join our Facebook page—TLC Youth Ministry. If you’re not on Facebook, you can also get info in the weekly church emails, Sunday bulletins, the bulletin board outside the kitchen on the lower level, and Trinity’s website. Email Heidi (hmfuerst@aol.com) with any questions.



FAMILY MINISTRY

All families with children infant through 5th grade are welcome to join us!



February Event: Parents' Night Out

Friday, February 14th 5:30pm-8:30pm

Time to celebrate love and have a night out with your partner. Bring the kiddos over to church and our Youth Group members will watch them for you. We'll have dinner, make something special, and play games. This is a fundraiser for the youth group, so it will cost \$10 for one child, \$20 for 2 or more children. Children 1 year-5th grade are welcome to join us. If you are able to come, please sign up by Wednesday, February 12th by email or our Facebook page.

March Event: Pretzels and Prayers

Sunday, March 16th 12:30-2pm

Lent is here and it's often a time for prayer and reflection and... pretzels?!?! A pretzel is special tool used by pastors to help children learn about prayer. After we eat some lunch, we will make our own pretzels and create special pretzel prayers for our congregation members. Hopefully you can join us for this fun time together.



Sunday Morning Opportunities in February:

Parent Small Group:

Dates: Sundays, February 9th, 16th, & 23rd

Time: 10am-10:40am

Place: Family Ministry room

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Some pictures for the Parents' Afternoon Out in December: Thanks to Jim, Joyce, Marianne, and our Youth!!



**The Annual Congregational meeting is February 2 between the two services
from 9:45-10:45 in the Fellowship Hall.**

All members are encouraged to be a part of the meeting to hear about the past year's accomplishments and voice their vote for upcoming council positions.
Please make every effort to be at this meeting!

Worship and Faith Formation

**Sunday School Classes Every Sunday
from 9:45-10:45am!**

- **Adult Bible Study** will be in the Lounge with Pr. Ken.
- **Confirmation** with Pr. Jake on the second floor of the education wing. Confirmation is for all youth 6th -8th grade!
- **High School Sunday school** in the Youth Room with Mr. Grubaugh.
- **Elementary Sunday School** for K-5th grade students on the second floor of the Education Wing with Mrs. Wineland.
- **Preschool Sunday School** in the preschool room on the second floor of the education wing with Mrs. Wright.
- **Parent small group** with Heidi Albertson in the Family Ministry room on the second floor of the education wing

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Welcome Team	Lectors	Acolytes
Feb 2	8:30	Joyce Magerlein	Dave & Jeannie Grubaugh	Dave Runstrom	Jaxon & Avner Grubaugh
	11:00	Sheree Sorensen	Tom & Joy Kuhs	Liz Morison	Kaitlyn Albertson Jacob Zimmermann
Feb 9	8:30	Karn Erlandson	Teri Koretsky, Beth Bellville	Debbie Harding	Nolan & Avery Fowler
	11:00	Marianne Fuerst	Nancy Diment Liz Morison	Laura Woodruff	Miryam Greenman Evely Sutherland
Feb 16	8:30	Teri Koretsky	Jason Grubaugh Paula Sportel	Suze Breischaff	Jaxon & Avner Grubaugh
	11:00	Gary Kent-Bracken	Connie Ruch Carolyn Kana'an	Heidi Albertson	Kiley & Calico Morris
Feb 23	8:30	Joyce Magerlein	Dave & Jeannie Grubaugh	Teri Koretsky	Nolan & Avery Fowler
	11:00	Holly Wohlfert	Mark & Erin Sutherland	Keith Peterson	Frederick Thurn Clare Lehman

Scripture and Sandwiches Online Bible study is Back! Scripture and Sandwiches is back for an eight week walk through the Sermon on the Mount! We meet each Thursday from 12-12:30 for a bit of bible study and conversation over lunch and the meetings happen via Zoom so you can join in from wherever you are! Use the Zoom info below or follow the link provided in the weekly emails to join! Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 Passcode: Lunchtime

Men's Bible Study - We will meet every other Wednesday morning, next on Wednesday February 5 & 19. We will be serving a light breakfast each time. We meet @ 7:00 AM and try to finish around 8:00 AM. All are welcome. "No experience necessary". We're just a group of men trying to apply what we read in Scripture to our present lives and to hopefully become a light for others.

Rebecca Circle Looking for a chance to participate monthly in a women's small group meeting for Bible study? Rebecca Circle is an excellent chance to make some new acquaintances while studying God's word. They meet every 4th Wednesday of the month at Trinity and all are welcome! The next Circle meeting will be on Wednesday, February 26 at 10am.

Invitation to Connect with Scripture through the Daily Lectionary

The cycle of readings we follow through the year each Sunday at Trinity comes from the Revised Common Lectionary, which is used by a wide variety of mainline protestant churches around the world. In addition to our Sunday readings, the Lectionary provides readings for every day of the year! The reading are short, so they don't take long to read and they are a great way to ground ourselves and create a habit of connecting with Scripture in a meaningful way every day of the week!

The Daily Lectionary can be found online at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/> ...you can even sign up to have the daily reading e-mailed to you! If you're not the digital type, the lectionary is also listed in the back of our church hymnals on page 1121.

Whether you use the lectionary or another devotional practice, we encourage to pause in your daily routine to engage with scripture and recognize the presence and promise of God in our midst.

Service Ministry

The TLC Prayer Shawl Ministry meets February 3 at 10am We gather the first Monday of each month in the lounge at 10:00 to receive and pray over completed shawls, encourage one another as we work on new shawls, reflect on the gratitude of prayer shawl recipients, and, yes, socialize! If you would like more information, please call Sidney Mueller at (269)806-0023.

Personal Care Item Donations Needed As part of our care for our neighbors in need, the Christ Clothes closet has expanded its offerings to include personal care items. Items needed are:

- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet paper
- lotion
- razors
- shaving cream

Trinity's Loaves and Fishes Pantry Requests:

Although basic food needs are being met, our pantry clients are most grateful for extras that are not often included in our Loaves and Fishes orders. Adding any of these items to your grocery cart would be appreciated. They can be dropped off in the church office.

- Granola bars or similar items
- Pop tarts
- Peanut butter or cheese crackers in wrapped packages
- Snacks (in small bags).
- Baked beans (pork and beans)
- Plastic grocery bags

El Sol Elementary Outreach: El Sol Elementary School is just a few blocks away from Trinity and as their partners in serving the neighborhood, we want to show our support for their teachers, students and families! We will be collecting all the items listed below at Trinity and will deliver to El Sol in the fall when school starts back up! Please drop off during the week or on a Sunday! Thanks for your help in building a stronger connection with our neighborhood school!

- Kids Clothes Needed - It's time to clean out your kids' closets! El Sol Elementary has asked for help with supplying some of their students with winter clothes and gear, new socks and underwear, sweatpants and leggings. Snowpants are a particular need! Will you consider helping us spread the word and donating your kids' clothes here?
- School Supplies - Backpacks, crayons, standard washable school markers (Crayola) and plastic two pocket folders. These donations will be collected at Trinity. Look for sales this summer!
- Teachers Breakroom - non-perishable items like chips, candy, granola bars, microwave popcorn, drinks, ground coffee, and K-cups.

Emergency Food Box: Trinity is partnering with people in our neighborhood to stock the emergency food box located on Oak Street between Cedar and Lovell. Easy open, ready to eat, non-perishable foods such as cans with a flip top lid, ramen, granola bars, crackers, protein shakes etc. should be put in the box designated Emergency Food Box outside the Fellowship Hall. Call Rasma McMullen (269-349-9429) or Sandy Wallace (269-375-8876) with any questions.

Thrivent Grant Request - We are seeking Thrivent Grants! We have several needs between our Service Ministries, Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministries and Congregational Life Ministries that could use your help! With Thrivent Grants, we're able to continue to keep this time welcoming to all. Thank you!

Helping Hands Needed at Quilters!! No sewing required, please come and help with this project if you are looking for a place to volunteer and some conversation and coffee. Quilters meet the fourth (and fifth) Thursday of each month from 9am – 12noon. For more information, contact Teri at tkoretsky44@yahoo.com or at 269-567-4238.

Hold the date for Sunday, April 27, 2025 - the Kalamazoo Valley CROP Hunger Walk is back! New this year: Trinity Lutheran will be the starting and ending point for the walk! We are also working on an alternative activity during the walk for non-walkers. CROP Hunger Walks raise money for [Church World Service](#) hunger/ poverty reduction projects locally (~25%) and internationally (~75%). This year our local funds will go to Loaves & Fishes food pantry.

If you are interested in walking, donating to our Trinity team, or just would like more information, please contact Karn Erlandson (karnerlandson@yahoo.com; 269-579-0619). Our team web page is available for online donations at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/trinity-lutheran-kalamazoo>

Prayer Shawls are available for gifting to members of Trinity and their extended families and friends in times of healing, grief, celebration, or any other occasion one feels the need of God's loving presence. To request a prayer shawl, or with questions about our Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Sidney Mueller (269-806-0023), one of the pastors, or Julie Peterson, chair of the Caring Ministry team.

Volunteer Opportunities

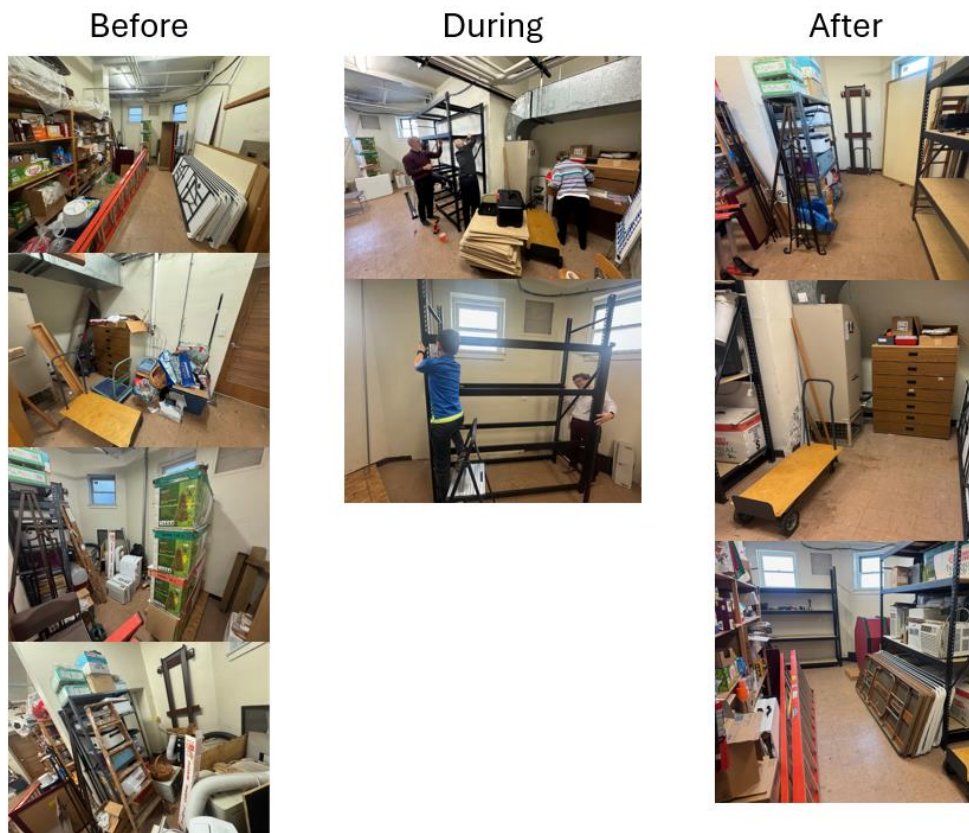
Please sign up for Fellowship Time and Altar Flowers! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall and help share God's love for our community! Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to provide flowers or host fellowship time for the coming months. This is a great way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events. *(And if you enjoy baking, we're always happy for help to stock our freezer for Sundays that might not have a fellowship host!)* *Altar flowers are \$ 20 per bouquet and should be ordered one week in advance. **Call or email the church office or sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you wish to put altar flowers on for a Sunday.**

Bike repair workshop for El Sol! Trinity is once again repairing bicycles to be donated to students and families at El Sol Elementary School! We have an abundance of donated bikes and we're partnering with Open Roads to make sure that the bikes are in top notch condition before passing them on to the students. The repair day at Open Roads will be on February 8th from 11-3ish and we're looking for 8-10 volunteers who are willing do the repairs. No experience is necessary as the staff of Open Roads will be there to teach and guide us along the way! Sign up in the fellowship Hall by Feb 2nd to be a part of the crew or speak with Pr. Jake!

We are once again hosting American Red Cross blood drives at Trinity in 2025. The next dates are Wednesday April 16, 2025, Wednesday June 25, 2025, Wednesday August 27, 2025. We are asking for volunteers to become part of the team to help with registrations/hospitality, some set-up and closing the church at end of the drive. If you are interested/able to do this, please contact Holly Wohlfert at 269-808-3889 or the church office. Thank you in advance for your help.

One of the suggested goals from some of our members is to have Trinity's location be "The Best Blood Drive in downtown Kalamazoo!" To help us attain that goal, please prayerfully consider becoming a donor! Also, if you are a Thrivent member and have access to Thrivent gift cards that could be used for prizes, we would welcome them as donations to help increase our donation numbers. Maybe we could also offer additional choices of post-donation goodies? If you have any ideas for ways to make us the best donation spot, please let Holly Wohlfert know!

Thank you to all who helped with the fellowship hall storage closet reorganization, cleaning, and shelf building. We got just about everything up off the ground, there is plenty of room to walk to get back to the utility room, and we've got some extra shelf space for future use.



Green Highlights in February...and a Mug Wall! Did you know that at Trinity we have solar power, a high efficiency boiler and light bulbs, Styrofoam recycling, and a number of other programs and features that help us care for God's good creation? If not, you're in luck, because during the month of February, the green team will have some informational displays out in the fellowship hall to help us all learn more about what we are doing as a congregation and what we can all do to help us all focus on our care for creation!

In addition, we will be adding a "Mug Wall" to the fellowship hall, so that you can bring your own mug to be reused from week to week! Instructions will be posted by the wall, so find a mug at home or the thrift shop that you'd like to use for coffee hour and bring it in!

Fellowship Events

Megan Floyd's Ordination! Saturday, February 1st at 2pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (1714 W Milham Ave, Portage) Everyone from Trinity is invited to celebrate the ordination of our intern and Vicar, Megan Floyd. A taco bar and dessert reception will follow. Please RSVP to Megan if you plan to attend, either through her Facebook event or by emailing Megan at pastormegcfloyd@gmail.com

Stew and Brew Chili Cook-off and Homebrew Competition! Join us on Saturday February 22 from 4:30-6pm for Trinity's second annual Stew & Brew Chili Cook-off and Homebrew competition! Bring your favorite homemade chili, cornbread, show off your homebrewing skills or just come out and enjoy some warmth and fellowship on a cold winter day! Cooks and brewers are invited to arrive around 4:15 with the tastings beginning around 4:30. This will be a people's choice competition so all styles of chili and home-brewed beverages are welcome! Contact Harry Jachym (hjachym@gmail.com) with any questions!

Ladies Lunch will be February 12 at 11:30am at Black Rock (550 Trade Center Way, Portage) This is a fun way to meet with old friends and make new connections with each other. All women are welcome! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall; hope to see you there!

Meeting of the Women – All women of all ages are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and friendship! On **February 13 from 6-8pm** we'll gather at One Well Brewing for Galantines' night! Come as you're able and stay as long as you like!



Pancake Breakfast! To celebrate the final Sunday before the beginning of Lent, the Youth will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast for the congregation! We'll be serving up pancakes and sausage **between services on Sunday March 2nd**. This has become a great annual event for our church and it will also be a fundraiser to benefit the youth fund for all of our activities!

Meeting of the Men! Meeting of the men is an "informal, come as you are, when you can" kind of get together with no agenda, just good conversation and a great opportunity to get to know one other guys who call Trinity home! We'll plan to gather at One Well Brewing Co. on **Wednesday February 19th from 5:30-7:00pm** for a relaxed time of fellowship and conversation!

Save the date – Euchre Tournament! Planning is in the works for a Euchre tournament and possible game night. Tentative date is Saturday, March 15th. For the Euchre tournament, you don't need a partner, there may be prizes, bring your choice of beverage and a snack to share. If you have any requests for other games to be offered, let Holly Wohlfert know via text 269-808-3889. Put a "save-the-date" on your calendar and watch for more updates in the upcoming weeks.

Message from the Church Council.

In 2024, our Council undertook a Visioning process to set goals for the next 3 years. All members brought in ideas, one of which was to increase Council communication and transparency with our congregation. As a result, I will provide monthly summaries of Council activity for this newsletter.

The Council met on January 12.

The Visioning strategies were discussed. Four action items were updated:

- 1) an emergency food dispensary has been established to insure people in need have access to food even when the church and our pantry are not open. This dispensary is on Oak Street and is being monitored by Rasma McMullen and Sandy Wallace. Members may leave food contributions for the dispensary in the basket at the entrance to Fellowship Hall.
- 2) Electrical system updates approved at the Congregational Budget Meeting are proceeding, with two contractors to provide proposals. Max Wineland is managing this process.
- 3) Interior signs is being assessed to ensure Members and guests know where to find things in our building. This review is being performed by Jen Gatz, Rasma McMullen and Sandy Wallace.
- 4) Sharing Council information with the Congregation will be done monthly by the Council President. As part of this effort toward transparency, all Members are invited attend monthly Council meetings. Our next Council Meeting will be held on February 23, 2025 at 12:15 p.m. in the Church Lounge.

The Council uses a "consent agenda" where each ministry submits a written report about their activities for the past month. The Secretary sends out a copy of these reports to all Council Members for review prior to the meeting. if there are no questions/comments about these reports, they are adopted and accepted. The saved meeting time is used to discuss future events, ideas, suggestions, etc.

This month we talked about the church's financial year end, concluding in a positive position! Pastor Jake brought up the 2025 CROP Hunger Walk which will begin and end in the Trinity parking lot on April 27. Holly Wohlfert reminded us that the Kalamazoo Gleaners is beginning operations this month and is looking for volunteers. Please go to their web site for more information.

The February Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Feb 2 in the church after second service. It will be chaired by Ashley Wineland, Vice President.

If you have questions about any of the above information, feel free to contact Julie Peterson at jtpeterson55@comcast.net. (or find her at 11:00 a.m. worship service!)



"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone." Ephesians 2:19-20

The cornerstone of the church on the northeast has the date of 1904. This was when the congregation was founded and why we recently celebrated the 120th anniversary. The building itself was not begun until 1926 and completed in 1927. So the structure approaches 100 years old. We have a beautiful sanctuary dedicated to the worship of God. As with any old building maintenance and upkeep becomes an ongoing concern.

The mission of spreading the Gospel and Good News of Christ, and the people of the church are of primary importance. The facility and structure supports that primary goal. Through the years we have replaced the church roof, brickwork, updated Altar area/Fellowship Hall/Kitchen/Gathering area in addition to numerous other projects. Several areas of our facility have once again been highlighted as in need of updating and repair. Our electrical system is over 50 years old. Areas of plaster are deteriorating (especially Cedar St. entrance). Some of the flat roofs have leaks and are detaching from walls.

In the coming weeks more information will be forthcoming as we move to address these structural upgrades and needs. Trinity continues to prioritize and be a very vibrant center of mission and outreach. God has blessed us through the past 120 years, and now we plan for the next coming years and decades. We continue to have new dreams and visions of how we might best bring the Light of Christ into the world!

May the peace of Christ be with us all in this New Year!

Pr. Ken

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Please keep these people in your prayers: Sandy Eschelbach, Linda Ward, David Mason, Rachel, Alex and Emma, Ruth Krueger, Bertha Boettcher, Jeannie Grubaugh, Beth Latshaw.