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Angel Tree Update Who do people say Jesus is? It's a new year, but an old question. A question that continues to be answered. Jesus posed it to His disciples, and they responded, some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; or one of the prophets. The responses came from Jews. Today many who claim to be Christians share descriptions of Jesus from Lord and Savior to psychological guide. We even hear some believe He's a concept of their own shaping. Beyond Christendom we find many know of Jesus, but they often don't know Jesus.

We decided almost a year ago to start an adventure together. A "get to know Jesus" adventure. So we've been reading through the book that's all about Him. It's a new year, and soon we will have been reading for an entire year! I hope it's been a great time! I also hope you keep it up; or if you've missed the trail, that you jump in here with us!

This new year is going to still have us answering the same old question: **Who do you say Jesus is?** God knows our hearts. Our neighbor, however, they need to hear it from our lips. What would you say today? How has that changed over the years? Since you began GOD'sText? Trinity's Bricks and Mortar Youth Ministry/Confirmation process is built as an adventure too. It's meant to guide our young people along the trail of knowing Christ, so that they can give an answer to anyone who asks, and to do it with gentleness and respect.

But that's really a lifelong process. But the adventure is NOT one we take alone. We walk the trails together. We walk with Jesus and we walk with fellow members of the body – of every age! If you are reading this, then I know our students could benefit from you. If you are reading this, I know you will benefit from them. Jesus entrusted His disciples with a special relationship. They were close to Christ. So are we! Jesus also entrusted sharing the answer to them. Not to one of them, but to all His disciples, together. We are looking for ways to integrate you into the lives of others through Bricks and Mortar, and we are looking for ways to integrate students and others into your lives through Bricks and Mortar.

If you are willing and interested, this month we will be having a meeting with people and preteens, where you can share what Jesus means to you and what He has done for you so that they learn how to speak about Him and think about Him in the world.

It's a new year...yet the same world. Jesus asks us to give it our answer, who do you say that I am? **Pastor Hinz**



God'sText

January 1

Wednesday Job 38-41 Thursday Job 42 Friday Psalms 1-6 Saturday Psalms 7-11

January 5

Monday Psalms 12-17
Tuesday Psalms 18-22
Wednesday Psalms 23-28
Thursday Psalms 29-34
Friday Psalms 35-41
Saturday Psalms 42-47

January 12

Monday Psalms 48-53 Tuesday Psalms 54-60 Wednesday Psalms 61-66 Thursday Psalms 67-72 Friday Psalms 73-77 Saturday Psalms 78-82

January 19

Monday Psalms 83-89
Tuesday Psalms 90-95
Wednesday Psalms 96-10
Thursday Psalms 102-106
Friday Psalms 107-113
Saturday Psalms 114-118

January 26

Monday Psalms 119-176
Tuesday Psalms 120-125
Wednesday Psalms 126-134
Thursday Psalms 135-137
Friday Psalms 138-143
Saturday Psalms 144-150

Our Angel Tree effort this year was an amazing success! Thank you all



for being a part of this valuable ministry to the children of prison inmates. The families

are so thankful for your generous participation. May our Lord bless each of you even as He blesses the children who received your gifts!

Many thanks for all the generous and thoughtful greetings, gifts and cards to all the office staff throughout the Christmas Season. May the Lord bless His Church and her people in 2020.

Pastor Hinz, Pastor Beck, Pastor Bakou, Daniel Reineke, Ruth Immerfall, Bonnie Meemken, Judy Rehwaldt

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In memory of

Joe Poepping:

Virgil and Sue Bragelman

Carol Behrendt

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events at Trinity this winter.



Find us on Facebook: Trinity Lutheran Church - Sauk Rapids Kindergarten Registration and information night will be Thursday, January 16th from 6:30pm—7:30pm at *Prince of Peace*.

JANUARY MEMORY VERSE:

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.

PSALM 1:1

DINE TO DONATE: Texas Roadhouse Monday, Jan. 27 from 4—9pm



The worship song, "God of Brilliant Lights" is a favorite of Worship and Music Notes The worship song, "God of Brilliant Lights" is a favorite mine. It was written by Scott Cash and is performed by Aaron Shust. Here is the story behind the song . . .

Scott was sitting in his yard one beautiful, sunny afternoon. As he sat there he began to think of the privilege and responsibility we have to be God's light to the world. In his head, he had an image of God using us to take light and tear through darkness and then see His light flowing throughout the world and spreading love and hope and life to people who haven't experienced those things.

There are so many places in the Bible that talk about Christ being the light in the darkness and the light breaking through the darkness. It is an honor to know and be told that God chose His believers to carry His name and love throughout the world so that others may know Him and know the life that is found in Him.

"God of Brilliant Lights" is a great song that can be used to encourage our church for mission outreach and focus on our everyday calling of being salt and light in the world around us . . . to people we come in contact with every single day. Our Response in Faith

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12/22	179	\$7085.75	\$253.00			

The God of brilliant lights is shining down over us breaking through the darkness covering all the earth Oh, His love is like an ocean; Oh, forever overflowing The God of brilliant

lights is shining over us.

In His light and love,

Ruth Immerfall, Contemporary Worship Director 320.291.9293/ruthimmerfall@gmail.com

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NEED A CHRIST-CONFIDENCE BOOST:

Blessed is [add your name], whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is [add your name], against whom the LORD counts no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit (Psalm 32:1-2).

Jesus was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Therefore, [add your name], since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God (Romans 4:25-5:2

{Add your name}, for your sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him {YOU} might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).

{Add your name}, He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds, {add your name}, you have been healed (1Peter 2:24).

A Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association Church and a Good Shepherd Community Congregation Sunday Services: 8:00am & 10:30am

Sunday School for All Ages: 9:15am

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Are you sure?

- What do the Scriptures mean by "LIFE" and "DEATH"?
- Can a person know for sure where he/she will spend eternity?
- Do people make their own heaven or hell in this life?
- Will you have a real physical body on the Last Day? Will Christ?
- Did God use evolution to create the world?
- How does the Holy Spirit work in people's lives today?
- Does God listen when you pray?
- Can you clearly explain these important Biblical concepts: Redemption, heaven, hell, salvation, atonement, inspiration, forgiveness, sin?
- How often should I go to the Lord's Supper? What do I receive?
- Why do we baptize babies? Can they believe? Aren't they sweet and innocent?
- Does it matter what church I belong to?
- Why does it matter *what* people believe, as long as they believe *sincerely* in God?
- True or False: To be a Christian means living a Godpleasing life according to the Ten Commandments.
- Someone says going to church makes you a Christian. Another says you can be a Christian without going to church. What does God say?
- Why has God put you in this world? What is the meaning and purpose of our life? What are you living for?
- I know enough about the Bible right now. Are you sure?
- Check this out...

"Life With God"

(Tuesday evenings, starting January 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m.)

Pastor Beck is teaching a 15-session Bible Study course entitled "Life With God." Here is some "high octane fuel" for faith in Christ. It examines basic Christian teaching using the Bible as our textbook. This class is open to all members of Trinity, to those desiring to join Trinity, and to those who are curious to learn what the Lutheran Church teaches on the basis of the Bible. Some of the topics include:

How can we know about God; different Bible versions; creation and evolution; the meaning and purpose of suffering; the grace and mercy of God; who is Jesus Christ and what He has done; what is the church; the resurrection of the body from the grave; the work of the Holy Spirit; Baptism; the Lord's Supper; the Ten Commandments; the certainty of salvation vs eternal security; the meaning of "life" and "death"; and much more!!!

The **Tuesday evening course begins on January 14 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Don't be afraid to come: No one will be "put on the spot," or forced to read out loud, or embarrassed for a lack of knowledge of the Bible. Attending the class does not obligate you to become a member of Trinity.

Your commitment to grow in the faith is worth your time. Satisfaction guaranteed. If after a couple weeks you don't think so you can feel free to stop attending!



Pre-registration is requested (include Name, Phone, & Email).

Sign up at the kiosk in the lobby; **call** the church at 320-252-3670; or **email** PastorBeck@trinitysr.org

January 20

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Jeff Cziok	1/2
Troy Knafla	1/2
Wayne Knafla	1/3
Matthew Paul	1/3
Jan Sorell	1/3
Riley Stockinger	1/4
Isaac Weappa	1/4
Ajullu Obang	1/5

Name	Bday
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Arlene Boese	1/6
Heidi Eisenlohr	1/6
Jessica Herbst	1/6
Suzanne Bacon	1/7
Delroy Kardell	1/7
Hannah Koepp	1/7
Gregory Wentworth	1/7
Ojuola Balo	1/8
Richard Feuling	1/8
Anne Philabaum	1/11
Holly Ramer	1/11
Heidi Anderson	1/12
Austin Terpstra	1/12
Russell Kath	1/13
Paul Mooney	1/13
Vernon Neils	1/13
Kristen Fuchs	1/14
Joshua Cassen	1/16
Darcy Freihammer	1/16
Duke Knafla	1/16
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Luke Walen	1/18
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