

WAITING FOR GOD

“Now to God who is able to strengthen you...according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles...to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever.” *Romans 16:25-27*

For the apostle Paul, the world was a place of waiting: “creation waits with eager longing...We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains...”(*Romans 8:19, 22*). Most of us are too well acquainted with waiting.

At Christmas many families wait anxiously for their loved ones to arrive. The weather report says that a cold front is moving in; the roads are icy. “They should have been here by now.” And we wait ... and we wait.

Most of us have waited for a doctor to see us. Finally, he comes in. “Hmm,” he mutters, “What is this lump under your arm? Better biopsy it and send it to the lab. “And so you wait with even more anxiety for the lab report. And wait....and wait...

Israel’s history was a history of waiting. “Let my people go,” said Moses to Pharaoh. And Moses and the Israelites waited...When the chariots of Babylon broke through Jerusalem’s defenses in 586 B.C. and carried the people into exile, the Israelites in a faraway land beside “the water of Babylon...sat down and wept” (*Psalms 137:1*) and waited.

But above all, Israel had been waiting for God’s Anointed:

Here is my servant...
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations...
a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice. *Isaiah 42:1, 3*

Paul had waited, too, along with his fellow Jews, until suddenly, “as to one untimely born (*1 Cor. 15:8*), it had come to him in a flash. Paul then poured his life into proclaiming that what Israel had waited for had come: the Christ, the Messiah, God’s Anointed, has come.

During Advent we wait and remember. We thank God for his provisions and for the faith He gives to us. As the prophets shared about the coming of the Christ, we are able to share about Christ being present in our world, in our lives, and in all of creation. This is our time to wait and ponder the goodness of our Savior for all He has done for us and, yes, wait for His second coming.

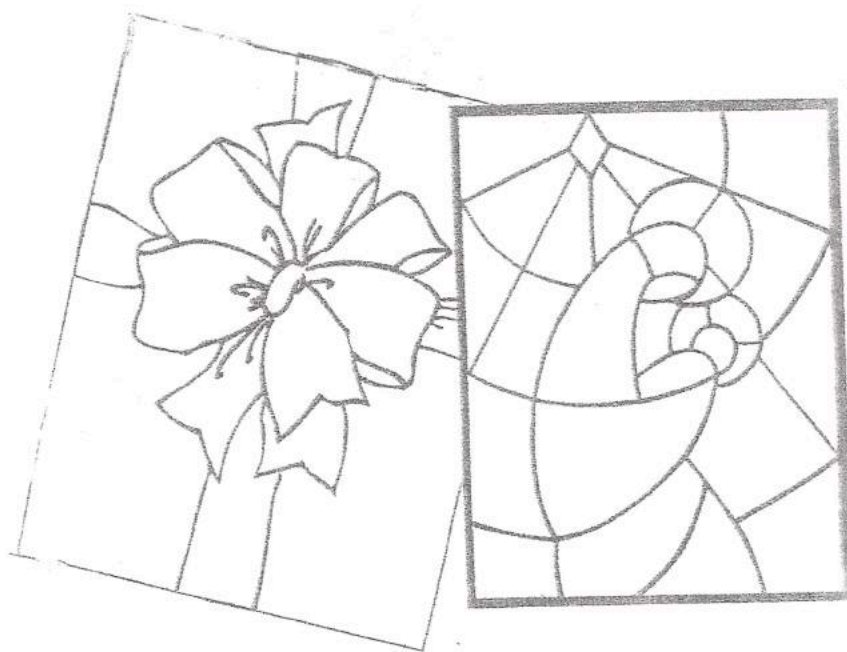
A most blessed Advent & Christmas to you

Pastor Schufreider

CHRISTMAS CARE CHRISTMAS GIVING

Trinity Lutheran Church
December 19 – 22, 2021

A fund-raising event for a senior who lacks funds for some basic necessities. This individual is deeply involved in her congregation and is very involved with LWML. We will hold a luncheon, bake sale, and boutique. (Hand-made items and gently used merchandise.)



"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38



CHRISTMAS MISSION LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 22
Noon

Following our luncheon we will be
singing the carols of Christmas in the
sanctuary.

Bring a dish to share!



Our *hearts*
in HIS *hand*

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8)

LWML

Meeting

Barbara Guevara is calling an LWML meeting for all women of the congregation on Monday, January 3 at 1 pm in the church library. Items to be discussed are the administrative fees we pay and mite projects here in our district and across the world. Join in.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

All midweek services via **Zoom** (Wednesday Dec 1, 8, 15) at 6:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/4361493761?pwd=YnFHZWpPWXPJV2dZeTErZkpmbHFMUT09>

Meeting ID: 436 149 3761

Password: 350350 (required if joining by phone or from the [Zoom site](#))

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Christmas Eve

First Lutheran Church 4:00 pm

(in person – **MUST RSVP** with Pastor)
also available via Zoom

Trinity Lutheran 7:00 pm

in person service at Trinity

Christmas Day

Trinity Lutheran 9:00 am

In person service at Trinity

Worship

Worship is sitting at His feet hanging upon His every Word.

Worship is gazing up in His tender eyes with a long and loving look.

Worship is lingering in His presence for the last ray of sunlight of His love before we close our eyes in sleep.

Worship is the heart awaking at the voice of the Beloved and straining to catch every accent.

Worship is watching for every opportunity to slip away and commune with the Lover of our souls.

Worship is breathing out praise and thanksgiving unto the glory of His grace as poured into His blessed lips.

Worship is reflecting back in our eyes the lovelight of the Beloved.

Worship is skipping to meet the Beloved after the hours of separation.

Worship is tuning the strings of our heart to sing His praise.

Worship is basking in the sunlight of His love, folded in the arms of His protection and loving watchcare.

Worship is pricking up the ears whenever anyone talks about Him.

Worship is seeking kindred spirits to share the joys of the Beloved with.

Worship is clinging to every word and letter from the absent Lover, that fills our hearts with longing for Him.

Worship is changing us in the image of Christ.

Jesus is named...

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ADVOCATE
 CHIEF CORNERSTONE
 DAYSPRING
 GOVERNOR
 HEAD OF THE CHURCH
 HOLY ONE
 HORN OF SALVATION
 I AM
 JESUS
 KING OF KINGS
 LAMB OF GOD
 LIGHT OF THE WORLD

LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH
 LORD GOD ALMIGHTY
 LORD JESUS CHRIST
 LORD OF ALL
 MESSIAH
 MIGHTY GOD
 MORNING STAR
 PRINCE OF LIFE
 PRINCE OF PEACE
 RESURRECTION AND LIFE
 RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

ROOT OF DAVID
 SAVIOUR
 SHEPHERD
 SON OF GOD
 SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
 THE ALPHA AND OMEGA
 THE TRUTH
 THE WAY
 WONDERFUL COUNSELOR
 WORD OF LIFE
 YESHUA

**Our LCMS Africa team**

THE BODY OF CHRIST

This last month was the first time in two years that the LCMS Africa team was able to come together as a group. Covid restrictions had put a hold on our plans several times, but finally, they eased enough so everyone could gather in Kenya for a five-day retreat.

In addition to the stress of Covid health concerns experienced by the entire team, some of us have had to endure other hardships such as floods, evacuations, medical issues, Covid restrictions and the departure of a few colleagues leaving the mission field. These events can have a deep impact on the whole team. So what better way for the body of Christ to come and heal together through worship and fellowship with one another.

We thank God for this time of restoration and renewal.



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Staying Connected



A snapshot of our Project 24 Donor Virtual Event and a slide (below) from one of my presentations

Since traveling still has many restrictions, we have come to find new ways to stay connected to the wonderful people who are supporting our work here in Kenya. In October, I was able to participate and help host two virtual events: one for Project 24 donors and one for my own personal supporters as well as people interested in learning more about my ministry in Kenya.

Both events allowed ample time for information from the field to be shared with the attendees, enabling people to learn more about this special program called Project 24. Pictures and stories were also shared in order for people to catch a glimpse of the impact that their support has on the work being done here in East Africa.

As virtual events have become more of the norm throughout the world, it is nice to take advantage of these opportunities to bridge

the gap between people in the states and people serving overseas. The more personal touch comes when the attendees of these virtual events are able to ask questions, furthering their knowledge and respect for the mission field. As a host, it also encourages us, knowing that each attendee has a true interest in supporting the work being done across the world.

Through these events, we hope to not only inform but to also encourage the participants to share their enthusiasm and support of the Lord's work with others.





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- our missionaries serving throughout the world
- The Kenyan students who are enduring this abnormal school calendar (due to Covid)

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- our partner church, the ELCK, for continuing to spread the Gospel to the far reaches of Kenya
- our T21 organization which was able to bring more awareness about Down Syndrome here in Kenya

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us



Letters, letters and more letters



Pictured here are three Project 24 sites where the students joyfully display letters from their sponsors.

As the calendar year concludes, we wanted the sponsors in the states and the students in Kenya to be able to communicate with each other once more. This is a great time for them to share Christmas greetings with one another and give thanks for the relationship that has been built over the year through their letter-writing.

The students enjoy receiving these letters, often times learning more about their sponsors life in America. The most frequent topics in these letters are family and weather.



The students especially love to hear about snow and see pictures, as they are not familiar with how it looks or feels.

Letter-writing is one of the great joys of bridging cultures across the world and sharing God's word with one another.



October was Down Syndrome Awareness month, so our little family helped organized and participated in two special events; a medical camp for needy special need families and a family fun sports day, lead by yours truly, Micah. About 50 special kids and their families enjoyed a day of food, relay races, soccer and other great activities. We are blessed to have this "additional family" in our lives. (see pics on the side).



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

To support the LCMS through the work of Britt Odemba, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The LCMS
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

or to: Mission Central - LCMS World Mission 40718 Highway E16 Mapleton, Iowa 51034

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Mark checks "Support of Odemba." Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website, on my online giving page at lcms.org/odemba.

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church ,

Greetings from Concordia Seminary. Thank you for all of your continued support of me going through the seminary. I have begun my fourth year now, and it has been a wonderful journey. The end of the third year of seminary means that vicarage has come to an end. I don't know what peoples' general thoughts are about the seminary's formation process of shaping men to be pastors in Christ's Church, but for whatever it is worth, I wish to express how wonderful that experience was for me, and I hope you know that what the seminary is doing is pretty great, and truly the work of God in the seminary is something for which we in the Church can genuinely give thanks.

My fourth-year classes are great! My classes include Psalms, The Seven Ecumenical Councils, Law & Gospel Polarity, and A Theology of Ethics and Human Care. It involves a lot of work, but I wouldn't have it any other way. The professors here are so good, and I forgot how much I missed them. They surely do a great job of teaching us of God.

I pray that you are well. I thank God that the COVID circumstances around the country are slowly settling down, and I pray that God would continue to remove this pandemic from our lives. Until then, may our hope remain steadfast in the restoration of the world in the new creation. For the work of Christ and His atonement of our sins grants us a peace that the world can neither give nor take away.

Peace be with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Henry". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Travis" written in a larger, more prominent style than the last name "Henry".

Travis Henry

CALL in Action

Providing Free, Healthy Groceries to Those in Need

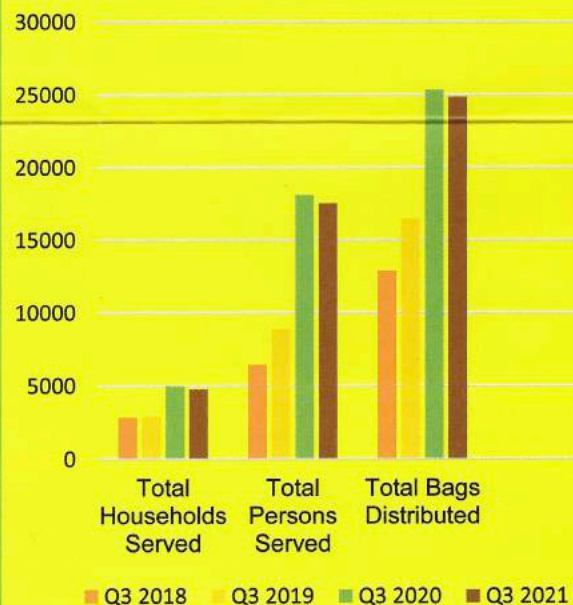
The CALL Primrose Quarterly Newsletter

FALL 2021

We Are Still 'In It'

As the Holiday Season approaches, and life for many is returning to business as usual, here at CALL Primrose we are still helping a record number of households with grocery support. Much of the progress made in the fight against hunger and food insecurity during the past few years has been lost as a result of the pandemic. What was already a significant problem in San Mateo County has only increased, with an estimated 11% of residents having experienced food insecurity in 2020. Children are a particularly hard-hit population, with roughly 15% of San Mateo County kids estimated to have lived in food insecure households during the year. This number is 60% higher than those experiencing food insecurity in 2018 and, as we near the end of 2021, demand remains at peak levels. What we have experienced here at CALL Primrose supports these numbers. In fact, we provided groceries for even more individuals in September of this year than we did in September of 2020 at what appeared to be the height of the Pandemic. As we approach the holiday season, we know our resources will be stretched even further. **Only with your support, can we continue to meet the need.** Please consider a making a donation today to help us continue to support those in our community in need.

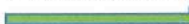
The Need Remains High



The "Cold", Hard Facts...

The dramatic increase in demand for CALL's services that followed the onset of the pandemic required us to increase our weekly inventory substantially. While finding enough on-site storage space for all of our dry goods became somewhat of a challenge, having enough **"cold storage"** space was an immediate issue. Our weekly deliveries for meats, yogurt, eggs, milk, cheese, yogurt and margarine,

more than doubled, creating a pressing need for additional cold storage and freezer space. Thanks to the collaboration with and generosity of our community, coupled with the unwavering support of Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, we have been able to install a brand new walk-in cold storage unit which provides us with ninety-six square feet of additional **"cold"** storage space to accommodate our growth. **Thank you for making this possible!**

Before and after the repurposing of CALL's back porch into a 'walk-in' cold storage space. 

"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded"

--RW Emerson

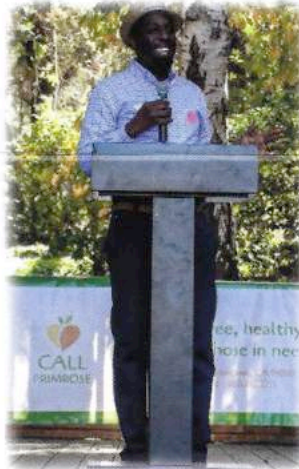


Saturday, October 16 was a Beautiful Autumn Day

On Saturday, October 16, members of the CALL Primrose community enjoyed the beautiful, warmer-than-average autumn day socializing and dining on a delicious buffet at CALL's third annual Brunch in the Garden. Held among the trees and flowers of Filoli Estate and Gardens, the event's program focused on the growing issue of food insecurity and CALL Primrose's mission to provide free groceries to families and individuals in need. Chef GW Chew, an entrepreneur and activist who has made it his life's work to bring healthy, affordable food to at risk populations, was the featured keynote speaker. The audience also heard how CALL Primrose has made a difference in the lives of two clients who never expected to rely on a food bank. The day wrapped up with a lively silent auction and Fund-a-Need session both of which support CALL's 2021 holiday meal program.



Guests enjoyed a beautiful day, hearing from key-note speaker Chef C.W. Chew while supporting CALL's mission.



Thank You For Thinking of Us

Please note that CALL Primrose is currently not accepting donations of food or other items. Financial donations that enable us to acquire specifically what we need continue to be most helpful at this time.

Thank You!

Restoring A Sense of Normal



CALL Primrose client Dafne receives the first backpack of the 2021 'Back-to-School' distribution

During the first two weeks of August, CALL Primrose distributed over 260 new backpacks to school age children residing in households enrolled with us, with the goal of providing a fresh start to the school year. The isolation created by distance learning has resulted in an especially difficult time for many of our youngest, most vulnerable community members. Receiving a new backpack filled with school supplies and books was a big step in the long journey back to 'normal'. Backpacks, books and supplies were provided by United Methodist Church of Burlingame, and committee Co-chair Merna Richardson was on hand to personally deliver the first backpack.

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Online church via Zoom: (Sunday at 9:15 am)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4361493761>

Meeting ID: 436 149 3761

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Trinity Lutheran Church

December 2021

Online Bible Study via Zoom: (Wednesday, 10:00)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74850656109?pwd=WDF4RUo5WCtVclBPbklaNlk3am12QT09>

Meeting ID: 748 5065 6109

Password: 8QPuWG

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 9:15 am – Zoom Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:45 am – In person Service	6	7 10:00 am – Bible Study	8 10:00 am – Online Bible Study 6:30 pm – Zoom Advent Service	9	10	11 9:00 am to noon - Church Christmas Decorating
12 <i>LWML Mites Sun</i> 9:15 am – Zoom Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:45 am – In person Service	13	14	15 6:30 pm – Zoom Advent Service	16	17	18
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2. Julian Scigliano
3. Jillian Meyer
8. Kyle Holder

2. Sydney Weiser
7. Robert Poole
26. Bob Volmer

LWML Mites
Collection for
November:
\$64.32

TRINITY WORSHIP SERVICES (on-line)

Zoom service remains for now at 9:15 am for those who are not able to make it to church

Sunday Service: **Meeting ID: 436 149 3761** (Sundays at 9:15 am)
Password: 350350

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/4361493761?pwd=YnFHZWpPWXpJV2dZeTErZkpmbHFMUT09>

Bible Study: **Meeting ID: 748 5065 6109** (Wednesdays at 10:00 am)
Password: 8QPuWG

Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74850656109?pwd=WDF4RUo5WCtVclBPbklaNlk3am12QT09>

Trinity Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

1245 El Camino Real

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Worship Schedule

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00 am

Sunday School

Sunday 10:00 am

Worship

Sunday 10:45 am