



Worthwhile Resolutions

With the start of another year, it means it's time to come up with resolutions for the year. More often than not, we make a list that sounds good, is comprised of lofty goals, and unfortunately, are often broken before the end of January. We try to make healthy-sounding goals, such as lose weight or not overindulge on sweets. We want to save money for that next big purchase or get ourselves out of debt. And we certainly can't forget the resolution of exercising! While these are good resolutions to have, we fail to take into account another set of resolutions we should have, resolutions that are more beneficial to us than what we think: spiritual resolutions.



What resolutions could we set with regard to our faith? For those keeping track, there are 52 Sundays in a year. Could we make a resolution to be in the Divine Service "X" Sundays out of the year, hearing the Word of God, receiving the body and blood of Jesus? What about Bible study? Could we make a resolution to read thru the Bible in a year, be more consistent in our daily devotions (or start having daily devotions)? What about stewardship? Could we make a resolution to give to the work of the Church on a more consistent basis?

Setting worldly resolutions often tend to be a good idea with poor execution and more often than not, fail to be kept. When it comes to our faith, the resolutions we set should be to our benefit, not something we are quick to break. Resolve to strengthen your faith receive the gifts which God has prepared for you. While that sounds like Law, the benefits of those resolutions are indeed Gospel, and who doesn't need a little more Gospel in their lives?

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter Article – January 2019

It is no secret that God calls us to be generous with the gifts He has given us. Throughout the Bible, we read that just as God has generously given to us, so are we to give generously one to another. As Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35) and “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

But God also calls us to give to Him. And He, who does all things well, presses it into service for the benefit of all the people of God. See for example what God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, after he and the people were safely brought out of Egypt across the Red Sea on dry land:

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, goatskins,[a] acacia wood, oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. (Ex. 25: 1-9)

Notice in verse two that the Lord instructs Moses to tell the Israelites to “take for me a contribution” and that from everyone motivated from gratitude for what God has just accomplished and given to them, Moses is to gather up “the contribution for me.”

Pay attention, though, why the Lord wants the people of Israel to gather up these contributions for Him. God tells Moses precisely why: “let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.” The purpose for the contribution of the Israelites was so that He may dwell with them, that He would live among them. Through the tabernacle and the priesthood, through their rites and ceremonies, through their feasts and festivals, as through means, the Lord God, who brought them out of the bondage of Egypt would live and dwell among them and be their God, and lead them into the promised land, which flowed with milk and honey.

God dwells among us still. In the fullness of time, God's son was born of woman, born under the law to redeem those under the law. He brought us out of bondage to sin, death, the devil, and Hell, and He did this by His obedient suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension. But He is not gone. He dwells with us through the means of His Word and His sacraments, through the preaching and the teaching of our pastors, through the rites and ceremonies of our liturgy. He dwells with us in the Church through those means. And He is leading us to the true promised land, to the new heavens and the new earth in the new creation.

In the meantime, as God, even now, continues to call us to give to Him, let us, who have been saved from slavery to sin and death, the devil and hell, be so moved in our hearts as to give generously to Him so that the means of grace, the means of His gracious dwelling among us, would continue now and into the future. For just as He did then so does He do now. He presses the gifts given to Him into service for the benefit of all His people. He puts it to use so that we may have Him with us always, even unto the end of the age.



LWML

Trinity LWML will be holding its next general meeting on Sat. Jan. 19, 2018 at 9:30AM at church. Ruth Circle will be the host circle. At this meeting the disbursement of bazaar funds will be determined.

In 6 months the National LWML will be holding its convention in Mobile AL. New Mission Grants and Mission Grant Goal will be selected for the 2019-2021 Biennium. At their convention in Albuquerque NM in 2017 a Mission Grant Goal totaling \$1,582,250.00 was adopted. As of Dec. 14, 2018 \$1,066,750.00 has been disbursed to fund the grants, leaving \$515,500.00 yet to be funded. Please pray for the remaining grants and those who are served by them. As an auxiliary organization of the LCMS, the LWML seeks to assist the Church in bringing the saving Gospel to all people. This is accomplished through the Mission Grants. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

We pray that as these bazaar funds and Mission Grants are disbursed God be given all the Glory!

Serving the Lord with Gladness

Bert Maki, Pres.

Trinity LWML

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Trinity Lutheran is excited to announce that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Online giving allows you to go to our church website at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.trinity-gillette.org
2. Click on the **Give** tab at the top of the page
3. Click on the **Login/Sign Up** at the top right
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your one-time or recurring contributions.

ABOUT THE COVER

January 6



About the Cover: "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews?" the Magi asked. God led some far-off foreigners by the star to start asking the right questions. He used the Holy Scriptures to provide the answer: Bethlehem, the city of David. This Epiphany, like every season, God leads people who were once far off to find their King present in His Word and Sacraments.

January 13



About the Cover: From the open heavens comes the Spirit. Christ is the Chosen One. There is no doubt about who is the Christ; it is Jesus! Jesus is the one with whom God is pleased. He is God's Son. He takes on a Baptism of repentance in our place in order to fulfill all righteousness. Here, He begins His ministry, which leads to the cross and resurrection.

January 20



About the Cover: How fitting that the first miracle of Jesus' ministry is at a wedding. Jesus has come to seek out His Bride, the Church. Celebration is the right response because He brings the best. As we look forward to that heavenly feast when He comes again, today we get a foretaste in Holy Communion, where Jesus has given us not merely bread and wine but His very body and blood.

January 27



About the Cover: As the scroll of Isaiah is unfurled, God's fulfillment of His promises is poured into the ears of the people. This is "the year of the Lord's favor," and it is found in Jesus, the one whose arms would be spread out upon the cross. Those promises are true for us. God continues to roll out His promises into our ears by His Word.



January 2
Carissa Rohrbach
Daniel Bonine
January 3
Miranda Marquard
Saul Basham
January 4
Michael Luhr
Maya Lund
January 6
Joyce Oldenburg
Reuben Rothleutner
January 7
Chloe Woods
Melody Geggelman
January 10
Michelle Luhr
McKinnley Sloan

January 11
Bridget Cargal
January 13
Gabriel Tislau
January 14
David Lund
January 15
Halle Hanson
January 17
Sadie Dockter
January 18
Dean Schipansky
Ruth Thompson
Pam Mills
Forrest Rothleutner
January 19
Tarren Young
January 20
Tavin Arellano

January 23
Nora Wise
January 24
Gordon Shinkle
January 25
Kathy Stricker
January 26
Steve Oldenburg
Gaylen Neugebauer
January 27
Donna Lund
Shannon Tharp
Heather Rohrbach
January 30
Jeff Pahl
Taylor Tresch
January 31
Patrick Elliott

January 4
Ted & Marge Wicks
January 5
Craig & Suzanne Wollman
January 7
Terry & Janet Tharp
January 14
Rev. Jared & Gwen Tucher
January 16
Steve & Joyce Oldenburg
January 26
*Wayne & Diana
Overby*



*Altar Guild
Sandy Arendsen & Kenda Ford*



January 2019

Sun

Mon

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Sat

		1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5
<i>Pastor out of office.</i>						
6 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30am	7 Preschool 9:00am-11:30am	8 Preschool 9:00am-11:30am Pastor in Buffalo Board of Ed. Meets~4:30pm	9 Preschool 9:00am-11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm	10 Preschool 9:00am-11:30am Bible Study 9:30am Elders Meet 6:30pm	11 Preschool 9:00am-11:30am	12
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Thursdays - 9:30am
Sundays - 10:30am



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Goopy and Cheesy Warm Bacon Dip
From Terri Triebs



January 6 th 9:00am	Alyssa Ahlers
January 13 th 9:00am	Stephanie Gray
January 20 th 9:00am	Usher
January 27 th 9:00am	Kylie Hanson

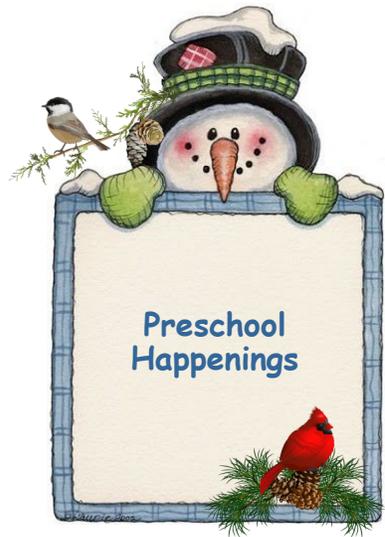
Ingredients

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1½ cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- ½ cup sliced green onion



Method

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. Combine softened cream cheese, sour cream, cheddar cheese, bacon and green onion. Spoon mixture into a 1-quart baking dish and bake for 25-30 minutes, or until cheese is bubbling and hot.
3. Serve with bread slices, crackers, or veggies



Preschool Happenings December, 2018

The month of December literally flew by as our preschoolers not only concentrated on academics but also on preparing for our Christmas programs. We focused on the letters O, F, and J, the color green, the triangle shape, and the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The children created sweet felt snow kids and beaded snowflake ornaments for our preschool tree and adorable foot print mistletoes to decorate our preschool walls. Each preschooler painted a special ornament decorated with their little smiling faces to give to their parents as a Christmas gift. The Christmas programs were simply amazing! Our students performed wonderfully and every child was so very proud to have loved ones in the audience enjoying the songs and poems.

It was truly a joyous celebration!
Please keep the preschool, teachers and families in your prayers in the new year!

God's peace ~
Terri Triebs

January 6 9:00am	Elder: Dan Luhr Darla Even, Jacob Even, Terri Triebs, Debbie Hopp, Wendy Dornan
January 13 9:00am	Elder: Bryan K. Mills Greg Schliske, Btyan Mills, Dan Luhr Bryan K. Mills
January 20 9:00am	Elder: Gery Wanner Ted Wicks, Dean Schipansky, Susy Schipansky
January 27 9:00am	Elder: Ron Bothwell Lowell Thompson, Evan Schliske

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,
Whether I leave behind
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

I pause to *give thanks*.
Thank you for being with me
every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things **new**
and for giving me the grace of
fresh starts

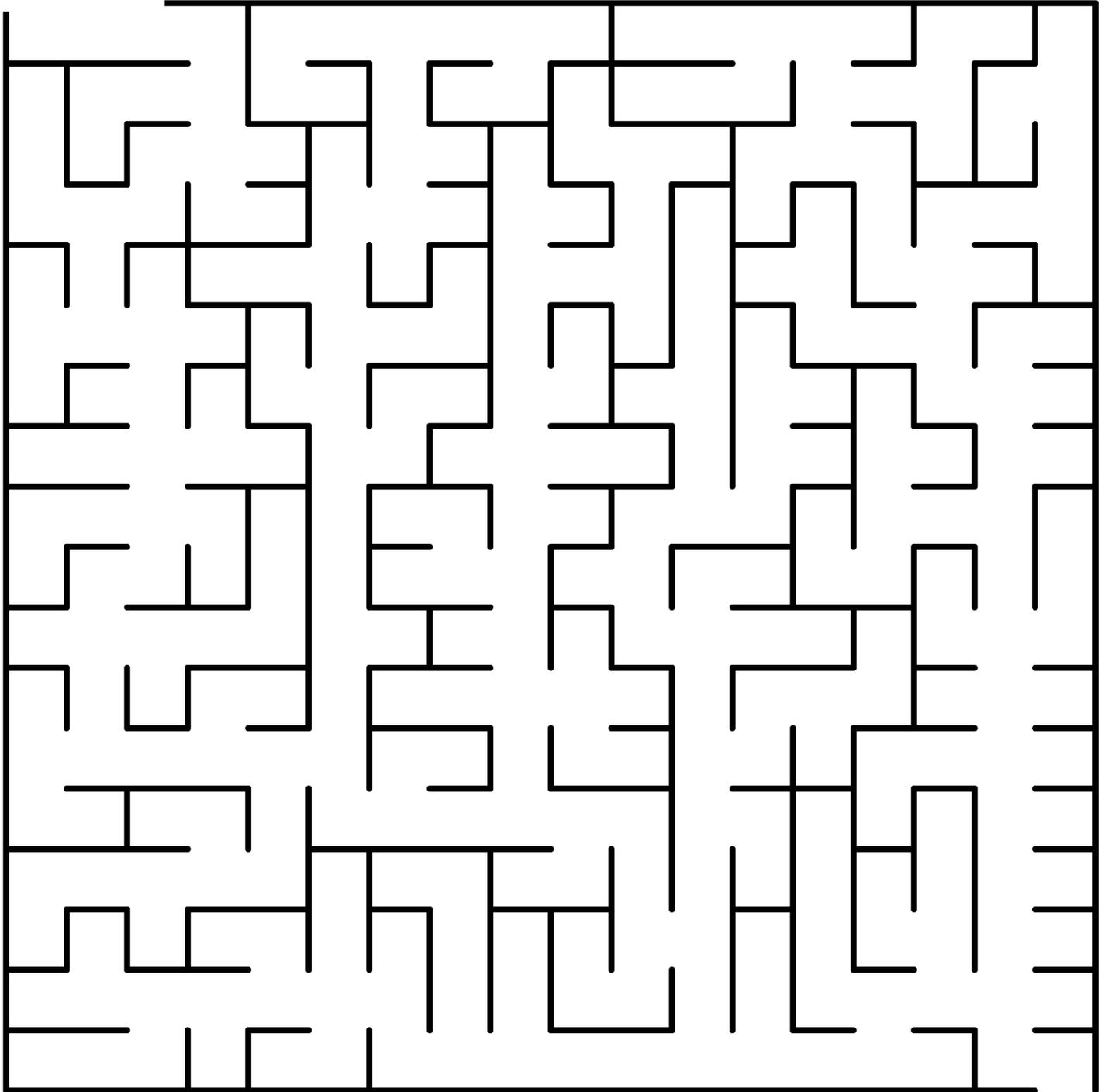
and *new beginnings*.

Remind me of your presence in the days to
come,
even when I feel pushed and rushed by
busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year.

Amen

Kids Page
Help the Wise
Men Find Jesus



Coloring Page

