

The call to .....

*follow Jesus*



THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 20-21 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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*Third Sunday of Epiphany  
Riverside Bible Camp Sunday*

January 20, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

January 21, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

*Urgent. Mysterious. Demanding, but also lifegiving. The call to follow Jesus is all these things, and more. This weekend we explore God's call to follow. From Jonah to Paul to Jesus and his disciples, we hear how God draws and gifts us to leave what is old and tired for the sake of true life and freedom in Christ.*

**Welcome to Trinity!** We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

**We love having small children in worship!** Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

**Large print bulletins and listening devices** are available from the ushers.

**Activity Bags** are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

**Serving in Worship This Weekend**

**Pastor** Dan Gerrietts

**Organist** Ryan Hulshizer

**Greeters** Ken and Paula Zimmerman

**Coffee Fellowship**

Ronda Smith

Gary and Sharon Lindgren

**Communion Assistants**

5:00 p.m. Carlyle and Leslie Dalen

Patty Flatness

9:00 a.m. Jake & Nancy Rockman

Nancy Clarke

**Scripture Readers**

5:00 p.m. Patty Flatness

9:00 a.m. Nancy Rockman

**Technical Support**

9:00 a.m. Sophia Fitzgerald, Reid Hendrikson

Evelynn Hunt

**Worship Transportation**

Dean Graven and Craig Remmen

**Ushers**

5:00 p.m. Suntken Family

9:00 a.m. Daryl Erickson

Kevin Hendrikson

Burton TeKippe

Jim Zach

**Our Mission** *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

# GATHERING

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Greeting from Riverside Bible Camp (9:00a.m.)—Caitlyn Skarin

*Associate Program Coordinator*

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God, our rock and refuge,

**C we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another  
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit  
dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us,**

**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

**C Amen.**

**\*Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**WNA Children's Tone Chimes Choir** (9:00am)

Directed by Deb Nielsen

**First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

L <sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.  
<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

L <sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg 124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the first chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

## \*Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

P <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW 815

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

### **\*Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **MEAL**

### **Announcements**

#### **Offering**

Text to Give is available at Trinity!  
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.  
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.  
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



#### **\*Offertory**

#### ***Songs of Thankfulness and Praise***

ELW 310

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise:**

**Manifested by the star to the sages from afar,**

**Branch of royal David's stem in the birth at Bethlehem:**

**Anthems to be thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

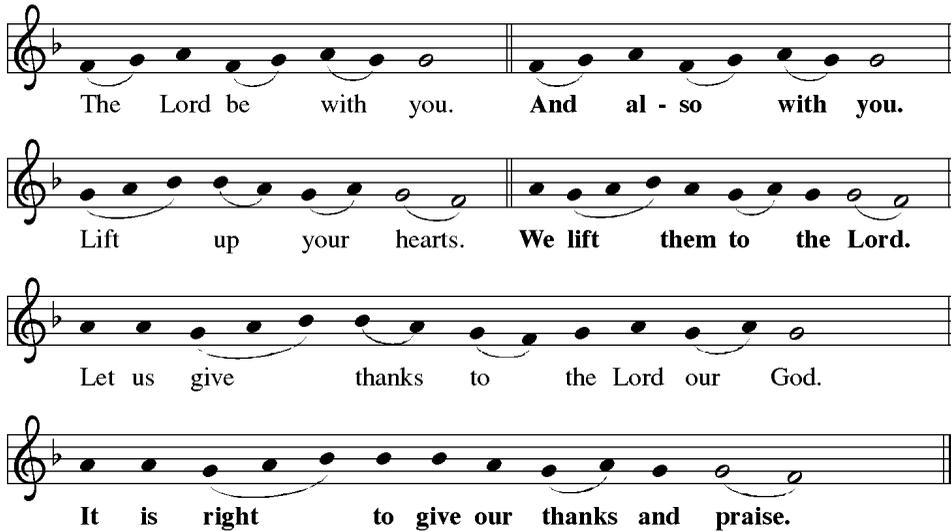
#### **\*Offering Prayer**

P Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

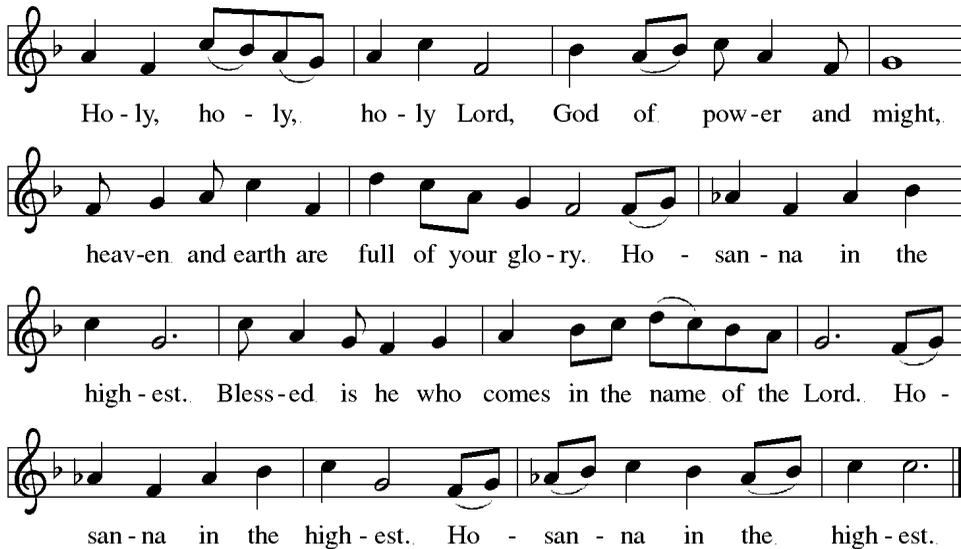
ELW pg. 129



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW pg. 130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*Words of Institution**

## \*Lord's Prayer

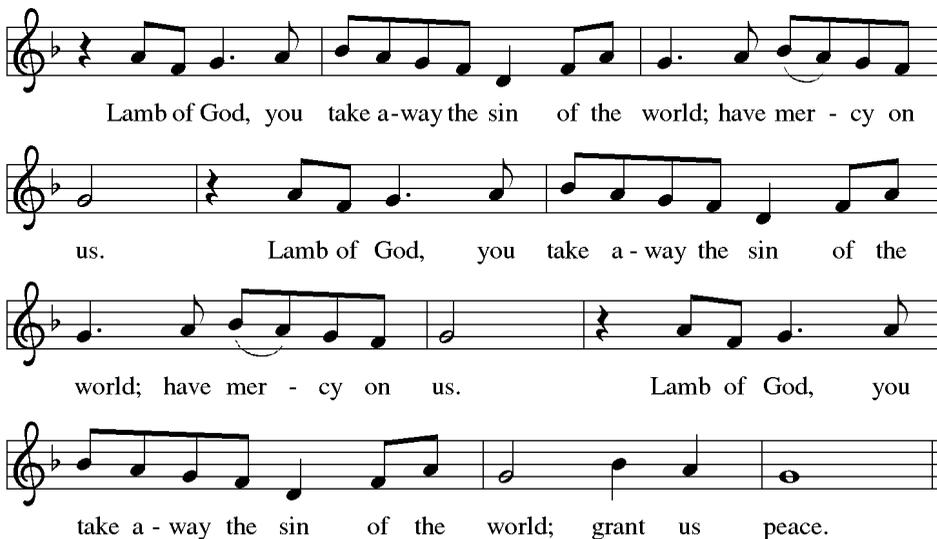
C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Communion

*All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary, you will be kneeling at the rail. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available. If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.*

## Lamb of God

ELW pg. 135



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Communion Hymn**

*I Love to Tell the Story  
Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

ELW 661

ELW 696

**\*Prayer after Communion**

P Giver of every gift,  
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power  
for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

**\*Blessing**

P God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

**C Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

*O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True*

ELW 675

**\*Sending**

P Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers**—are given by **Jake and Nancy Rockman** in honor of Nancy's birthday which was January 19th.

**Bulletins**—the cover art is sponsored by **Harlan and Marge Baack** in honor of the birth of Micah Dennis Hanson son of Pastor Daniel Hanson and Aimee Lenth.

**Blood Pressure Checks**—Sunday, Jan. 21st from 10-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Space.

### Walking to Better Health

**Wednesdays in January | 10:30 AM** | *Gathering Space*

We will walk in place with easy-to-follow moves to shape the waistline, flatten the tummy, and strengthen the back. These DVD workouts are high energy and loads of fun!

### **BASES Exercise Class—Tuesday & Thursday**

**| 8-9:00 a.m.** | *Gathering Space.*

This free exercise class for adults age 55 or older is coordinated by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and led by RSVP volunteers. The low-impact exercises are designed to help stretch and strengthen the whole body.

## NORDIC CHOIR

### CONCERT AT TRINITY

**Saturday, February 3 | 7:00 PM**

Trinity Sanctuary

Join us for a concert by the Luther College Nordic Choir! You won't want to miss the stunning performance by these students under the direction of Dr. Andrew Last. A free-will collection will be taken to support the choir.

The members of the choir will **NEED OVERNIGHT HOUSING** that night and transportation to and from the church. If you are interested in hosting 2-4 students (or more!), please email Molly Gerrietts at [mollygerrietts@hotmail.com](mailto:mollygerrietts@hotmail.com) with the following information: Number of beds available in your home and whether or not you have a pet(s). Further information will be shared with you as needed.

**Please contact Molly Gerrietts by emailing her at: [mollygerrietts@hotmail.com](mailto:mollygerrietts@hotmail.com) ASAP!!!**

## TLC OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Worship Greeter** – Greet worshippers as they enter the building for weekend and mid-week services. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Usher** – Distribute bulletins, welcome, collect offering, usher people for communion. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Worship Transportation** – Assist Region 2 Transit driver in picking up those needing a ride to Sunday worship. Volunteer position. Contact the office
- **Community Kitchen Volunteers**—Trinity provides volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at the Community Kitchen, *either the 1st Monday of each month from 9-1:00 and the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4-6:30 p.m.* See the bulletin boards by the church office. It is a fun opportunity to engage in being a member of a servant church.
- **Help at Affordables**—Trinity provides volunteers to help sort donated clothing at Affordables on the **2nd Wednesday of each month from 9-11:00 a.m.**

*For more worship serving opportunities, go to [trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers](http://trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers)*

### Trinity Lutheran Church's Weather Cancellation

**Policy** (due to inclement weather) is as follows:

- If Mason City School District has a **2-hour late start**, all morning activities are canceled.
- If Mason City School District has an **early dismissal**, all afternoon and evening activities are canceled.
- If Mason City School District is **closed for the day**, all day and evening activities are canceled.

Any cancellations made by Trinity Lutheran Church will be communicated via the following media outlets: **KIMT**, **KCMR 97.9 FM**, our **Facebook page**, and on our **website**, [trinity-mc.org/announcements/](http://trinity-mc.org/announcements/).

## John Adams Winter Food Bank Drive

The John Adams Middle School (JAMS) backpack food drive will begin **January 20 and end on February 4**. There will be two drop sites, one by the office and one by the stairway to the sanctuary. Lists of foods that are needed will be located in the front of the box. Thanks in advance to all those who donate to this wonderful program!

## The 2024 Flower Calendar and Bulletin

Calendar have been posted. If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary while enhancing Trinity's sanctuary for the celebration of worship, please consider donating altar flowers or colored bulletins for a weekend. Both calendars are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Altar Flowers are \$45 and Bulletins are \$25

## Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications and re-applications for the 2023-2024 school year are available to pick up outside the church office. Forms are available on Trinity's website at [trinity-mc.org/college-scholarships/](http://trinity-mc.org/college-scholarships/). Applications must be turned in to the church office by March 1, 2024.

## Puzzle Exchange

**Sunday, January 28 | 10:00 AM** | Fellowship Hall

The Health Cabinet is hosting a puzzle exchange to give your health a boost! Bring your gently used PUZZLE(S) and go home with "new" one(s)! *Bring 1-Get 1 ~ Bring 2-Get 2 ~ Bring 3-Get 3, and so on.* You may drop off your puzzles any time during the week or bring them to church that Sunday. If you cannot attend in person, other plans can be made. If you have questions, contact Becky at [becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org](mailto:becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org).

# *Wednesday Night Alive*

January 24, 2024

**Meal is at 6pm**

*Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn and Dessert.*

Free Will Offering

**Programming begins at 6:30**

- **The Chosen** Join Pastor Dan Gerrietts for a viewing and discussion of The Chosen, a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the show shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. This class will be held in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Kindergarten - Grade 6** students will come to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with a new activity each week.
- **Confirmation : Grades 7 & 8** Will be attending activities at Twenty Fore Seven—from 6-7:30 p.m.
- **Flame: Grades 9-12** - Will meet beginning Jan. 24.

**Home Alone Workshop—Wednesday, January 24 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

The Home Alone Workshop is designed for youth in grades 3-6 to help prepare them for times when they are home alone. Discussion topics will be creating a home-alone plan, important phone numbers to have available, and how to deal with a variety of situations, both emergency and non-emergency. This class will be held on the 2nd floor of the Sunday School Wing as part of Wednesday Night Alive. If your child doesn't regularly attend WNA, please sign up in the church office by Monday, January 22, for this special event.

## Riverside Bible Camp

All Trinity members and their friends receive a subsidy to attend camp, however, the registration policy has changed and is new for 2024. Information sheets detailing everything you need to know are available in the gathering space today, outside the church office, and on our web site. If you have any questions, contact Marty Greder, Trinity Director of Education.

## Trinity Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 28

12 :00 PM—Trinity Fellowship Hall & Zoom

### Trinity Youth will serve lunch at 11:30 AM

Menu: TatterTot Casserole, Salad & Dessert

Free Will Offering—see sign up on the bulletin board.

Agenda: Pastoral Call Process Update

2024 Mission Goals and Budget

Announcement from Legacy Fund Committee

Columbarium Update

To attend online and/or to receive the meeting packet in advance,

register at [trinity-mc.org/annual-meeting](http://trinity-mc.org/annual-meeting)

### Visio Divina—Tuesday January 30 | 10:00 AM |

MacNider Museum 303 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, Mason City

Visio Divina, or “sacred seeing,” is an ancient form of Christian prayer in which we allow our hearts and imaginations to enter into an image in silence to see what God might have to say to us. We will meet at the MacNider Art Museum, where you will be invited to choose one painting or sculpture that seems to catch your eye. You will then spend time gazing at that one object and reflect on questions or the personal meaning it evokes in you. Come and encounter the Divine through visual art.

### Grades 7 - 12—Winter Jam | Friday, February 2

All 7th-12th graders are invited to Winter Jam in Des Moines. We'll load vehicles or a van at 5:00 PM and head to Wells Fargo. One car may leave later if several kids want to go after practices. We will have sub sandwiches to eat on the way. We hope to return by 12:30 AM. Tickets cost \$15 at the door. Scholarships are available. Contact Carol Dettmer with questions at [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org).

### Grades 5 - 8—Bulls Game | Saturday, February 3

All 5th-8th grade students and their families are invited to the North Iowa Bulls game on Saturday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM. No cost—this is a sponsored event. Mark your calendars for this fun event, **and RSVP by February 1 by**

**emailing Carol Dettmer** at [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, January 22

9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina (Rm. 322)  
9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, January 23

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
9:30 a.m. Caregivers Support Group (Rm. 300)  
Noon Staff Meeting  
4:15 p.m. NordKor Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)  
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (Rm. 300)  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Rm. 208)

### Wednesday, January 24

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)  
10:30 a.m. Clapper Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m. Walk to Better Health (Gathering Space)  
4:00 p.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen  
6:00 p.m. WNA Meal  
6:30 p.m. WNA Programming

### Thursday, January 25

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

### Saturday, January 27

*Our guest Preacher for Jan. 27-28 will be  
Pastor Darrel Gerriets*

**5:00 p.m. Worship Service**

### Sunday, January 28

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service**  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Puzzle Exchange  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**  
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting Lunch (Fellowship Hall)  
**Noon Annual Meeting** (Fellowship Hall)

**Caregivers Support Group** will meet on  
Tuesday, Jan. 23rd from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Rm. 300