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Dear friends in Christ,

If you are reading this, it is likely a new year or it will be a new year very soon. As I look into 2024, I'm very aware that my time at Holy Trinity is getting shorter. Just as the Call Committee continues their work, I continue to wait for God to show me my next opportunity. I will take some of the love from this congregation and share it with my next group of parishioners.

I have come to love Lebanon as a place where I could live and work independently. I have also come to love all of you. Thank you for your grace and understanding. Lebanon will always hold the place in my heart as it was the first time I was able to serve a full-time Parish. This had been a hope of mine for several years before I met all of you.

As the days go by, I am starting to feel a little bit of grief. Oftentimes one of the hardest parts of ministry is leaving a congregation that you love. This is certainly true for me. Thank you for that challenge. Two years goes by quickly when you are having fun. Thank you for all the kind words and the laughter. Each Parish I have served has taught me how to be a better pastor. Holy Trinity is no exception.

This time of year is normally a time of New Year's resolutions. I've never been a fan of these kinds of things. Normally they only stress me out and remind me of everything that I shouldn't eat. I do not make them because I cannot keep them.

If you make New Year's resolutions and can successfully keep them I applaud you. I encourage you to do what works for you. I also think that rather than making New Year's resolutions, we might be able to see this time as a Time of new beginnings. As you



prepare for a new pastor and I prepare to serve another congregation, I encourage you to give that a try.

Instead of being bound to a New Year's resolution that will either fail or deprive you of something that you enjoy, try to see the

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BLESS US
in this new year, Lord.



My future is in
YOUR
HANDS.
PSALM 31:15, NLT

Church Council Members

Louise Lundquist (*President*)
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Brad Bishop (*Church Treasurer*)
Kathy Bishop
Nancy Brightbill
Jay Brown
Jack Derfler
Karen Fitting
Scott Hower
Lynn Kern
Louise Lundquist
Rita White



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Worship/Music—Paul Copenhaver
Finance—Horace Ehrgood
Christian Education—Elizabeth Hershey
Property—Henry Wampler
Archives— *Position Vacant*
Social Ministry—Jim Dibert
Social Activities—Stephanie Kaylor



Our Vision...Our mission is to grow in faith and discipleship, share the Good News of Jesus through word and deed, love others as Christ loves us, and celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacraments and service.

Our Mission...We are a community of believers who come together in:

- ✠ **Worship** to be transformed by the presence of Jesus Christ in and through God's gift of Word and Sacrament.
- ✠ **Christian Education** to deepen our faith and strengthen us in faithful service, trusting in the creative activity of the Holy Spirit.
- ✠ **Friendship** to celebrate our unity in Christ and sustain and nurture each other as we journey with Him in our day-to-day lives.
- ✠ **Stewardship** to gratefully use the time, talents and possessions we have been given in furthering our mission in response to Jesus' call and the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- ✠ **Evangelism** to share the Jesus story so that others may come to know God's reconciling grace and the peace, joy and hope that his divine grace gives.
- ✠ **Social Ministry** to respond to the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our neighbors and advocate for the poor, hungry and vulnerable peoples of the world.

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beginning of 2024 as a time for new beginnings. New Year's resolutions are all about what we think we need to do or what we should do. They also could be about what we think we need to not do. Either way, they are all about us.

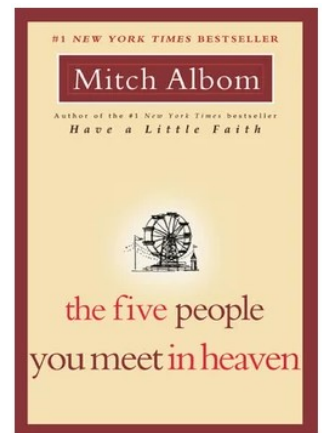
By contrast, New Beginnings are Spirit Led. New Beginnings are all about what God is doing and what God can do. I know that God can and God will do great things for you and through you in the months and years to come. As we start this New Year, God's work has already begun. I cannot wait to see what God has in store. If you are a person who keeps New Year's resolutions, also keep an eye out for the new things that God is doing for you and through you. Also watch for the new things and the new beginnings that are taking place in the life of your beloved congregation.

God's blessing,

Pastor Tim

January's Book

Join Pastor for lunch and a book discussion. This month's book is *The Five People You Meet In Heaven* by Mitch Albom. Copies are available at the Welcome Table. Discussion will take place starting Wednesday, January 10 at noon. We will meet in the Social Room. Pack your lunch and join in the discussion. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please see Pastor Tim.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES



We have a small lending "library" of equipment and new medical supplies that are available for use by members of Holy Trinity. Some of the items include: wheelchairs, shower chairs, medical bed, pads for beds, adult diapers, and more. If you have a need or would like to donate an item, please contact the Church Office at 717-273-8567.



LCCM Food Bank Item

The items requested in January is **soup and saltine crackers**. Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the red shopping cart labeled “LCCM

Food Bank” located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place).

Please continue your generosity by continuing to donate to the Food Bank. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

WORSHIP *with us*



January 2024 Worship Schedule

January 7, 14, 21, & 28

9:00 AM—Traditional Service

10:15 AM— Sunday School for all ages

Radio Worship Service:

There will be a radio broadcast of the service available to those who are parked just outside of the church, either in the parking lot or on the street. Just tune your radio to 88.5.

Online Worship Service:

Our online worship will continue to be available. You can find the service by going to <https://www.trinityleb.org/links>. Here you will find links to the live-stream, the bulletin, and the replay of the service so that you can watch at any time you wish during the week.

Aluminum Can Collection

The church continues to collect aluminum cans for recycling. Please bring the aluminum cans (**rinsed & flattened**) to the church weekdays during church office hours, or bring them along to church, Sunday School, or any other church function. A container for them is located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place).



CAN YOU HELP?

Prayer Partners

If you would like your name added to the list for prayer, please call the church office, 717-273-8567 or email at stephanie@trinityleb.org.

We ask our readers to include the following people in their prayers:

Bryan Albright, Barb Atwood, Barb Baeckert, Terry Clearwater, Monique & Jack Derfler, Jim Dibert, Deb Dobson, Suzy Eckert, Dan Fox, Mo Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Dana King, Raymond Kohr, Doris Kreiser, Jeff Lau, Jim & Judi Light, Matt Mark, George Smith, Marie Smith, Ernie Thompson, Nancy Warner, Roger Whitmire, and Mary Yeagley.



Mark Your Calendars!

There will be Bazaar Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 16 at 6 p.m. in Luther’s Place. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We will be reviewing the Bazaar and discussing the allotment of funds. If you have any questions, please see Denise McDaniels.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Upcoming Events:

January 5-7, 2024: Winter Youth Retreat at Kirchenwald

Always check LutheranCamping.org for the most updated calendar!

GLOBAL CHURCH GROWTH

Our requested second offering for January focuses on the growth of the Lutheran Global Church. This includes our support of missionaries and their evangelistic work, providing scholarships for seminary students and the education of church leaders, providing Bibles, supplies and equipment for fledgling congregations and Sunday schools. Watch January's weekly bulletins to learn more about current specific needs for the growth of our Global Church and how you can participate in its global mission.



CLEANING & HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS FOR AGAPE SHELTER

The Women of the ELCA's first service project for 2024 is collecting cleaning and household products for the Agape Shelter in the city of Lebanon from January 7, 2024 to February 11, 2024. The following cleaning and household products are on their current wish list: Lysol disinfectant spray (unscented, white can preferred), paper plates, tea towels and HE laundry detergent. In the past we have also donated furniture polish, Windex glass cleaner, Pine Sol, dryer sheets, Comet cleanser, dish detergents, sponges, scouring pads and Handi-Wipes. These "in kind" donations help to defray the shelter's maintenance costs thereby freeing up money for use to support programs to help their guests. We would like to invite the congregation to participate in this endeavor. Donations can be placed in the WELCA barrel located in The Giving Place through Sunday, February 11th. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

- Karen Weaver, WELCA Projects Chair

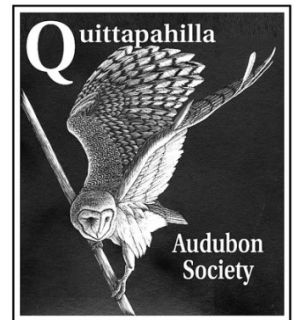
Information Needed

If you or your child is currently at college, technical school, or serving in the military, please update the Church Office with their mailing address. Please email stephanie@trinityleb.org or call 717-273-8567. We are asking that you contact the office no later than January 28.



You Are Invited

Make plans to join The Quittapahilla Audubon Society (QAS) on Wednesday, January 24 in Luther's Place. Join the QAS for "Hummingbirds: Jewels of the Air" with Sandy Lockerman. Sandy is a licensed bird bander. Join QAS for an intriguing discussion on the world of hummingbirds. Sandy will help you to take a look at some of their unique adaptations and migration mysteries. In addition to her ongoing ruby-throat project, she will update you on the documentation efforts being made of western hummingbirds in Pennsylvania. For more information, please see Jim Logan or Terry Weaver.



January 1: Winter Bird Walk - Meet at 9 a.m. at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center parking lot near the LVRT. Leader: Jim Fiorentino (717) 269-0675

January 2: New Year Walk at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area. Meet at the Visitors Center at 9 a.m. Leader: Jim Fiorentino (717) 269-0675

January 27: Join us for an all-day, weather permitting trip to Barnegat Lighthouse & Brigantine NWR. This trip is limited to 8 people. Please contact leader: Jim Fiorentino (717) 269-0675 to reserve your spot or for more information.



Council Notes

Highlights of Church Council Meeting, November 30, 2023

- We incurred several significant maintenance and repair expenses in October and are at a net income deficit of more than \$36,000 for the year.
- The new copier is in service. While there were some initial costs associated with this purchase, expenses will be less with the new copier in the long run.
- The “Care and Share” box has been installed in front of the church on Lehman Street and is being consistently used. Jay Brown was commended on his work in designing and constructing the box. In addition, distribution of scarves, hats, blankets, etc. has begun.
- Pastor has initiated an Advent devotional series at lunch time each Wednesday.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2024 immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service. It will be held in the sanctuary.
- The Church Council Nominating Committee is continuing the process of finding three congregation members to serve on Council beginning in January, 2024. An announcement will be made in church that we are looking for new members. In addition, a document, “Expectations for Church Council Members” will be made available to parishioners who are interested in learning what is involved in membership.
- The proposed budget for 2024 was presented by Brad Bishop, Treasurer. The document was reviewed by Council. Brad will make a few changes to the proposal and bring the revised document to the December meeting.
- Information regarding the 2024 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly is already available. We should begin the process of identifying representatives from our congregation in the near future.



Terry Weaver delivered the items collected by WELCA to the Lebanon VA. Jason Lane, Chief of the Center for Development and Civic Engagement, is pictured holding the gift bag. Inside the bag are 80 combs, 80 lip balm, 80 individual tissues, 80 emery boards and 80 toothbrushes. These items will be inventoried and distributed to the veterans as needed.



Christmas Party

Our 2023 WELCA CHRISTMAS PARTY was held for members on Wednesday, December 13, at 6pm in the Church social room. It was a wonderful evening planned by Carol Koehler and Jessie Green — lots of laughs, warm fellowship, and tasty food.

We each received the M and M Christmas Story. We took turns reading a part of the meaning of Christmas for each letter of the alphabet. We played several games of Christmas BINGO and did a Christmas Word (un)scramble. Honestly, you would think by now, at our age, we would be able to unscramble Christmas words with little difficulty. But each year we still have a few words that remain a mystery until the end. Prizes were awarded to the lucky game winners.

Our last game was our White Elephant gift distribution. A story was read about Santa losing his sack and it was of MOST importance that it was found ASAP. We passed our gift one seat to the left or right each time the word “left” or “right” was read in the story. We had some confusing moments as the story continued but that only added to the fun. We collected 85 dollars towards ELCA GOOD GIFTS and we agreed to purchase one month of nutrition for three children and ten chicks. ENJOY these pictures of our gathering and yes, Heather's photo bomb of our group picture is priceless.

WELCA invites all the ladies of the church, (you can bring a friend), to join us the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Here are the

2024 dates: January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July no meeting, August TBA, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 11. Please talk with Co-Presidents Heather Buffington and Nancy Brightbill if you have questions.

We hope you had a blessed Christmas, and we wish you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.

More photos on page 7







Join us!

The Great Leftover Christmas Buffet

When the holidays are over, here is a solution for what to do with those leftover Christmas cookies. Why not take a half dozen or two to the "Leftover Christmas Cookie Buffet" after church on January 7th in the social room. You can take your cookie donation to the kitchen before the service and then later enjoy sampling a great variety of cookies. If you don't have any leftover cookies, no problem, just come and enjoy the "goodies" and fellowship anyway. Everyone is invited. Coffee and tea will be provided. They will be **NO ADULT SUNDAY CLASS** that Sunday.



Mark your calendars for our annual meeting. This year we will hold it on January 21st, directly following worship in the sanctuary.



We would like to say a great big "thank you" to PJ and his Holy Trinity Christmas Carolers for stopping by our home. It was a very pleasant surprise!

- Mike and Nancy Hentz



Spang Crest Needs Your Generosity!

As with most nursing homes, your generosity adds to our residents' lives and activity programming. Listed below are some of the typical prizes that our residents would choose to take off the prize cart. Any of these donations or any other items would be greatly appreciated.

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

- Kleenex (boxes and tissues packs)
- Candy (individually wrapped): chocolate bars, sugar free hard and/or chocolate candy, hard candy, Tic-Tac packages
- Snack Foods: pretzel bags, snack packages, cookies, crackers (peanut butter or cheese)
- Jewelry (mainly long necklaces)
- Perfume and/or Cologne
- After Shave, Body Spray, and/or Hand Lotions
- Quarters to spend in the Gift Shop
- Adult Coloring Books
- Colored Pencil Packs
- Small Notebooks (to write in)
- Small Stuffed Animals

For more information, please contact Marian Brandt at 717-273-4385. Donations can be placed in The Giving Place in the bin marked "Spang Crest."





January Happy Birthday Wishes

2 - Noah Johnson
128 Village Court
Lebanon, PA 17042

3 - Linda Brandt
208 S. 11th Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

4 - Lorna Goshert
4733 Brian Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

9 - Ben Gatto
476 Olde Meadow Lane
Lebanon, PA 17042

12 - Scott Hower
1335 Fairview Lane
Lebanon, PA 17042

Roberta Wampler
25 Stoneleigh Drive
Lebanon, PA 17042

14 - Shirley Godlevski
13 Southfield Road
Lebanon, PA 17042

Linda Wolford
1508 Orange Lane
Lebanon, PA 17046

17 - Gary Brandt
2531 Long Lane
Lebanon, PA 17046

Denise Cassel
PO Box 399
Mt. Gretna, PA 17064

John McDaniels
12 Parkview Drive
Myerstown, PA 17067

George Smith
8 Lakeview Drive
Myerstown, PA 17067

Terrance Weise
1880 N. 7th Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

19 - David Nelson
1410 Todd Court
Annville, PA 17003

20 - Jodi Moyer
938 Cypress Lane
Lebanon, PA 17046

Reneé Nelson
1410 Todd Court
Annville, PA 17003

22 - Craig Brightbill
1108 Alden Way
Lebanon, PA 17042

24 - Janice Copenhaver
1044 Hemlock Circle
Manheim, PA 17545

Rita White
5 Benjamin Circle
Myerstown, PA 17067

26 - Jim Light
345 Woleber Road
Myerstown, PA 17067

27 - Jamie Johnson
35 Canal Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

29 - Julian Johnson (*celebrating his 11th birthday*)
35 Canal Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

30 - Linda Blessing
5 Bower Drive
Arbor Gate Community
Myerstown, PA 17067

Elzalena Ditzler
Juniper Village
1125 Birch Road
Lebanon, PA 17042

31 - Lemoyne Reigle
545 E. Penn Avenue
Cleona, PA 17042

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE CARDS



Jesus Christ is
the same
yesterday and
today and
forever.
Hebrews 13:8

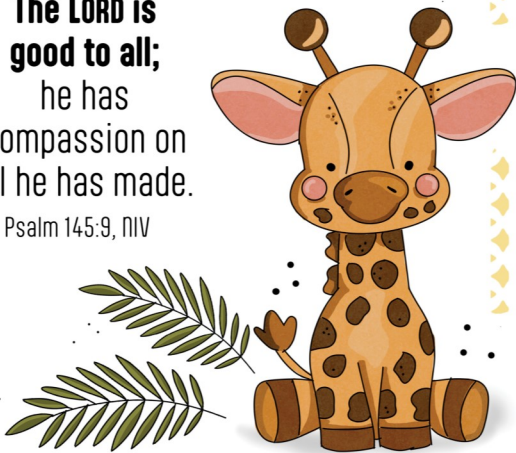


This is the day that
the LORD has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24, ESV

**The LORD is
good to all;**
he has
compassion on
all he has made.

Psalms 145:9, NIV

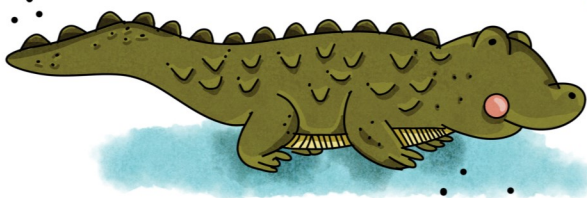


**Be strong and
courageous...**
for the LORD
your God is
with you
wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9, ESV

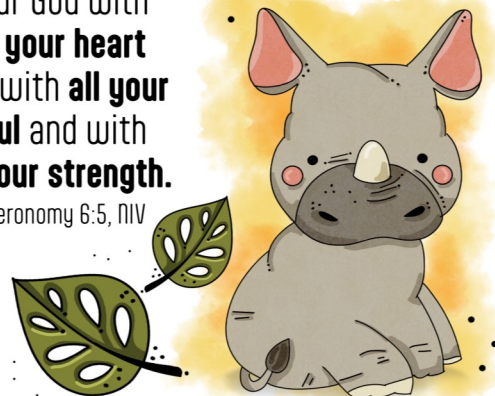
Trust in the LORD with
all your heart and lean not
on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5, NIV



Love the LORD
your God with
all your heart
and with **all your
soul** and with
all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5, NIV





HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.

JANUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
glory	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ	a
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
saw	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is	many
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
he	again	through	earth	made	while	back
28	29	30	31			
new	if	and	creation			



- The second Monday _ _ _ _ _
- The last Monday _ _
- The 16th _ _ _ _ _
- One day before the 20th _ _
- The day before the first Friday _ _
- The last weekday of the second week _ _ _ _ _
- The day after the 20th _ _
- The day after 18th _ _
- The first day of the second weekend _
- The last Sunday _ _ _
- The last day of the month _ _ _ _ _



Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

HOLY TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOW OPEN!!!

NO Computer?
NO Problem!

Call the Church Office to make an appointment to come in and order!

ALL ITEMS THAT SHOW A FULL CHEST GRAPHIC INCLUDE THE FULL BACK GRAPHIC


OTHER ITEMS CAN BE DECORATED WITH EMBROIDERY AND WILL USE THE TEXT LOGO ONLY

EMBROIDERY ITEMS CAN BE TWO DIFFERENT COLOR COMBINATIONS

GRAY SCALE

Tees and Sweatshirts

ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION INCLUDE AN APPLIED CHEST GRAPHIC (either center chest or left chest, as shown) AS WELL AS A FULL BACK GRAPHIC

			
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THE 2023 CRS APPAREL PORTFOLIO OF BRANDS





Worship

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, January 7

Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1 - 5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1 - 7

Mark 1:4 - 11

Sunday, January 14

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1 - 10 [11 - 20]

Psalm 139:1 - 6, 13 - 18

1 Corinthians 6:12 - 20

John 1:43 - 51

Sunday, January 21

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1 - 5, 10

Psalm 62: 5 - 12

1 Corinthians 7:29 - 31

Mark 1:14 - 20

Sunday, January 28

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15 - 20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1 - 13

Mark 1:21 - 28

Sunday, February 4

5th Sunday after Epiphany

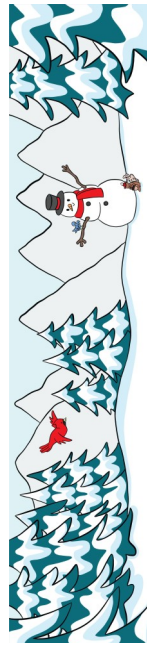
Isaiah 40:21 - 31

Psalm 147:1 - 11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16 - 23

Mark 1:29 - 39





January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00AM Service of Holy Communion 10:15AM Sunday School	1 OFFICE CLOSED 	2 7P SENIOR CHOIR	3 10:30A STAFF MEETING 12P PRIVATE EVENT	4	5	6	
7 	8 6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS 7P PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING	9 6P WORSHIP & MUSIC 7P SENIOR CHOIR	10 12P PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY 6:30P SOCIAL MINISTRY	11	12	13	
14 4P CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING	15 6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS	16 6P BAZAAR MEETING 6:30P FINANCE MEETING 7P SENIOR CHOIR	17 12P PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY 5:30P MENTOR A MOTHER MEETING 6P WELCA	18 7P CHURCH COUNCIL	19 5P PRIVATE EVENT	20	
21 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	22 6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS	23 7P SENIOR CHOIR	24 12P PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY 6:30P MISSION TRIP MEETING 7P THE QUITAPAHILLA AUDUBON SOCIETY	25	26	27	
28 Mark 1:21-28 12P PRIVATE EVENT	29 6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS	30 7P SENIOR CHOIR	31 12P PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY				February 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29