



Trinity Parish Newsletter

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Dear Church Family:

Do you read your Bible? Do you spend time alone with God in secret bathing yourself in God's word?

Let's be honest. It's like any habit. Eating healthy. Exercising. The benefits are huge, but sometimes, we're just too busy. Too tired. Certain scriptures just don't make sense. But, just like any healthy habit, we find once we begin to make time for it, it becomes easier, and then necessary.

Today I want to focus on two very important scriptures. The first, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 tells us, "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,"¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work."

This tells us something important. Every word of scripture is inspired by God, or, in the Greek, "God-breathed". When we spend time reading God's word, it teaches us, corrects us, and trains us to be more capable of doing God's good work.

The second scripture is from Hebrews 4:12 and tells us, "Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

This verse tells us that the scripture is a living word. What does that mean? It means whatever circumstance you're facing in your life, reading the scripture will speak to it. When we bathe ourselves in God's word, it makes our own thoughts and intentions known to us and makes us better able to be God's people.

This year is the year of the Bible. I will be preaching through scripture from beginning to end, and I will be inviting you to read through the Bible with me. Every month, I will post new readings in the newsletter. But here is the important part: don't let perfect be the enemy of the good! Maybe you miss a few weeks. Maybe you decide to skip a section that just isn't speaking to you. That is okay! Just do what you can, read what you can, and keep moving forward! I will post occasional YouTube videos talking about some trickier parts of the scripture, but otherwise, this is a personal journey between you and God.

We all make New Year's resolutions, but this year, let your resolution matter. I invite you to open your Bible.

God bless!
Pastor Terri

Poinsettias

The sanctuaries of the Cullom and Kempton churches were graced with red and white poinsettias for the Christmas season. These beautiful flowers were purchased by members of the church in memory of loved ones and some were given to residents of the communities after the Christmas Eve service. Thank you!



Happy New Year!!

As we enter a new year, we continue to look for ways to be kind, be grateful, and lift up others in the community. Valentine bags are one way to show our love to them and our churches will be getting them ready for distribution in February. A list of recipients will be created and available in plenty of time to get your valentines ready!

Please keep the following in your prayers.....

Richard Larson, Dustin Marcum, Dick Page, Agnes Schramm, Ron and Diane Shapland, Willie Vanwassenhove

The family of Eldon Flessner

The family of Leo Giacometti

The family of Marlys Kugler

The family of John Roche

The family of Sheila Shelton

The family of Don Shubert

All those affected by hurricanes and natural disasters.

All those serving in the armed forces here and abroad.

Articles & news for the next newsletter should be sent to Deb English no later than February 15, 2025. Address: PO Box 175, Kempton, IL 60946 e-mail: english6@frontiernet.net

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Please give Deb English and Vicki Allen all dates for your parish activities! They will strive very hard to get you a complete newsletter and bulletin. Thank you!!!

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Miller Center

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Please remember these folks!

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Cu - Cullom
K - Kempton
S - Saunemin
C - Catholic
L - Lutheran
M - Methodist
N - Nazarene



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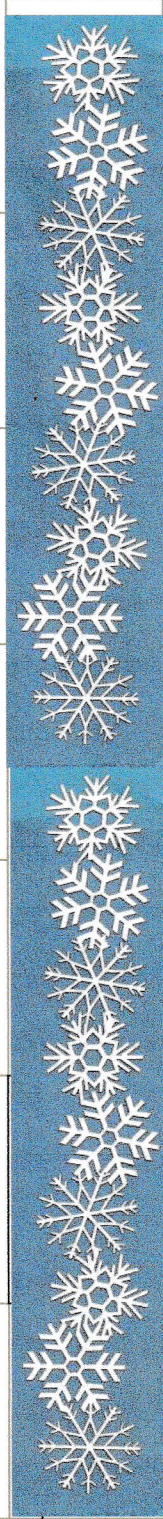
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5 HOLY COMMUNION Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am	6	7	8	9 Bible Study 10 am Kempton	10	11
12 Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am	13	14	15	16 Bible Study 10 am Kempton	17	18
19 Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am	20	21	22 UMW Kempton 1:30 pm	23 Bible Study 10 am Kempton	24	25
26 Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am	27	28	29	30	31	

Birthdays

- 1 Dona Tharp
- 3 Alexa Willis
- 4 Jennifer Crane
- Deanna Myer
- 7 Tierra Turner
- 8 Jeremy Allen
- 11 Audrey Donley
- Dustin Marcum
- Ron Shapland
- 13 Natalie Cox
- 17 Lavon Wright
- Janine Loving
- 19 Gene Webster
- 23 Brian Haren
- Zach Taylor
- 28 Joyce Grotevant
- Krystal Brown
- 30 Joshua Crane
- Leo Weber
- 31 Brittany Jergens Leman

Anniversaries

- 1 Rodney & Candy Godbee
- 2 Don & Bev English
- 10 Brian & Chris Haren





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Birthdays

- 1 Jessica Haberkorn Olsen
- 2 Al Deany
Angela Mills
- 6 Jordan Hamilton
- 7 Logan Haren
- 10 Cheryl Juergens
- 11 Luke Tompkins
- 12 Sydney Rasmussen
- Meri Knapp
- Devin McWhorter
- 13 Matt Weber
- 14 Emily Lowe Bull
- 18 Charlie Grotevant
- Angie Turner
- 22 Karen Crane
- 23 Gena Haberkorn
- 25 Martha Hills
- Reagan Raelene Mackinson
- 28 Andrew English

Anniversaries

- 14 Aaron & Natalie Cox
- 17 Steve & Nancy Wright
- 18 Al and Tracy Deany
- 21 Tim & Mary Jane Taylor