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Texas District CEF Newsletter



O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

By Raelyn Pracht

*O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem
O come and behold Him,
born the King of Angels*

*O come, let us adore Him
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Christ the Lord*



From the moment Baby Jesus was born we have been called to glorify His name - to worship and adore Him. The wise men showed the first example of this by bowing down and worshiping the newborn King. Our purpose is to do the same. We show our adoration for Him through praise and worship and how we walk in our daily lives.

We welcome the Baby Jesus into the world every Christmas. We praise Him for coming into this world to save us. We glorify Him for conquering death on the cross and redeeming us. We will continue to exalt Him in Heaven. Those are just specific days and seasons. We need to remember to bow down and worship Him every day in between.

The words of this song are a beautiful invitation. We are invited to joyfully and triumphantly, in full celebration, behold and adore Christ the Lord. This isn't something we should just be doing on Christmas morning, or at church on Sunday, but daily. Our adoration shouldn't only be spoken, but also expressed through our actions. So, come all ye faithful . . . let us adore Him.

DECEMBER 2023 RATES

FIXED RATE	FLOATING RATE	CONGREGATIONS
One Year Note 3.500% (3.55% APY)	One Year Note 3.000% (3.03% APY)	Savings 1.250% (1.26% APY)
Three Year Note 3.650% (3.70% APY)	Three Year Note 3.250% (3.29% APY)	Building Fund 3.000% (3.04% APY)
Five Year Note 3.750% (3.80% APY)	Five Year Note 3.500% (3.55% APY)	
Jumbo Investment** 4.000% (4.06% APY)	Flex Savings 1.000% (1.00% APY)	
	Rainy Day Fund* 1.250% (1.26% APY)	

** \$100,000 minimum investment. 18-month term.

*Amounts over \$10,000 receive the Flex Savings rate

CELEBRATING AT TRINITY LUTHERAN IN AMARILLO



On Sunday, November 12, Trinity Lutheran Church in Amarillo celebrated paying off their loan!

Congratulations

CEF Executive Director Becca Jones joined long time CEF Rep Robert Johnson and Rev. Ricky Black, SMP Pastor for the celebration.

THE CEF REP PROGRAM

We are quickly approaching a new year, and I would like to know what 2024 is looking like for you and your congregation. Are you ready to retire as a CEF Rep? Are you ready and willing to continue to serve as a CEF Rep in 2024? If you are a Pastor, are you interested in having a CEF Rep at your congregation? Let Raelyn know! Have ideas for the CEF Rep Program for the new year and beyond? Email Raelyn at rpracht@texascef.org or let's chat at 512-646-1242

Be on the lookout for information coming your way regarding a recharged and refreshed CEF Rep Program - one that is more intentional and more engaging.



We are grateful for the wonderful gift of Jesus Christ, and for our partnership in ministry with each of you. We look forward to the things God will do through our partnership in 2024!

Through investments from Texas District LCMS congregations and their members, Church Extension Fund will be the preferred financial resources partner for district ministries focused on multiplying followers of Jesus.

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