



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Trinity Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, (Thursday, if needed) 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 10th, 2023

CALENDAR December 10th ~ 17th, 2023

SUN. 10

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

10:30 a.m. Bible Class (*The Gospel of John*)

MON. 11

8:30 a.m. Matins

6:30 p.m. Church council meeting

TUES. 12

No Matins - Pastor Filipek on vacation

WED. 13 *Commemoration of Lucia, Martyr*

8:30 a.m. Matins

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Divine Service

5:15 p.m. Advent meal

5:30 p.m. Private confession

6:00 p.m. Choir practice

7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers

THU. 14

No Matins - Pastor Filipek on vacation

FRI. 15

No Matins

6:00 p.m. Concert at Fairmount Ministries

SUN. 17 *Commemoration of Daniel the Prophet and the Three Young Men*

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

10:30 a.m. Bible Class (*The Gospel of John*)

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS begins at 10:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, downstairs

MATINS: Join us Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. around our Lord's word, prayers for the Church, and the singing of beautiful hymnody.

MATINS, BIBLE CLASS AND DIVINE SERVICE: Join us on Wednesdays as we gather for Matins at 8:30 a.m., Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., and the Divine Service at 11am.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is offered on **Thursdays at 4:30p.m.**

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER: Daily prayer & devotion is vital. The half-page insert is for daily use in the home.

ORATIO MEDITATIO TENTATIO: Our theological reading group meets next on **December 19, as follows: 8:30a.m. Matins; 9:15a.m. Reading Discussion; 11:15a.m. Prayer; 11:30a.m. lunch.** We will discuss *Honoring the Son: Jesus in Earliest Christian Devotional Practice*. Lexham Press, 2018.

HALL OF MEN meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 7:30pm at the Ladder (next to Eighth Day Books).

SISTERS OF SOPHIA meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Ladder.

HOMEMADE FOOD TO SHARE: There is a shelf in the fridge (now located downstairs in Fellowship Hall, where the pop machine was) with individual bags and containers of homemade food. ANY member who would like a home cooked item or wants to share with someone who could use it, they are free to take. Feel free to take whenever needed or contact the office for more information.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY Two individual doses of nasal NARCAN are now in the AED cabinet in the narthex. They are in sealed packages with instructions.

FAITH AT WORK is a district wide local community service event to kick off on April 7, 2024. Keith Buhr has volunteered as the interim crew leader until another congregant volunteers to take over. He is requesting volunteers to form the planning team. Anyone interested can meet with him after service or email kbbphd@gmail.com. We already have some starter ideas to choose from, and new ideas are welcome.

ADVENT MEALS will be held December 13 and 20 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Please consider signing up to bring food to share. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

YOUTH CATECHESIS will not meet during the month of December. It will resume January 10, 2024.

CHOIR FOR ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY If you are interested in singing, Trinity Choir will be practicing on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. downstairs starting December 6. This is a short-term commitment. Call the church office for more information. (316) 685-1571

CAROLING Members of Trinity will meet December 21 at 6 p.m. for singing. Afterwards, we'll go back to church for cider, hot cocoa, and snacks. If you'd rather not sing, but want to join in the fellowship downstairs, that's fine too! Everyone is welcome!

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Christian Decision Making & the End of Life; Biblical Inerrancy; Has Evolution Disproved the Creation Account; Gender Fluidity; Pre-Marital Sex and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

RIFLE RAFFLE The Concordia Academy Phoenix Shooting Team is raffling off a Howa M1500 Kryptek Typhon 6.5CR Rifle to raise money for their trap team. Tickets are \$10 apiece and can be purchased by calling Concordia Academy at 316-202-8989. Don't delay! Ticket sales end December 13th! Winner will be drawn on Friday, December 15!

FAIRMOUNT HAPPENINGS

Baked goods for holiday orders are available:

1 dozen Cinnamon Rolls \$25.00

9 x 13 Coffee Cake \$20.00

1 loaf bread \$15.00 (choice of: pumpkin or cran.-orange).

Call to order at 316-684-5224. Please place orders at least 3 days in advance. We will take orders until Dec. 20th.

Christmas Concert by Roy Moye on Friday, Dec.15th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

No T.O.T. (formerly Theology on Tap) in December. We will meet again on Sunday, Jan. 21st.

SAFETY NOTE: For your safety and the safety of your belongings, please lock your vehicle before entering the Church. Don't leave valuables (cell phones, purses) in car.

TRINITY POSITIONS OPEN: Please prayerfully consider offering a bit of your time to volunteer for one of the following positions: **Board of Trustees, Board of Evangelism, Hospitality Committee, Usher, Altar Guild, Church Librarian, and Offering Counter.** Call the church office to volunteer, 316-685-1571

DONATE ONLINE! PayPal is set up for donations on our website. Questions? See Sheryl or Dick.

<u>Trinity Financial Status</u>			
<u>Through October 2023</u>			
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Contributions	\$ 216,298	\$ 233,708	\$ (17,410)
Expenditures	\$ 229,226	\$ (233,708)	\$ 4,482
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (12,928)	\$ 0	\$ (12,928)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Our Sister Church: The Lutheran Church of Uganda
Missionaries: Rev. Daniel & Kathryn Conrad and Rev. Dr. Quintin & Lindsay Cundiff

Pastors: Rev. Aaron Filipek and Rev. Daniel Metzger

Circuit Visitor: Rev. Mark Lovett

District President: Rev. Justin Panzer

Synod President: Rev. Matthew Harrison

Baptismal Anniversaries: Vicki Lessman, Joel Taylor, Dean Mefford, Chrystal Adams, and Pat Newlin

Training/Deployed in Our Armed Forces: Caleb Bartel, Dawson Bromlow, Keaton Wellner, Tori Myers, Jessica Myers

Our Schools: Concordia Academy, Euraquilo Christian Academy (VanSant Homeschool), St. Martin Chemnitz Classical Lutheran Academy (Filipek Homeschool), Luther Classical College, Concordia University Wisconsin, CSL and CTSFW (LCMS seminaries)

Prayer Petitions: Ron Balke, (*health concerns*), Vicki Lessman, (*health concerns*), Mark Herbert, (*Allen's father health concerns*), Dave Gird, (*Roxann's husband w/ health concerns*), Mary Kay Larson, (*friend of the Metzgers w/ health concerns*), Kyle Menke, (*Pr. Metzger's relative battling leukemia*), Gayla Taylor, (*Wife of Joel Taylor*), Evie Meyers, (*Miriam Nickel's Daughter*), Matthew Hastings, Julia Lessman, (*granddaughter of the Lessmans*), Justin Montgomery, (*friend of the Lessmans*), Gary, (*brother of Angie Patterson*)

Mothers with Child: Sophie Arndt, Anna Solomon, and Jena Reyes

Birthdays: Sophia Schneider, Anthony Scheffer, and Andrew Schaub

Shut-ins: Amy Fox, Gil & Judy Holstein, Florence Lavery, Judy Rollins, Louise Smith, Mary Jane Zumalt, Mary Tomlinson

Those Serving at Trinity in December...

Greeters: The Smiths

Ushers: Derrel Pressnell

Counters: The Schneiders

Acolyte: Andrew Filipek

Altar Guild: Sheryl Anderson

Organist: Amanda Carter

Elder: Keith Buhr

Crucifer: Caleb Filipek

READINGS for next week

~Third Sunday in Advent ~

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 40:1-8

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-10

Looking Ahead...

- December 19, OMT, 9:15a
- December 19, Security Committee Meeting, 7p
- December 21, Caroling, 6p