



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 Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 17th, 2023

CALENDAR December 17th ~ 24th, 2023

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*)

MON. 18

No Matins - Pastor Filipek on vacation

TUES. 19 *Commemoration of Adam and Eve*

8:30 a.m. Matins

9:15 a.m. OMT

WED. 20 *Commemoration of Katharina von Bora Luther*

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. 21 *St. Thomas, Apostle*

8:30 a.m. Matins

4:30 p.m. Private Confession

6:00 p.m. Caroling and fellowship

FRI. 22

8:30 a.m. Matins

SUN. 24

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Lessons and Carols

11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass (Divine Service)

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 kkbphd@gmail.com. We already have some starter ideas to choose from, and new ideas are welcome.

ADVENT MEAL will be held December 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 CATECHISIS 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!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SUNDAY MORNING... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to weekly studies of the Biblical texts, prayers and hymns of the day. Pastor Sean Daenzer of LCMS Worship leads us through the three-year lectionary. Pastor Will Weedon of "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever" leads us through the one-year lectionary. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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.
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, 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: Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sri Lanka

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: Beckey Morse

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 Ann Arbor, CSL and CTSFW (LCMS seminaries)

Prayer Petitions: Amy Haist, (*recovery*), 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: Caleb Filipek, Alan Bacon III, Kelsey Wellner, and Michael Unruh

Wedding Anniversaries: Matthew & Karissa Flint and Cory & Veronica Laflin

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

Altar Guild: Sheryl Anderson

Ushers: Derrel Pressnell

Organist: Amanda Carter

Counters: The Schneiders

Elder: Keith Buhr

Acolyte: Kane VanSant

Crucifer: Caleb Filipek

READINGS for next week

~Fourth Sunday in Advent ~

OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 18:15-19

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL: John 1:19-28

Looking Ahead...

- December 25, Christmas Day Mass 10a
- December 31, Eve of the Circumcision and Naming of Jesus (New Year's Eve Divine Service) 5:30p
- January 6, Epiphany Divine Service 5:30p