



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 Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 24th, 2023

CALENDAR December 24th ~ 31st, 2023

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)

MON. 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

TUES. 26 *St. Stephen, Martyr*

No Matins, Office closed

WED. 27 *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

No Services and Bible Study

Office closed

THU. 28 *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

No Matins, Office closed

FRI. 29 *Commemoration of David*

No Matins, Office closed

SUN. 31

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

5:30 p.m. Eve of the Circumcision and Naming of Jesus (New Year's Eve 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 **January 23, as follows:** **8:30a.m. Matins; 9:15a.m. Reading Discussion; 11:15a.m. Prayer; 11:30a.m. lunch.** We will discuss *Theological Commonplaces: VIII-XI: On Creation and Predestination*. CPH, 2013.

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.

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.

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

CHOIR FOR EPIPHANY If you are interested in singing, Trinity Choir will be practicing on Wednesday evening, January 3, from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. Call the church office for more information. (316) 685-1571

NEW MEMBER BULLETIN BOARD Please check out our new member bulletin board. We have posted the names and faces of Trinity's newest members. It is in the stairway closest to the church office.

COLD-WEATHER DONATION TREE Please donate hats and gloves to families in need by placing them on the Christmas tree in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Engelbrecht at (316) 744-1155.

SACRED MUSIC & TALK FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON... You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for

the 12 days of Christmas at issuesetc.org, lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

KITCHENWARE A table is filled with kitchen items downstairs in the fellowship hall. Is anything on it yours? Please check it out. Items not taken by the end of the year will be added to the kitchen inventory. Thank you!

T.O.T. (formerly Theology on Tap) 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.

Trinity Financial Status Through November 2023			
	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Contributions	\$ 241,851	\$ 257,079	\$ (15,228)
Expenditures	\$ 261,525	\$ (257,079)	\$ (4,446)
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (19,674)	\$ 0	\$ (19,674)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Our Sister Church: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine

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: Scott Schneider, Amber Fortine, Anneabella Fortine, and Jennifer Sutton

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 Chicago, CSL and CTSFW (LCMS seminaries)

Prayer Petitions: The Balke Family, 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: Angie Patterson, Nicole Withrow, and Dean Mefford

Wedding Anniversaries: John & Crista Switzer, Dean & Susan Christ, Scott & Bridget Schneider, Tom & Miriam Nickel, and Michael & Trudy Unruh

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: Hannah Magill

Counters: The Schneiders

Elder: Keith Buhr

Acolyte: Caleb Filipek

Crucifer: Andrew Filipek

READINGS for next week

~First Sunday after Christmas ~

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 63:7-16

EPISTLE: Galatians 4:1-7

GOSPEL: Luke 2:33-40

Looking Ahead...

- January 3, Choir rehearsal 6p
- January 4, Trustees' meeting 7p
- January 6, Epiphany Divine Service 5:30p
- January 9, Council Meeting 7p
- January 10, Meal and Catechesis resumes 5:15p