



## 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 First Sunday after Christmas ~ December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023*

### CALENDAR December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### 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)

MON. JAN. 1 Circumcision and Naming of Jesus

No Matins, Office closed

TUES. 2 Commemoration of J. K. Loehle, Pastor

8:30 a.m. Matins

Office closed

#### WED. 3

8:30 a.m. Matins

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Divine Service

6:00 p.m. Choir practice

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

#### THU. 4

8:30 a.m. Matins

4:30 p.m. Private Confession

7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting

#### FRI. 5

8:30 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Christmas Carol Sing-a-long @ Unruhs'

#### SAT. 6

9:00 a.m. Take down Church's Xmas Decorations

5:30 p.m. Epiphany Divine Service followed by fellowship downstairs

#### SUN. 7

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

1:30 p.m. Misa en Español

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 7:30pm at the Ladder (next to Eighth Day Books).

**SISTERS OF SOPHIA** next meets February 20, at 6:30pm at the Ladder. Amy Filipek will present on Saints Perpetua and Felicity.

**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 [kbbphd@gmail.com](mailto:kbbphd@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.

**EPIPHANY FELLOWSHIP** Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following the Epiphany Service on January 6, 2024, for food and fellowship. Please sign up in the narthex for a food item that you are willing to bring. Tableware and drinks will be provided.

**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.

**STUDY GOD'S WORD IN 2024...** LCMS Stewardship has encouraged Lutherans to spend 1% every day (14 minutes) in God's Word and prayer. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is currently leading a study on the Book of Colossians. You can listen at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG** You are invited to sing Christmas carols at Michael and Trudy Unruhs' house on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas, Friday, January 5, at 7 p.m. If so inclined, bring an appetizer, snack, and/or beverage of your choice. Amy Filipek has agreed to help everyone learn parts for one carol.

**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.

<b><u>Trinity Financial Status</u></b>			
<b><u>Through November 2023</u></b>			
	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>Variance</u></b>
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 Argentina

**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:** Caleb Filipek, Mark Scott, Phyllis Brandyberry, Amber Franco, Alan Bacon III, Jessalyn Bacon, and Tammie Szarzynski

**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 Irvine, CSL and CTSFW (LCMS seminaries)

**Prayer Petitions:** Stephanie Gilmore, (*Kirsten Bartel's mom with 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 and Jena Reyes

**Birthdays:** Amy Fox, Joel Taylor, Dane Janney, Steven Schroeder, and Kimberly Koch

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

***Those Serving at Trinity in January...***

***Greeters:*** The Lewallens

***Ushers:*** Sheryl A. & Keith B.

***Counters:*** David Kettman

***Acolyte:*** Kane VanSant

***Altar Guild:*** The Lessmans

***Organist:*** Hannah Magill

***Elder:*** Kendall Patterson

***Crucifer:*** Caleb Filipek

**READINGS for next week**

*~First Sunday after the Epiphany ~*

**OLD TESTAMENT:** 1 Kings 8:6-13

**EPISTLE:** Romans 12:1-5

**GOSPEL:** Luke 2:41-52

***Looking Ahead...***

- January 9, Council Meeting 7p
- January 10, Meal and Catechesis resumes 5:15p
- January 13, The Baptism of Our Lord, @ Immanuel