



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 the Epiphany ~ January 7th, 2024

CALENDAR January 7th ~ 14th, 2024

SUN. 7

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

10:30 a.m. Bible Class (*The Liturgy*)

1:30 p.m. *Misa en Español*

MON. 8

8:30 a.m. Matins

TUES. 9

8:30 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

WED. 10 *Commemorations of Basil the Great of*

Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Gregory of Nyssa, Pastors and Confessors

8:30 a.m. Matins

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Divine Service

5:15 p.m. Meal and Catechesis

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

7:30 p.m. Acolyte Training

THU. 11

8:30 a.m. Matins

4:30 p.m. Private Confession

FRI. 12

8:30 a.m. Matins

SAT. 13

5:30 p.m. Baptism of Our Lord Divine Service at Immanuel Lutheran Church

SUN. 14

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

10:30 a.m. Bible Class (*The Liturgy*)

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 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.

ACOLYTE TRAINING Wednesday, January 10, 2024, there will be an acolyte training session for all new and current acolytes. Pastor is inviting all the elders to attend. This will take place after evening prayer at about 7:30ish p.m. Please let Pastor Filipek know if you will be unable to make it A.S.A.P.

KANSAS DISTRICT LIFE CONFERENCE will be January 24, 2024 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Topeka. The conference will be held in conjunction with the March/Rally for Life. Rev. Dr. Matthew Durance will be the keynote speaker. Please register by January 18, 2024 at: <https://kslscms.org/caring-ministry/life-ministry/2024-life-conference/>

Questions? Contact Pastor Filipek.

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 resume January 10, 2024.

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.

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.

CONCORDIA ACADEMY invites all current 8th grade students and high school students to join our student body on Thursday, January 25 from 1-3:30pm for Phoenix Day. Learn what it means to become a Phoenix and see what we offer at CAW. Parents and families are invited to our Open House on Thursday, January 25 from 4-7:30pm to speak with faculty, learn more about our curriculum and culture, and to receive information on enrolling for the 2024-2025 academic year. For more information and to sign up to attend, visit our website at CAWichita.org or call our office at 316-202-8989. Scholarships available.

THANK YOU! A blessed Epiphany to you all. The Filipek family thanks you for your generosity and love Christmas Season. We appreciate all the cards, gifts, and treats. Trinity's staff also thanks all those who gave a donation for the staff Christmas gift. We truly appreciate everyone's generosity. We are glad to serve you and be with you all.

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 Brazil
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: Alan Bacon III, Jessalyn Bacon, Andrew Reyes, Casey Reyes, and Nick Reyes

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 Nebraska, CSL and CTSFW (LCMS seminaries)

Prayer Petitions: David VanSant, (*health concerns*), The Zumalt Family, (*funeral for Mary Jane Zumalt was 1-5-24*), 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, Hannah Magill, and Jena Reyes

Birthdays: Joel Taylor, Katie Hollander, Benjamin Smith, and Clare Hollander

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

Those Serving at Trinity in January...

Greeters: The Lewallens **Altar Guild:** The Filipeks
Ushers: Sheryl A. & Keith B. **Organist:** Hannah Magill
Counters: David Kettman **Elder:** Kendall Patterson
Acolyte: Andrew Filipek **Crucifer:** Caleb Filipek

READINGS for next week	
~Second Sunday after the Epiphany~	
OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 33:12-23	
EPISTLE: Romans 12:6-16	
GOSPEL: John 2:1-11	

Looking Ahead...

- January 16-19 Pastor Filipek @ Ft. Wayne Symposia
- January 16, Security Comm. Meeting 7p
- January 18, Elders' Meeting 7p
- January 21, Elders' Book Study 3:30p
- January 23, OMT 9:15a
- January 24, KS District Life Conference, Topeka