

December 30-31, 2023
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WELCOME TO TRINITY! We are very happy that you are here to worship with us today. Trinity Lutheran Church and Nursery School believes that we are called to be "ALWAYS GROWING IN CHRIST" and we want to do everything possible to help you grow. We pray that the Gospel you hear today will take root in your life and do just that, grow.

THE LORD'S TABLE: We believe that the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, is the real body and blood of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. If you believe likewise, please join us at the altar when it is time to celebrate this holy meal. Even if you do not believe as we do, we still welcome all adults and children to come forward at Holy Communion to receive a blessing from Pastor. Just decline the wafer at Holy Communion and Pastor will give you a blessing. Please note, the center ring of the tray of individual cups is non-alcoholic wine.

Treasurer's Update

Rec'd last week: \$27,882.00 (as of 11/30): (\$27,679.23)
YTD Income (as of 11/30): \$395,294.76 YTD Expense as of 11/30): \$422,973.99
Giving Tuesday to date: \$24,961.00 (Giving continues until December 31st)

Attendance Saturday (Advent 4) 29, communed 16;
Christmas Eve 177 communed 136 Christmas Day 48 communed 43

ALTAR FLOWERS In thankfulness and praise from Kirk Golz

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate The Baptism of Our Lord. The sermon is titled "Because He Rose, We Rise," and the hymn of the day is "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (LSB 594). The scripture lessons for worship are:

Old Testament	Genesis 1:1-5	<i>The Creation of the World</i>
Epistle (sermon text)	Romans 6:1-11	<i>Dead to Sin, Alive to God</i>
Gospel	Mark 1:4-11	<i>John the Baptist Prepares the Way</i>

CLOSING HYMN is "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (LSB 380), written in 1739 by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). The text of the opening line was originally "Hark! How all the welkin rings, Glory to the King of kings." The archaic word *welkin* means "sky" or "vault of heaven." These original lyrics were changed in 1753 to the familiar ones we know today. The tune MENDELSSOHN is named for its composer, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847). Mendelssohn wrote this melody in 1840 for a cantata celebrating the 400th anniversary of printing. While the composer felt that the tune could be used for lyrics other than the original, he stated that "it will *never* do to sacred words." But 58 of Mendelssohn's melodies have been adapted for sacred hymns, even though the composer only wrote one of them as a hymn tune.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS –

The office will be closed from Fri Dec 29th thru Tuesday Jan 2nd for the New Year's holiday.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP (Dec. 31 at 7:00 pm) will celebrate the naming of Jesus. The service will also feature a hymn sing of beloved Christmas carols.

EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERVICE will take place on Saturday, January 6, at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary. It is a unique service for the weekend, since Epiphany falls specifically on January 6. The two worship services on January 7 will celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, always held on the first Sunday after Epiphany.

STARTING JANUARY 14TH DURING THE EDUCATION HOUR, Pastor will be teaching a review of Lutheran Doctrine. This is for everybody who would like to review what we believe, teach and confess as well as anyone who is new and would like to join Trinity. Bring your small catechisms to class every week. If you need a catechism, there will be some available in class.

FLOWERS are needed beginning **Jan 14th**. Please mark your envelope "Altar Flowers" with your donation of **\$30.00**.

PARENTS, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GIVING YOUR KIDS A HEAD START? If so, join us for STEM camp! The camps run for 5 weeks, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Lessons are taught by an ECE-qualified instructor, are designed to make learning fun, and are tailored to children ages 3 – 5. Register now for classes starting on January 16, 2024. The cost is \$200 for the entire camp and includes all supplies. For registration or questions call 630-833-1080 or email at tcnschair@gmail.com

LUTHERAN WITNESS - If you would like to renew or start a new subscription of *The Lutheran Witness*, the rate is **\$20.65**. Checks are payable to Trinity with *The Lutheran Witness* in the memo line. New subscriptions and renewals are due to the church office **by Tues, Jan 17th**. Please advise the church office if you wish to cancel your subscription.

DELIVERY PERSON NEEDED We are in need of a delivery person for the Food Pantry on a bi-weekly basis. They are open M-W-F from 9am-11:45am and Wednesdays from 5-6pm. If you think this would work with your schedule, please give Donna Heuser a call at 630-913-6631 or email her at heuser.donna@gmail.com

PLEASE DONATE GENTLY USED COATS AND CLOTHING for the Ukrainian refugees. We're accepting men's, women's and children's coats and clothing. With the war in Ukraine still ongoing, the need is still great. Please drop in the red bin in the narthex.

ADOPT-A-BILL: Stewardship is requesting your help in sponsoring some of Trinity's bills in an effort to keep from having a budget deficit at the end of the year. This quarter's highlighted bills are **Electric (\$625/mo.) & Trash (\$200/mo)**. Please consider helping by entirely or partially adopting payment towards one of these bills (you can note this on your Property Maintenance envelope or in your eOffering). Thank you!

HOMEBOUND

Aperion, W. Chicago: Deborah Bychowski
Beacon Hill: John & Connie Graham, LaVera Levin, Lowell & Judy Pals
Brighton Gardens, Whtn: Bill Rothenburger The Bickford, Aurora: Grace Finke
Lacey Creek: Judy Sheridan Lexington Elmhurst: Eileen Reese

AT HOME: Greg & Sue Bukowski, Pastor & Carol Drews, Ron & Betty Edwards, Georgianna Ryl, Tom Saunders, Edith Schneider, Marcy Seils. Strength and patience for all the caregivers.

IN NEED OF HEALING: Kathy, Linda Gibboney (daughter of LaVera Levin), Phyllis McCurdy (Sister of Donna Heuser), Lisa Miller (daughter of Judy Sheridan). We pray for peace throughout the world.

FOR THE CHURCH:

Seminarian: Jackson Scofield Bishops: Matthew Harrison and Jamison Hardy
Missionaries to the Dominican Republic-Rev. Dr. Jonathon and Deaconess Cheryl Naumann
Jay and Julie Dass, Lutheran Confessional Church of Pakistan
Morren Chelsi Lempas (Youth sponsored child from Indonesia) Asian Indian Ministry

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Commander in Chief – President Joseph Biden
Adam Biladeau, Matt Boudro, Noah Brockie, Peter Halpin (son of Dan & Rhonda Halpin), Cameron Littleton (Traci Dale Maher's brother-in-law), Matt & Mary Macella (grandchildren of Arlene Johnson), Josh Preisel (grandson of Alice Bezik), Ella Sperry (granddaughter of Cliff & Olinda Sperry), Paul Stahlke, Quentin Stubbs.

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY 1- Sam Witkowski **2-** Dan Ohman **4-** Dawn Head
5- Lori Varno **6-** Travis Bruschuk, Glen Frindt

ANNIVERSARIES: NONE

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF December 31st:

Sunday: **Worship 8:00 AM** (FaceBook Live) & **10:30 AM & 7:00 PM**
Monday: 1:00-Al Anon
Tuesday: 6:00 Bible Study 8:00 AA
Wednesday: **NO** Bible Study **NO** Confirmation
8:00 Big House 6:30-Growing in Prayer
Thursday: **NO** Choir 7:00 Daughters of the King
Friday:
Saturday: **Worship 4:30 PM**

THOSE WHO SERVE December 31st:

Keyboard/Organ: **4:30pm** – Kurt Linstead
8am & 10:30am James Robinson-Parran
Lay Assistants: **8:00** Darren Taylor **10:30** Gloria Marchewka
Acolytes: **8:00** Cruz Collins **10:30** Garrett May
Ushers: **4:30** Craig Musa
8:00 Scott Golz, Dante Apuzzo, Dino Apuzzo, Neal Rodenbostel
10:30 Gary Buehre &, Rich Kumnick
Greeters: **8:00** Celeste Golz **10:30** Bob & Diane Devermann
Altar Guild Carol Boettger, Diane Devermann, Judy Buehre, Marilyn Felz

THOSE WHO SERVE December 31st 7:00 PM

Keyboard/Organ: Kurt Linstead
Acolytes: Hank Pavlovsky
Ushers: Ron Boettger, Bob Rundgren, Chris Gore
Greeters: Marilyn Bloechle

THOSE WHO SERVE January 6th Epiphany 4:30 PM - Sanctuary:

Organ: Kurt Linstead
Acolytes: Cruz Collins
Vocalists: Art Biladeau, Greg Billing, Jonathan Stahlke
Ushers: Scott Golz, Dante Apuzzo, Dino Apuzzo, Neal Rodenbostel

THOSE WHO SERVE January 7th:

Keyboard / Organ: **8am & 10:30am** Mary Stahlke
Vocalists: **8:00** Katel Ilcken **10:30** Christy Crandell
Lay Assistants: **8:00** Darren Taylor **10:30** Diane Devermann & Greg Billing
Acolytes: **8:00** Jacob Bruschuk **10:30** Caleb Ilcken
Ushers: **8:00** Jon Alvarez, Steve Boudro, Joe Peacock
10:30 Ron Boettger, Bob Rundgren, & Chris Gore
Greeters: **8:00** Donna Stubbs **10:30** Carol Edwards
Altar Guild Marilyn Bloechle & Olinda Sperry

THOSE WHO SERVE January 14th:

Keyboard / Organ: **4:30pm** - Kurt Linstead **8am & 10:30am** Mary Stahlke
Vocalists: **8:00** Art Biladeau **10:30** Jonathan Stahlke
Lay Assistants: **8:00** John Dorn & Aliyah Brockie
10:30 Greg Billing & Jodie Esposito
Acolytes: **8:00** Cruz Collins **10:30** Garrett May
Ushers: **4:30** Rich Kumnick
8:00 Bert Dale, Derek Bruschuk, Josh & Erin Bruschuk, Neal Rogers
10:30 - Dave Heuser, Harley DeJong
Greeters: **8:00** Bonnie Dale **10:30** Donna Heuser
Altar Guild Marilyn Bloechle & Olinda Sperry