

**January 6-7, 2024**  
**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: \$20,543.00 (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: \$39,281.00 (giving ended on December 31, 2023)

**Attendance** Saturday 8, communed 8; Sunday 58 communed 50  
Sunday, December 31 – 7:00 PM 26 - communed 24

**ALTAR FLOWERS** In thankfulness and praise from Kirk Golz

**NEXT WEEKEND** we celebrate The Second Sunday after Epiphany. The sermon is titled "How Do You Know It's Jesus?" and the hymn of the day is "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" (LSB 589). The scripture lessons for worship are:

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| Introit            | Ps. 40:1-5; antiphon: vv. 10a, b | <i>My Help and My Deliverer</i>        |
| O.T. (sermon text) | 1 Samuel 3:1-10                  | <i>The Lord Calls Samuel</i>           |
| Epistle            | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20            | <i>Flee Sexual Immorality</i>          |
| Gospel             | John 1:43-51                     | <i>Jesus Call Philip and Nathaniel</i> |

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** is "Father Welcomes" (LSB 605) by Lutheran singer, songwriter, and theologian Robin Mann (b. 1949). In 1970, Mann helped found Kindekrist (German for "children of Christ"), Australia's first Christian rock band. Mann was the lead singer and primary composer for the group, and of the 100 hymns he has written, "Father Welcomes" is the most popular. The tune name KRISTIN honors Mann's daughter. The lyrics and melody for the refrain of "Father Welcomes" were written in 1973 on the day before her birth. Mann then used Luther's *Large Catechism* to develop the song's verses, and the entire hymn was first performed at his daughter's baptism.

**DORCAS GUILD** will meet on **Tues, January 9, at 7pm**. All ladies are invited to attend!

**BEGINNING SUNDAY, JAN 14TH, DURING THE EDUCATION HOUR**, Pastor will be teaching a class reviewing the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. If you are interested in joining Trinity, interested in knowing more about our teachings, or interested in reviewing your beliefs, this class is for you. Join us for this class!

**COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES:** The confirmation class will be making Valentine packages to send to Trinity's college students and active military. If you know of someone who would like to receive a package, please contact the church office with a current address: 630-834-3440 or [margaret@trinityvp.com](mailto:margaret@trinityvp.com)

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

**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 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please advise the church office if you wish to cancel your subscription.

**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](mailto:tcnschair@gmail.com)

**SPONSOR-A-BILL:** This quarter's bills to sponsor are Plowing (approx. \$4-5k during plowing season) and Gas (approx. \$833/mo.). As you can, please consider sponsoring one of these bills above & beyond your normal giving. Sponsor-a-Bill contributions help keep our budget on track & reduce the need for end-of-year pleas to meet the budget.

**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.

**HOMEBOUND**

Aperion, W. Chicago: Deborah Bychowski                      Downers Grove Rehab: Tom Saunders  
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, 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 7-** Karin Tomzik, **8-**James Mora, DJ Nack, Mary Stahlke, **10-**Brooke Farmer  
**11-**Craig Musa **12-** Jonathan Stahlke **13-** Wesley Warpool

**ANNIVERSARIES: 11-**Frank & Marilyn Felz **13-**Paul & Susan Stolzman

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 7<sup>th</sup>:**

**Sunday:**            **Worship 8:00 AM** (FaceBook Live) **& 10:30 AM & 7:00 PM**  
**Monday:**            1:00-Al Anon    7:00 Women’s Bible Studay  
**Tuesday:**            6:00 Bible Study    7:00 Dorcas, Rest Your Soul    8:00 AA  
**Wednesday:**        10:00-Bible Study    4:00 Confirmation  
                                  6:30 Big House , Growing in Prayer  
**Thursday:**            7:00 Music Epiphany Party  
**Friday:**  
**Saturday:**            **Worship 4:30 PM**

**THOSE WHO SERVE January 6<sup>th</sup> 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  
**Altar Guild**            Marilyn Bloechle & Olinda Sperry

**THOSE WHO SERVE January 7<sup>th</sup>:**

**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 Biling  
**Acolytes:**            **8:00** Jacob Bruschk  
                                  **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 14<sup>th</sup>:**

**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

**THOSE WHO SERVE January 21<sup>st</sup>:**

**Keyboard / Organ:** 4:30pm – Kurt Linstead 8am & 10:30am Mary Stahlke

**Ensemble:** 10:30 Voices of Praise

**Lay Assistants:** 8:00 Henry Meier  
10:30 John Dorn & Caroline Marchewka

**Acolytes:** 8:00 Hank Pavlovsky

10:30 Lorelai 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

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