December 13-14, 2025
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 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: $12476.00 YTD Net Loss (as of 11/30) ($14,300.57)
YTD Income (as of 11/30) $419,968.46 YTD Expense (as of 11/30) $434,269.03
Adopt A Bill: August: $790.00 September $300.00 October $350.00

ATTENDANCE Saturday 16, communed 15; Sunday 70 communed 55

ALTAR FLOWERS In honor of Isaac Ryan King on his birthday from Darren & Erin Taylor

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate The Fourth Sunday in Advent. The sermon is titled "Are you the One?" and the hymn of the day is "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (LSB 357). The scripture lessons for worship are:

Introit	Ps. 130:5-8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1	*My Soul Waits for the Lord*
Old Testament	Isaiah 7:10–17	*The Sign of Immanuel*
Epistle	Romans 1:1-7	*Greetings to the Romans*
Gospel (sermon text)	Matthew 1:18–25	*The Birth of Jesus*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT is called Gaudete Sunday, named from the Latin word *gaudeamus* ("let us rejoice"). The introit and gradual both begin with the word "rejoice," and the Old Testament reading contains several iterations of "joy" and "rejoice."

GIVING TUESDAY (Continues through December) Trinity is focusing on reducing our operating deficit and to payback some of the funds borrowed from the LCMS Foundation Account. Our goal is to raise $35,000. A special envelope is available in the Narthex. "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give….for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7 Thank you for your prayers and gifts during this holiday season.

Please join **WFG** for their annual **CHRISTMAS POTLUCK** followed by some fun bingo games in the **Trinity Center** after Pastor Allyn's bible study @ **11am** on **Wednesday, December 17th**. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex outside the Trinity Center.

BRING A BELL to the December 24 worship services to help ring in Christmas!

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING TODAY – A Voter's Meeting will be held **TODAY**, **Sun, Dec 14th** immediately following the 10:30 worship service to vote on Congregational Nominations for Synod President and Vice-Presidents. Please be present to vote at this brief meeting.

ADVENT WORSHIP TIMES:
Wednesday, December 17th – 7:00 PM (dinner at 5:30 PM)
Christmas Eve Wednesday, Dec 24th – 12:00 (noon), 7:00 pm
Christmas Day Thursday, Dec 25th – 10:00 am
Wednesday, Dec 31st –7:00 pm (Eve of the Name of Jesus)
Tuesday, Jan 6th –7:00 pm Epiphany Worship

DECEMBER 17 @ 5:30 - 6:30: ADVENT DINNERS
The youth will serve dinner before worship during Advent. The menus are posted in the Narthex, along with a sign-up sheet, if you'd like to contribute to the meals.

ADVENT FOOD PANTRY CALENDAR lists particular inexpensive items daily to be donated. The list in the Narthex has items by date, December 1st thru December 24th. A tally will be kept to show at the end of the month how well our Advent Food Panty Calendar was filled. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Weber at cindylwc@yahoo.com. Merry Christmas and many blessings to you and your family.

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 Mon. Jan. 19th**. Please advise the church office if you wish to cancel your subscription.

Trinity Pastoral Call Update

WE HIT OUR TARGET FOR NUMBER OF SURVEY RESPONSES! Thank you to everyone that completed the CADDs survey. As a result of your efforts, we obtained a sufficient response rate for the information to be representative of the larger congregation. The next steps are for the District to prepare a report, based upon the survey, and put together a list of candidates for us to consider for our next Pastor. The report by the District will be presented in a session, open to the congregation that will be held after the New Year. Please look for our next update when we are able to provide the schedule for the survey results presentation. Thank you for your continued interest!

ALTAR FLOWERS – Altar flowers are needed beginning **January 4th**. Please clearly mark your envelope "Altar Flowers" with your donation of **$30.00**.

HOMEBOUND
Aperion, W. Chicago: Deborah Bychowski
Beacon Hill: John & Connie Graham, Lowell & Judy Pals
Brighton Gardens, Whtn: Bill Rothenburger
Meadowbrook Manor: Judy Sheridan
The Sheridan:Pastor & Carol Drews, Donna Williams

AT HOME: Greg Bukowski, Georgianna Ryl, Marcy Seils.
Strength and patience for all the caregivers.

IN NEED OF HEALING: Marilyn Bloechle, Patti Brewer (sister of Margaret Cotterill), Dave Bruschuk, Sue Bukowski, Gary Buehre, Mary Doerring, Linda Gibboney (daughter of LaVera Levin), Penny & Ron Goldman, Shirley Grudzien, Jamie Jones (daughter in law of Tom Jones), Dr. Fran Kania (friend of the Heuser's), Lee Ann Ladewig (Grandma of the Reifsteck children), Francine Maatman, Phyllis McCurdy (sister of Donna Heuser), Lisa Miller (daughter of Judy Sheridan), Jenny O'Gradney (friend of the Marchewka's), Bishop Ritt, Norman Rodger (friend of the Stahlke's), Mark Roegner, Pattie Rothenburger, Judy Sheridan, Linda Szczepanski (friend of the Marchewka's), Linda Wolsztyniak (friend of the knitters).
We pray for peace throughout the world.

FOR THE CHURCH: Bishops: Matthew Harrison and Jeffrey Miskus
Seminarian: Reece Parlier 1-1-1 Missions Asian Indian Ministry
Missionaries to the Dominican Republic–Rev. Dr. Jonathon and Deaconess Cheryl Naumann
Jay and Julie Dass, Lutheran Confessional Church of Pakistan
Trinity Lutheran Church that God would lift her up as she enters into a pastoral vacancy

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Commander in Chief – President Donald Trump, Adam Biladeau, Matt Boudro, Noah Brockie, Peter Halpin (son of Dan & Rhonda Halpin), Charles Hummel & Cameron Littleson (Traci Dale Maher's brothers-in-law), Travis Jones, Annika Miller & Benjamin Miller (niece & nephew of the Stahlke's), Josh Preisel (grandson of Alice Bezik), Ella Sperry (granddaughter of Cliff & Olinda Sperry), Paul Stahlke, Quentin Stubbs.

BIRTHDAYS: **14-**Steven Buehre, Vicki Johnson **15-** Lisa Thompson **16-**Aubrey Maher
17-Dawn Carroll, John Serna **18-** Elizabeth Bruschuk, Michael Bruschuk, Sara Bruschuk, Dave Heuser
19-Diane Bruschuk **20-**Pam Allyn, Michael Richardson, Sterling Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES: **18-** Kate & Frank Ilken

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF December 14th:

Sunday:	**Worship 8:00 AM** (FaceBook Live) **& 10:30 AM**
	11:45 - Special Voter's Meeting
Monday:	1:00-Al Anon
Tuesday:	7:30 Darts 8:00 AA
Wednesday:	**Worship 7:00 PM** 10:00 Bible Class 4:00 Confirmation Xmas Party
	5:30 Advent Family Dinner 6:30 Growing in Prayer
Thursday:	9:00 Men's Discussion Group
Friday:	
Saturday:	**4:30 Worship**

THOSE WHO SERVE December 14th:

Keyboard / Organ:	**4:30pm** Kurt Linstead	**8am & 10:30am** Mary Stahlke
Vocalist	**8:00** Kate Ilcken	**10:30** Christy Crandell
Bells:	**8:00** Kate Ilcken	**10:30** Jessica Mora
Lay Assistants:	**8:00** Henry Meier	**10:30** Jessica Mora & Gloria Marchewka
Acolytes:	**8:00** Travis Jones	**10:30** Caleb Ilcken
Ushers:	**4:30** Carol Edwards	
	8:00 Scott Golz & Neal Rodenbostel	
	10:30 Gary Buehre, Rich Kumnick & Frank Ilcken	
Altar Guild	Cindy Weber, Carol Boettger	

THOSE WHO SERVE WEDNESDAY, December 17th - 7:00 PM:

Organ:	Mary Stahlke
Ensemble:	Jubilate Choir
Acolytes:	Travis Jones
Ushers:	Bert Dale, Derek Bruschuk, Mike Diciolla

THOSE WHO SERVE December 21st:

Keyboard / Organ:	**4:30pm** Kurt Linstead	**8am & 10:30am** Mary Stahlke
Vocalist	**8:00** Jim Bruschuk	**10:30** Jonathan Stahlke
Bells:	**10:30** Jessica Mora	
Lay Assistants:	**8:00** Donna Stubbs	**10:30** Greg Billing & Caroline Marchewka
Acolytes:	**8:00** Madelyn Alvarez	**10:30** Madilynne Sauter
Ushers:	**4:30** Bert Dale	
	8:00 Jon Alvarez, Steve Boudro, Joe Peacock	
	10:30 Ron Boettger, Bob Rundgren, Travis Jones	
Altar Guild	Marilyn Felz	

THOSE WHO SERVE WEDNESDAY, December 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE

Organ:	**12:00 pm & 7:00 pm** Mary Stahlke
Ensemble:	**12:00 pm & 7:00 pm** Jubilate Choir
Bells:	**12:00 pm** Laura Nettleton
Instrumentalists:	**12:00 pm & 7:00 pm** Chris Phillips, oboe & Paul Phillips, trombone
Lay Assistants:	**12:00** Jacob Bruschuk & Aliyah Brockie
	7:00 Diane Devermann & Jessica Mora
Acolytes:	**12:00** Madilyne Sauter **7:00** Cruz Collins
Ushers:	**12:00** Gary Buehre, Rich Kumnick & Frank Ilcken
	7:00 Dave Heuser, Harold Cazaubon, Harley DeJong
Altar Guild	Cindy Weber & Diane Devermann

THOSE WHO SERVE THURSDAY, December 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY – 10:00 AM

Organ:	Mary Stahlke
Ensemble:	Voices of Praise
Bells:	Kate Ilcken & Jonathan Stahlke
Lay Assistants:	Darren Taylor & John Dorn
Acolytes:	Donny Ilcken
Ushers:	Scott Golz & Neal Rodenbostel
Altar Guild	Donna Heuser