December 6-7, 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: $4774.00 YTD Net Loss (as of 10/31) ($38,815.42)
YTD Income (as of 10/31) $379,577.98 YTD Expense (as of 10/31) $418,393.40
Adopt A Bill: August: $790.00 September $300.00 October $350.00

ATTENDANCE Saturday 5, communed 5; Sunday 73 communed 64

ALTAR FLOWERS In memory of Joy Pals from Lowell Pals

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate The Third Sunday in Advent. The hymn of the day is "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" (LSB 345). The scripture lessons for worship are:

Introit	Ps. 71:14–18; antiphon: Phil. 4:4	*Forsake Me Not*
Old Testament	Isaiah 35:1–10	*The Ransomed Shall Return*
Epistle	James 5:7–11	*Patience in Suffering*
Gospel	Matthew 11:2-15	*Messengers from John the Baptist*

CLOSING HYMN is **"**Prepare the Royal Highway" (LSB 343), which is sung to the dance-like Swedish tune BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, first published in the late 17th century. The tune name is translated from Swedish as "Prepare the Way for the Lord."

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – If you would like to purchase a poinsettia plant, $20.00 foiled, for the altar for Christmas please forward your request to the church office in an envelope marked "**Christmas Poinsettia"** with your name. Plants may be picked up after the 10:00 am service on Christmas Day. Orders are due by **Wednesday, December 10th**.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 5:30-6:30:
This week's Advent meal will be breakfast for dinner. Waffles, egg casseroles, ham, and sausage. Sign up in the narthex if you'd like to bring something.

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.

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING – A Voter's Meeting will be held on **Sun, December 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 10th & 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

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!

LWML CHRISTMAS GATHERING is Saturday, December 13 from 9 am to 11 am. Come join us for breakfast goodies and holiday cheer.

This year for the **FOOD PANTRY** items we are doing a giving Advent Calendar which lists particular inexpensive items daily to be donated. There will be list in the Narthex of the items by date, December 1st thru December 24th. I will keep a tally and report at the end of the month of how our Advent Food Panty Calendar was filled. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Weber at cindylwc@yahoo.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 Mon. Jan. 19th**. Please advise the church office if you wish to cancel your subscription.

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: **7-**Kirk Golz, Scot Jaras, Sharon Montag **8**-Aaron Lotter **10-**Dana Campagna Iacono **11-**Mary Doerring **12-**Nancy Busse, Kate Nack, Tate Scofield, Kyle Stolzman **13**-John Benzin

ANNIVERSARIES: **12-**Harold & Barbara Cazaubon, Andrew & Samantha Thompson

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF December 7th:

Sunday:	**Worship 8:00 AM** (FaceBook Live) **& 10:30 AM**
Monday:	1:00-Al Anon
Tuesday:	7:30 Darts 8:00 AA
Wednesday:	**Worship 7:00 PM** 10:00 Bible Class 4:00 Confirmation
	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 7th :

Keyboard / Organ:	**4:30pm** Kurt Linstead	**8am & 10:30am** Mary Stahlke
Ensemble:	**8:00** Sunday School	
Vocalist:	**8:00** Heidi Alvarez	**10:30** Greg Billing
Bells:	**10:30** Jessica Mora	
Lay Assistants:	**8:00** Darren Taylor	**10:30** David Sullivan & Kate Ilcken
Acolytes:	**8:00** Cruz Collins	**10:30** Dulany Sauter
Ushers:	**4:30** Rich Kumnick	
	8:00 Bert Dale, Derek Bruschuk, Mike Diciolla	
	10:30 Dave Heuser, Harold Cazaubon, Harley DeJong	
Altar Guild	Olinda Sperry & Donna Heuser	

THOSE WHO SERVE WEDNESDAY, December 10th - 7:00 PM:

Organ: Mary Stahlke
Ensemble: Jubilate Choir
Acolytes: Madelyn Alvarez
Ushers: Jon Alvarez, Steve Boudro, Joe Peacock

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	

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	
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	