



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Trinity at a Glance

Weekly Newsletter

We are a people: Called Together...Sharing Christ!

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Daily Readings

12/16/2024 - 12/22/2024

Monday, December 16

Numbers 16:1-19

Hebrews 13:7-17

Isaiah 11:1-9

Tuesday, December 17

Numbers 16:20-35

Acts 28:23-31

Isaiah 11:1-9

Wednesday, December 18

Micah 4:8-13

Luke 7:31-35

Isaiah 11:1-9

Thursday, December 19

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 10:10-18

Psalms 80:1-7

Friday, December 20

Isaiah 42:10-18

Hebrews 10:32-39

Psalms 80:1-7

Saturday, December 21

Isaiah 42:10-18

Luke 13:31-35

Psalms 80:1-7

Sunday, December 22

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55 (52)

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 39-45 (46-55)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 15, 2024 - No Affirmation Class

9:00am Sunday Session

9:00am Worship Band Rehearsal

10:00am Holy Communion

6:00pm Youth Group Night

Monday, December 16, 2024

9:30am DrumFit

10:00am Office Meeting

6:00pm LaSalle County NOW Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

10:00am SitFit

12:00pm Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall

12:00pm L.E.A.S.E. Screening Ed. Building

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

12:00pm Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Cub Scouts

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 19, 2024

10:00am SitFit

1:00pm Trinity Stitches

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

Friday, December 20, 2024 - Church Office Closed

7:00am Sunrise Rotary

Saturday, December 21, 2024

3:00pm TLC Live Nativity at Heritage Harbor

Sunday, December 22, 2024

9:00am Affirmation Class

9:00am Worship Band Rehearsal

10:00am Holy Communion



With your generous donation, we have been able to make a significant impact in our congregation and the wider community. Whether it's providing assistance to those in need, organizing uplifting events, or fostering spiritual growth, your contribution plays a vital role in making it all possible. We are a community that believes in the power of unity and shared values, and your belief in our mission is truly inspiring. Your donation not only helps us carry out our important work, but also strengthens our commitment to serving others and deepening our faith.

November 2024 Financial Report

Income for November	\$18,640.15	Year to Date \$198,050.22
Expenses for November	\$17,514.85	Year to Date \$231,349.77
Income Less Expense	\$1,125.30	Year to Date \$-33,299.55

Building Fund Loan

Monthly Payment: \$2,943.36

Loan Balance: \$38,899.16



Flowers this week are in honor of Richard Gunderson from the Johnsons, the Komaters, and the Grays

Community Directory

The Community Directory is available in a basic print format. If preferred, please reach out to the office to request one. Thank you!



Mitten Tree for YSB

Throughout the month of December the Mitten Tree will be in Java Junction. Please put items directly on or under the tree. Items

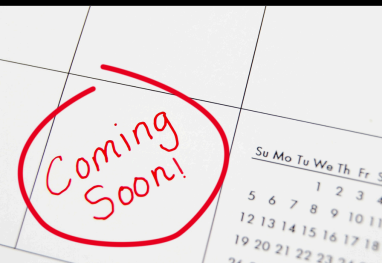
can include:

- Hats
- Mittens
- Socks



Thank You

Trinity would like to thank all the people who came to help decorate! We couldn't have done it without you!



Annual Meeting

Trinity Lutheran Church's Annual Meeting will take place on January 26, 2025. Mark your calendars and please plan on attending the Annual Meeting after church that day. An official notice will come in the form of a post card closer to January 26th.



Community Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church



Sign Up Here
December 17th
1:00-6:00PM



Sign Up Here
December 18th
12:00-5:00PM



When you donate blood between December 16th-January 3 donors will receive a **NEW long sleeved Red Cross T-shirt**, limited qty.



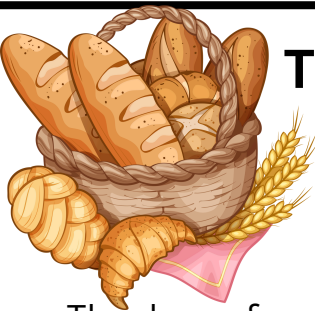
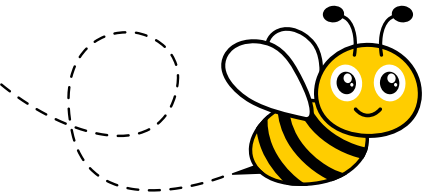
Go “Tail” it on The Mountain!

You can give a gift to help people with their small farms and lives. The ELCA Good Gifts catalogue has a number of gifts that you can buy at their on-line website. These gifts are for people in developing countries.

Here are some of the items:

Piglet - \$30, Cow - \$500, Chicks - \$10, Honeybees - \$20, Goat - \$50,
Woman’s Microloan - \$125, School Supplies - \$10, Safe Birth for a Child - \$750
Send a Girl to School -- \$40

The catalogue can be seen at goodgifts@elca.org



Twin Rivers – Barrington Growing Project For Growing Hope Globally



Thank you for your support of our growing project! We sent a check for \$23,500 to GHG to support a program in Guatemala called the Nejab Quetzaltenango. Our check helped them meet their goal of \$158,000 for the coming year.

The objectives of this program are to:

- Boost food production in an area with the world’s highest rate of child malnutrition.
- Help reduce the impacts of climate change on growing food
- Give woman the opportunity to have and increase their incomes
- Give hope to people so they can stay and not emigrate

Can we give more? There are many programs in need of funding all over the world. We’ll continue to take contributions and share them with another overseas program.

And 2025 calendars are still available!

Contact Marj Nelson, Kate Reed, or the church office.



Live Nativity

We're excited to announce our **Live Nativity** event on **Saturday, December 21st, 3p-5p** at **Heritage Harbor**. We need your help to bring this beautiful story to life! This immersive experience will allow visitors to walk through the nativity scene and interact with talented actors, portraying key characters in the nativity story. If you're interested in volunteering, please sign up at the back of the church. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the spirit of the season with our community! (No prior acting experience necessary and there are no lines to be memorized).

Thank you for your support, and we can't wait to create this memorable event together!



Blankets for IVAR

IVAR is in need of old blankets. If you would like to donate, please drop them off in Java Junction or bring them to the church office.



IN CASE NO ONE EVER TOLD YOU
LOBE DEN HERREN

("Praise to the Lord, the Almighty")

In case no one ever told you
or you have forgotten
You are a blessing and have been since you were
begotten
Fashioned from love
Sent to the earth from above
You're nothing short of a Godsend
You are the masterpiece born of God's imagination
Even the parts that are crying out for restoration
All that you are
Born out of stardust and scars
Reflects God's perfect creation
You are uniquely created for love and belonging
Forcing yourself to be someone you're not is exhausting
You are a gift
There is no box you must fit
Let your belovedness blossom

The Praxis Pietatis Melia, 1668
Words by Rev. Anna Strickland, 2024



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- December 21: 3:00-5:00pm Live Nativity at Heritage Harbor
- December 24: 5:00pm Christmas Eve Communion and Carols
- January 5: 9:45am Epiphany Blessing before Worship



DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to You!

Sarah Sharp	December 15
Rowan Weems	December 17
Nicole Weems	December 26
Tyann Williams	December 29
Julie Cave	December 30
Vickie Grunstad	December 30
Aaron Poggi	December 30



Happy Anniversary

Keith and Jane Goetz	December 21
Matt and Ellen Gross	December 22
Cathy and Douglas Shumway	December 28
John and Janice Reinert	December 29



Prayers needed for:



Sue
Sarah G.
Marv and Gail
Suzannah and Brad
Pam and Ted
Marcia and Mark
Mary
Leonard
Karen
Brooklin
Mike
Missy
Keely and Family
Larry
Tricia
Mark
Cheryl Brockman
Ruth
Gigi
Katie
Paula
Mel
Sue
Michael
Mikaylah
David
Greg
Jane
Judy
Jenny F.
Joyce
Emberlynn
Dianne

Those in nursing homes and assisted living especially:

Jerry Hulslander
Karen Inman
Margaret Seeman
Linda Kalis
Richard Fricke
Eleanor Finley
Carol Peisker

Those serving on Trinity's staff especially:

Pastor Phil, Suzannah, Lauren, Tonya,
Jamie, Dave, Matt, and Mary

Those serving in the military especially:

Gertie Barron
A.J. Stahr
Karl Cauley