

Trinity News and Notes
Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 22, 2024

SUNDAY, 22nd

8:15 a.m. Choir practice in Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Caroling & Fellowship

MONDAY, 23rd

8:30 a.m. Matins

TUESDAY, 24th

8:30 a.m. Matins
7:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols
11:00 p.m. The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

WEDNESDAY, 25th

9:30 a.m. Choir practice in Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Divine Service

THURSDAY, 26th

Feast of St. Stephan, Martyr
No Matins or Private Confession; Office Closed

FRIDAY, 27th

*Feast of St. John,
Apostle & Evangelist*
No Matins or Private Confession; Office Closed

SATURDAY, 28th

Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

SUNDAY, 29th

Commemoration of David
8:15 a.m. Choir practice in Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Looking Ahead...

- December 31, Eve of the Circumcision and Naming of Jesus, Divine Service, 5:30 pm
- January 6, Epiphany Divine Service, 5:30 p.m.
- January 8, Catechesis resumes, 5:15 p.m.
- January 14, Council meeting, 6 p.m.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Our Sister Church: Lutheran Church of Venezuela (ILV)

Missionaries: Rev. Daniel & Kathryn Conrad and
Rev. Dr. Quintin & Lindsay Cundiff

Pastors: Rev. Aaron Filipek and Rev. Daniel Metzger

Circuit Visitor: Rev. Mark Lovett

Circuit Visitor-Elect: Rev. Michael Brockman

District President: Rev. Justin Panzer

Synod President: Rev. Matthew Harrison

Baptismal Anniversaries: Scott Schneider, Anneabella Fortine, and Amber Fortine

Training/Deployed in Our Armed Forces: Caleb Bartel, Dawson Bromlow, Keaton Wellner, Tori Myers

Our Schools: Concordia Academy, Euraquilo Christian Academy (VanSant Homeschool), Luther Classical College, Concordia University Wisconsin, CSL and CTSFW (LCMS seminaries)

Prayer Petitions: Daniel Molina, (*health concerns*), Karla Atkinson, (*Ashley and Jennifer's mother*), Gregg Goscha, (*health concerns*), Mary Kay Larson, (*friend of Hannah Magill*), Tracie Stephenson, (*Sheryl Anderson's cousin*), Rachel Lewis, (*Godchild of the Wortz's*), Stephanie Gilmore, (*Kirsten Bartel's mother*), Gayla Taylor, (*Wife of Joel Taylor*), Evie Meyers, (*Miriam Nickel's Daughter*), Matthew Hastings, Julia Lessman, (*granddaughter of the Lessmans*), Gary, (*brother of Angie Patterson*)

Birthdays: Alan Bacon, Kelsey Wellner, Michael Unruh, and Angie Patterson

Wedding Anniversary: Jonathan & Crista Switzer and Dean & Susan Christ

Shut-ins: Amy Fox, Gil Holstein, Florence Lavery, Judy Rollins, Louise Smith, Mary Tomlinson

READINGS for next Sunday

~First Sunday after Christmas ~

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 11:1-5

EPISTLE: Galatians 4:1-7

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

ADVENT RUBRICS

Unique to Advent and Lent, the Liturgy drops the Greater Gloria (“Gloria in Excelsis”). The Church sets that magnificent hymn of praise aside until we hear the angels sing it at the birth of Christ! Also, you’ll notice that as the weeks of Advent go forth there will be two collects: the collect of the day (particular to the readings appointed) as well as the collect for the first Sunday in Advent. Finally, you can’t help but notice the Advent Wreath with four candles around the outside. This wreath is a calendar—slowing us down, week by week, drawing us in anticipation towards Christmas. Each of the four candles represents a different aspect of our waiting: Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. Three candles are blue; one is pink. The pink calls us to rejoice and find the refreshment needed in a period of fasting (there’s something similar in Lent, too). Advent wreaths at home with daily family prayer and devotion is highly encouraged as well.

ORATIO MEDITATIO TENTATIO: Our theological reading group meets next on **January 28, as follows: 8:30a.m. Matins; 9:15a.m. Reading Discussion; 11:15a.m. Prayer; 11:30a.m. lunch.** We will discuss *Christ in His Saints*. Ancient Faith Publishing, 2004.

SACRED MUSIC & TALK FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON... You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at issuesetc.org, lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT If you would like to donate to a staff Christmas gift, please put your donations in the designated basket in the narthex. The Board of Elders.

CAROLING DECEMBER 22 Please join us as we go caroling the neighborhood surrounding Trinity. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4 p.m. Please bring a snack or appetizer to share in fellowship after singing. Warm drinks will be provided.

2025 CATECHESIS Catechism class will begin again January 8, 2025.

PICTURE DIRECTORY There are copies of the church picture directory in the narthex. Please pick one up at your leisure.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES Please pick up your 2025 offering envelopes in the narthex on your way out of church. Thank you!

SAFETY NOTE: For your safety and the safety of your belongings, please lock your vehicle before entering the Church. Don’t leave valuables (cell phones, purses) in car.

Trinity Financial Status Through October 2024

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Contributions	\$ 250,610	\$ 229,725	\$ 20,885
Expenditures	\$ 207,727	\$ 229,725	\$ 21,998
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 42,883	\$ 0	\$ 42,883

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

12/24/24 ~ ChristMass Eve Candlelight Lessons ~7:00 pm
12/24/24 ~ ChristMass Eve Midnight Mass ~ 11:00 pm
12/25/24 ~ ChristMass Day Divine Service~ 10:00 am
12/31/24 ~ Eve of the Circumcision and Naming of Jesus
(New Year’s Eve Divine Service) ~ 5:30 pm
1/6/25 ~ The Epiphany Divine Service ~ 5:30 pm

TRINITY POSITIONS OPEN: Please prayerfully consider offering a bit of your time to volunteer for one of the following positions: Board of Trustees, Board of Evangelism, Hospitality Committee, **Usher**, Altar Guild, and Offering Counter. Call the church office to volunteer, 316-685-1571

DONATE ONLINE! PayPal is set up for donations on our website. Questions? See Sheryl or Dick.

Those Serving at Trinity in December ...

Greeters: The Smiths

Usher: Derrel Pressnell

Counter: The Pressnells

Acolyte: Caleb Filipek

Altar Guild: Sheryl A.

Organist: Amanda Carter

Elder: Allen Herbert

Crucifer: Andrew Filipek