

Trinity News and Notes
Third Sunday in Advent
December 15, 2024

SUNDAY, 15th

8:15 a.m. Choir practice in Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Bible Study
1:30 p.m. *Misa en Español*
3:30 p.m. Ladies' gathering at Trudy's

MONDAY, 16th

8:30 a.m. Matins

TUESDAY, 17th

*Commemoration of Daniel the Prophet
and the Three Young Men*

8:30 a.m. Matins
9:15 a.m. OMT
7:00 p.m. Security Committee

WEDNESDAY, 18th

8:30 a.m. Matins
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Divine Service
5:30 p.m. Private confession and absolution
7:00 p.m. Vespers

THURSDAY, 19th

Commemoration of Adam and Eve

8:30 a.m. Matins
4:30 p.m. Private confession and absolution
7:00 p.m. Elders' meeting

FRIDAY, 20th

Commemoration of Katharina von Bora Luther

8:30 a.m. Matins

SATURDAY, 21st

Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

SUNDAY, 22nd

8:15 a.m. Choir practice in Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Bible Study
1:30 p.m. *Misa en Español*
4:00 p.m. Advent/Christmas Caroling

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Our Sister Church: The Lutheran Church of Uruguay

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: Pat Newlin, Max Clement, and
Beckey Morse

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 St. Paul, CSL and CTSFW (LCMS
seminaries)

Prayer Petitions: The Fahrenthold Family, (*as they mourn
the loss of D.P.'s father*), 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: Caleb Filipek

Wedding Anniversary: Cory & Veronica Laflin

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

READINGS for next Sunday

~Fourth Sunday in Advent ~

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-19

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL: John 1:19-28

Looking Ahead...

- January 6, Epiphany Divine Service, 5:30 p.m.
- January 8, Catechesis resumes, 5:15 p.m.
- January 14, Council meeting, 6 p.m.

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 **December 17, as follows: 8:30a.m. Matins; 9:15a.m. Reading Discussion; 11:15a.m. Prayer; 11:30a.m. lunch.** We will discuss *Remembering the Christian Past*. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1995.

CHRISTIANITY & OTHER WORLD RELIGIONS...

Judaism, Islam, Mormonism, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Hinduism, Buddhism, Atheism, Scientology. Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a World Religions 101 series with Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University Chicago. You can listen to this multi-part series at issuesetc.org/worldreligions.

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.

LADIES OF TRINITY Would you be interested in gathering to talk about how we can bring the traditions of The Church Year into our homes and to encourage each other in Christ? You are invited to come Sunday, December 15 at 3:30 p.m. to Trudy Unruh’s house for an informal gathering to discuss what such a group might look like using All The Household’s blog as a guide. Check out the blog at allthehousehold.com. Questions? Contact Trudy Unruh.

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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Dick Lewallen or Amanda Carter
a.carter@cawichita.org

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

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

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 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: Andrew Filipek

Altar Guild: Sheryl A.

Organist: Amanda Carter

Elder: Allen Herbert

Crucifer: Caleb Filipek