

Trinity News and Notes
Sexagesima
February 23, 2025

SUNDAY, 23rd

Commemoration of Polycarp of Smyrna, Pastor & Martyr

8:30 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. Liturgical Living Group

MONDAY, 24th

St. Matthias, Apostle

8:30 a.m. Matins

TUESDAY, 25th

8:30 a.m. Matins

WEDNESDAY, 26th

8:30 a.m. Matins
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Divine Service
5:15 p.m. Catechesis and meal
7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, 27th

8:30 a.m. Matins
4:30 p.m. Private Confession

FRIDAY, 28th

8:30 a.m. Matins

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd

8:30 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*

Looking Ahead...

- March 5, Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.
- March 6, Trustees' meeting, 7:00 p.m.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Our Sister Church: Confessional Lutheran Church of South Africa (CLCSA)

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

Ordination Anniversary: Pastor Metzger (March 1, 1992)

Baptismal Anniversaries: Amy Filipek, Lois Winter, Gerry Rietcheck, James Herbert, and Kendall Patterson

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 Irvine, CSL and CTSFW (LCMS seminaries)

Prayer Petitions: The Engelbrecht and Bennett Families (*the loss of Amber*), Debra Engelbrecht, (*health*), David Van Sant, (*health*), D. P. Fahrenthold, (*health*), Malachi Mapleswright, (*Herbert Family friend*), Daniel Molina, (*health*), Karla Atkinson, (*Ashley and Jennifer's mother*), Gregg Goscha, (*health*), 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*), Rachel Brewer, (*friend of Christie and Dick Lewallen*), Matthew Hastings, Julia Lessman, (*granddaughter of the Lessmans*), Gary, (*brother of Angie Patterson*)

Birthdays: Lois Winter, Kane VanSant, Les Howard, and Brian Lewallen

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

READINGS for next Sunday

~Quinquagesima~

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

GOSPEL: Luke 18:31-43

ORATIO MEDITATIO TENTATIO: Our theological reading group meets next on **March 18, as follows: 8:30a.m. Matins; 9:15a.m. Reading Discussion; 11:15a.m. Prayer; 11:30a.m. lunch.** We will discuss *The Sunday Lectionary: Ritual Word, Paschal Shape*. The Liturgical Press, 1998.

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Critical Theory; The Foundation, Focus & Shape of the Christian Life; Communion with Christ; The Gift of Marriage and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

LENTEN MEALS A simple soup meal will be served before Wednesday services during lent, beginning March 12th. The meals will be served from 5:45-6:30 p.m. and you can come anytime during that time to eat. Service will start at 7 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you'd like to help bring food. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia VanSant.

PHOENIX RISING BENEFIT GALA Don't miss our annual Phoenix Rising Benefit Gala on Friday, April 25, 2025. This year we are pleased to host Prof. Louis Markos as our keynote speaker. Tickets available now.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Concordia University Chicago "Prepared to Serve" has a scholarship program for students preparing to enter service for the church. Beginning fall 2025, eligible full-time students will pay a maximum of \$5,000 in tuition and mandatory fees each academic year.

LITURGICAL LIVING We will meet at Trudy's house February 23rd at 3:30 p.m. We will discuss St. Polycarp and share in fellowship. Questions about the group? Contact Trudy Unruh for more details.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND GIVING STATEMENTS: Please pick up your 2025 offering envelopes and/or giving statements 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 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.

<u>Trinity Financial Status</u> <i>Through December 2024</i>			
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Contributions	\$ 294,368	\$ 275,670	\$ 18,698
Expenditures	\$ 248,218	\$ 275,670	\$ 27,452
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 46,150	\$ 0	\$ 46,150

- **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:** National Synod Officer, Board, and Commission Positions
- The Committee for Convention Nominations requests nominations of qualified members of Synod member congregations for positions to be filled by the Synod convention meeting July 18-23, 2026. Officers, agencies, ordained and commissioned ministers, and members congregations and their lay members are all invited to submit nominations, to be received preferably before Aug. 18, 2025 and no later than Oct. 18, 2025. For more information, please go to lcms.org/nominate. Any member of a congregation with a valid e-mail address will be able to establish an account and submit a nomination.

FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES

- **6:47 Tuesdays @Fairmount!** College Age/Young Adult Fellowship/Bible Group. Bible Study Topic: Basics of our Faith. E-mail hannah@fairmountministries.org for more info.

ARE YOU A DILLONS SHOPPER? Designate Trinity as your Dillon's rewards charity online, using the code QG377. You will need to designate Trinity every year for this rewards program.

Those Serving at Trinity in February ...

<i>Greeters:</i> The Pattersons	<i>Altar Guild:</i> The Pattersons
<i>Usher:</i> Ron Rooker	<i>Organist:</i> Amy Haist
<i>Counter:</i> The Pressnells	<i>Elder:</i> Cory Laflin
<i>Acolyte:</i> Kane VanSant	<i>Crucifer:</i> Andrew Filipek