

**Sunday, December 31, 2023:**

9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

**Monday, January 1, 2024:*****New Year's Day—Offices Closed****No Scheduled Events***Tuesday, January 2nd:**

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors

**Wednesday, January 3rd:**

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Revelation—Parlors

10:00 AM School Chapel—Sanctuary

5:30 PM Adult Bible Study: Revelation—Parlors

**Thursday, January 4th:**

6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—TBD

**Friday, January 5th:**

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

**Saturday, January 6th:**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Parlors

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary

**Sunday, January 7th:**

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

9:00 AM Blended Worship—Sanctuary

10:15 AM Adult Bible Study: Revelation—  
Sanctuary

10:15 AM Financial Peace University—Rm 203

10:15 AM Confirmation Class—Parlors

10:15 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms

11:30 AM Retirement Celebration Luncheon for  
Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Pegorsch  
(attendees by RSVP)—Gym

6:00 PM Jr. &amp; Sr. YAT—Youth House

***Church & School Offices and Childcare Center Closed  
on Monday, January 1, 2024*****PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Adult Bible Study, Confirmation Class, Sunday School, or YAT on Sunday, December 31st.**GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2023** will be mailed out at the end of January, so you should receive your statement within the first couple weeks of February. *\*Please note that if we do not have your correct address on file, the Post Office will send your statement back to Trinity. To update your address, please call the church office.* Statements for which we have an incorrect address or no address on file will be placed in the Narthex for pick-up.**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024** are available for pick-up in the Narthex. They are arranged in alphabetical order—thank you to Lynn Wadzinski for volunteering to set them out! If you are one of our homebound members and would like to receive your envelopes via mail or visiting pastor, please let the church office know. If you are not currently assigned offering envelopes and would like a box for 2024, please let the church office know.**VOLUNTEERS FOR PASTOR PEGORSCH'S RETIREMENT LUNCHEON** Thank you for volunteering your time to help make this celebration truly special! Volunteers who indicated interest in setting up tables and chairs, decorating, as well as volunteers who did not indicate a preference should be in the Gym by 9:00am next Sunday, January 7th. Those who indicated interest in serving cake can do so after the meal, and those who indicated interest in clean-up/tear-down can do so at the end of the event.**ASSOCIATE PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE** The Board of Elders has formed a Call Committee to work off the information we gathered at the October 24th Town Hall Meeting. Due to the number of responses, we have increased the number of Call Committee members to 9. The committee will have its first meeting on January 8, 2024 and will meet as needed until an Associate Pastor has accepted the call from Trinity.

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP & PRAISE TEAM** We recently sent out surveys and held a Town Hall meeting where we talked about the Saturday night Contemporary worship service and the Spiritual Life Center (SLC). After reviewing all of the feedback, it is clear to the Board of Elders that a majority of Saturday attendees are excited to move the service back to the SLC. Jerry's Music is helping us determine what is all needed to help make this transition, as we plan for February. We'll keep you posted on the progress.

***Calling all musicians and vocalists!*** The Praise Team needs your help if you can sing, play the keyboard, or other instruments. Praise Team rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 5:45-6:45pm. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Brett Schwantes at [schwantes.spirit@gmail.com](mailto:schwantes.spirit@gmail.com) or 715-302-5438.

**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS—ANNUAL RENEWAL** If you were a subscriber to The Lutheran Witness in 2023 and would like to remain a subscriber for 2024, please send a check for \$27.75 to the Church Office ***no later than Friday, January 26th***. Checks can be made out to "Trinity Church." If you subscribed in 2023 but would like to cancel your subscription for 2024, please let the Church Office know by January 26th. ***Your subscription from 2023 will be automatically renewed for 2024 unless you contact the Church Office.***

If you have not subscribed to The Lutheran Witness in the past but would like to subscribe for 2024, please let the Church Office know before January 26th. The Lutheran Witness is the official publication of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is published 11 times per year (March-February), keeping you updated with news from around the Synod and addressing topical issues with feature articles, columns, Q&As, and more that will both inform and inspire.

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS** are 7:30am-4:00pm. Door #1 (the main door entering the lobby) will be open during office hours—anything else will need to be scheduled through the church or school offices. ***Offices will be closed Monday, January 1st so that our staff can celebrate the holidays with their families.***

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED** to take a congregation member to appointments at the Aspirus Care Center on Tuesdays beginning January 2, 2024. The appointments start at 9:00am and end 2:00/3:00pm—drivers would not need to stay for the appointment. Please call Andrew at 715-907-1065 or 715-574-6064 if you can help. Thank you!

**STUDY GOD'S WORD IN 2024...** LCMS Stewardship has encouraged Lutherans to spend 1% every day (14 minutes) in God's Word and prayer. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is currently leading a study on the Book of Colossians. You can listen at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR MAYLAND** Now that I've been here a year, I've decided that I'd like to find a less formal setting to sit down and get to know you, the members. As I pondered how to make this happen, it dawned on me that there is no better "Lutheran beverage in the morning" than coffee. As such, I am planning to host a monthly "coffee and conversation with the Pastor" hour. The first one will be held on Thursday, January 11th at 10:00am in the Lounge. In the words of the Ghost of Christmas Present, "Come in, and know me better, man."

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER** Trinity School is raising money to serve lunch on our last school day picnic at Marathon Park—just like the good old days. Come one and all to the Cafeteria on Sunday, January 21st from 8:00-10:30am. It's ALL YOU CAN EAT—pancakes & maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage links, fruit, coffee, milk, and orange juice. The suggested donation is \$8.00 for those 13 years old to adult; \$5.00 for children 5-12 years old; and those 4 and under are free. Join us for a delicious breakfast! This This third Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will kickoff National Lutheran School Week. All choirs and handbell groups will be singing/ringing at the 9:00am worship service.

**DON'T FORGET!** We collect non-perishable foods for the Salvation Army on the 5th Sundays of the month (Dec. 31st). Please help us fill the totes by the Parlors—all gets delivered and is much appreciated. Thank you!

**FELLOWSHIP & PR** is looking for more volunteers to serve on their committee! Under the supervision of Trinity's Church Council, the Fellowship & PR Committee oversees the bringing together of our congregation through various events, such as Coffee Hour, Years of Service and Retirement recognitions, and other annual events like the Brat Fry & Corn Roast. If you are interested in serving on this committee or would like more information, contact the church office. Thank you!

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** will be held on January 29, 2024, 4-6pm. Take a tour, meet the teachers, and get a personal look at what sets Trinity apart! At Trinity, we educate for character as well as intellect; for faith as well as citizenship; for virtue as well as knowledge. We partner with families to meet needs and develop disciples.

**SCRIP** 90% of the Scrip fundraising program is required to be run by volunteers. Thank you to all of our volunteer Scrip sellers on the weekends between worship services, and thank you to Barb for weekly processing orders. *We could not utilize this amazing program that supports Trinity without each and every one of you.* **We are in need of volunteer Scrip sellers to sell on Saturday evenings after worship—we currently have no one signed up at this time.** Scrip will be sold in the offices from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Scrip will continue to be sold at the counter in the Narthex after the 7:30am Sunday service until the 9am service, and after the 9am service until the 10:15am Spiritual Growth Hour.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Thank you to all who provided altar flowers this year—they really brighten the Sanctuary and make our worship experience even more beautiful! The 2024 Altar Flower chart is now posted outside the Church Administrator's office—sign up today!

**TRINITY QUILTERS'** next meeting will be January 2, 2024.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT** We will be making blankets for all our homebound members on February 11th. The blankets will have a pocket sewn into them to store the Portals of Prayer devotional books! Please consider donating polar fleece fabric in adult, faith-friendly prints (1 yard +) to the reception area bin. Thank you for supporting our service project!

**OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR** begins January 15, 2024. Tuition Assistance is available! Trinity is a participant of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP), which allows students who reside in a Wisconsin school district to attend any participating private school if certain eligibility criteria are met—applications for this program are accepted February 1st-April 19th. For more information, please visit <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs>.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASSES** will begin again in the new year. They will be flex classes, meaning that class participants will be asked to watch the video lessons (60-70 minutes) sometime before class. We will watch a short recap and then have group discussion. Our first class will be on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 10:15am in Room 203. Below is the full schedule of topics we will be covering:

Lesson 1: Baby Step 1 & Budgeting (Jan. 7)

Lesson 2: Baby Step 2 (Jan. 14)

Lesson 3: Baby Step 3 (Jan. 21)

Lesson 4: Baby Steps 4, 5, 6 & 7 (Jan. 28)

Lesson 5: Wise Spending (Feb. 4)

Lesson 6: Understanding Insurance (Feb. 11)

Lesson 7: Building Wealth (Feb. 18)

Lesson 8: Buying and Selling Your Home (Feb. 25)

Lesson 9: Outrageous Generosity (Mar. 3)

Please visit <https://www.fpu.com/28026A> for more information.

**COME TO SCHOOL CHAPEL!** You are invited to come to chapel here at Trinity on Wednesdays at 10am in the Sanctuary. Come worship our Lord with the school students that you so generously support, right after our 9am Bible Study. This week's theme is the Lord's Prayer, led by Pastor Kline.

## REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!

Please register your child at [www.trinitywausau.org](http://www.trinitywausau.org) or fill out a paper registration form located outside the Sanctuary. Classroom instruction is divided by grades:

4K-1st Grade—Library  
2nd-3rd Grade—ECC Room  
4th-6th Grade—Room 212

**“MAGIC PAPER BOX”** We want your newspaper, junk mail, magazines, and catalogs! Trinity will earn cash for your trash—and you help keep paper out of the landfill! The Magic Paper Box is located in the main parking lot, near the garage, next to the other dumpsters. *\*Please note: the Magic Paper Box is not secure and should not be used for confidential information.*

## GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

† In memory of their son, George Seliger, a gift was given to Trinity Lutheran Church by Jerry & Theresa Seliger

**THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!**  
***Don't Miss Out on This Opportunity!***

**RAMSEY+ (FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY)** It's not too late to get your FREE 12-month membership if you sign up before December 31, 2023:

<https://www.ramseysolutions.com/ramseyplus/hosts/trinitylutheranwi?pc=88062699>

## HOSPITALIZED AS OF DECEMBER 28TH:

### Aspirus:

Bonnie Laatsch, Ranae Zeinert

### Marshfield Medical Center—Weston:

No one listed

## FINANCIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17TH:

\$ 326.34 SCRIP Profit Users: 26  
(10% to Church, 90% rebates to SCRIP users)

\$ 1,010 Debt Reduction  
\$ 49,707 General Tithes and Offerings  
\$ 29,763 4-Week Average: General Tithes and Offerings  
\$ 20,792 YTD Weekly Average: General Tithes and Offerings

Our current budget accounts for a weekly offering of about \$21,692.

*Thank you for your generous contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church!*

*“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6 NKJV)”*

## ATTENDANCE:

**December 24, 2023 (4th Sunday in Advent): 281**  
**Christmas Eve Blended Worship (4pm): 374**  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (10pm): 104**  
**December 25, 2023 Christmas Day Worship: 101**



**TUNE IN TO TRINITY ON SPECTRUM CHANNEL 980  
AND ON TDS CHANNEL 14**

9 PM WEDNESDAY.....Traditional Worship  
2 PM THURSDAY.....Traditional Worship  
8 AM FRIDAY.....Traditional Worship

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