

Sunday, December 17th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship: Choral Service—Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Traditional Worship: Choral Service—Sanctuary
 10:15 AM *NO Adult Bible Study*
 10:15 AM Sunday School Christmas Program—Sanctuary
 10:15 AM Confirmation Class—SLC*
 6:00 PM YAT Christmas Party—Youth House

Monday, December 18th:

5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
 6:00 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 7:00 PM Men's Basketball

Tuesday, December 19th:

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
 1:00 PM JOY Group—Parlors

Wednesday, December 20th:

9:00 AM *NO Adult Bible Study*
 10:00 AM School Christmas Service—Sanctuary
 5:30 PM *NO Adult Bible Study*
 6:30 PM School Christmas Service—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 21st:

6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, December 22nd:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, December 23rd:

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Parlors
 5:00 PM *NO Contemporary Worship*

Sunday, December 24th: Christmas Eve

9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Blended Worship—Sanctuary
 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship—Sanctuary

Monday, December 25th: Christmas Day

9:00 AM Christmas Day Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

Church & School Offices and Childcare Center Closed on Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26, 2023

UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday, December 24, 2023

9:00am—Traditional Worship
 4:00pm—Christmas Eve Blended Worship
 10:00pm—Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Monday, December 25, 2023

9:00am—Christmas Day Traditional Worship

Saturday, December 30, 2023

5:00pm—Contemporary Worship

Sunday, December 31, 2023

9:00am—Traditional Worship

***Please note there is no 5:00pm Contemporary Worship on Saturday, December 23, 2023.*

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday, December 17th, Confirmation Class will be held in the Spiritual Life Center, as Sunday School will be having their Christmas Program in the Sanctuary during Spiritual Growth Hour. There will be no Adult Bible Study, Confirmation Class, or Sunday School on Sunday, December 24th.

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.

GIVING TREE UPDATE If you took off a Giving Tree tag and purchased a gift card, we need the card returned to church by December 17th to be delivered to the Hagar House in time for Christmas. You can place that card in the offering plate or in the lockbox outside the church office. Thank you so very much for making this outreach project a huge success!

THIS YEAR'S BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY CHRISTMAS TREE was donated by Allen & Shari Schroeder. It was put up by the Properties Committee, along with members of the custodial staff and the congregation, who all work very hard with ladders, wires, and extension rods to get it standing just right. The tree was decorated again this year by the Stengl family. Thank you to all of those involved for your time and talents in preparing our Sanctuary for Christmas!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Join us on Sunday, December 17th at 10:15am in the Sanctuary. Our Sunday School students are excited to present "Celebrating the Nativity" and share the Good News of Jesus' birth!

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE On Wednesday, December 20th at 10am and 6:30pm, the students of Trinity Lutheran School will present "Prepare the Way" at our final Midweek Advent service. Join us as our construction crew takes us through the work zone on the way to Bethlehem to meet the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ!

LWML WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP collects a special "Christmas stocking" offering every Christmas for a student attending a Concordia college or going to seminary. This year we would like to send a monetary gift to Garrett Anklam, who is at seminary in St. Louis, MO. If you'd like to contribute to this gift, we will have a purple bucket near the Scrip counter in the Narthex, or you can get it to Sharon Hanke or Pauline Bruss.

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!

ASSOCIATE PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE On October 24th the Board of Elders held a Town Hall meeting to discuss our next Associate Pastor. The Board of Elders has formed a Call Committee to work off the information we gathered at that meeting. The complete committee consists of 7 members: 2 from the Board of Elders, 1 from the School Board, 1 Teacher and 3 congregational members. The committee will begin meeting this month and will meet as needed until an Associate Pastor has accepted the call from Trinity.

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!

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW! Christmas cards are on sale now in the lobby at a price of \$8 per box. We only have a few boxes left!

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, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th, and Monday, January 1st** so that our staff can celebrate the holidays with their families.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION LUNCHEON FOR REV. DR. DENNIS W. PEGORSCH will be held in the gym on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 11:30am. Please RSVP using the bulletin insert so that we can get an accurate count for food and seating. RSVP's are due by Friday, December 29th (**we will be unable to accept any late RSVP's*). Also on the RSVP are volunteer opportunities for the event—help this event run smoothly so that we as a congregation can best celebrate and honor Pastor Pegorsch's service to Trinity!

JOY GROUP (“JUST OLDER YOUTH”) meets on Tuesday, December 19th at 1:00pm in the Parlors. There will be a Special Presentation by Chilsen Straub, Curator of Education at the Marathon County Historical Society to look at a collection of vintage Christmas decorations and collectibles to see if they trigger any memories. If time permits, there will be a video presentation on the entire historical story of “Silent Night” with the Vienna Boys Choir. Bring along a friend or neighbor. Refreshments will be provided after the presentations. For further information, please contact the church office or Pastor Dennis Pegorsch at 715-675-4074.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SUNDAY MORNING...ISSUES, ETC. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to weekly studies of the Biblical texts, prayers and hymns of the day. Pastor Sean Daenzer of LCMS Worship leads us through the three-year lectionary. Pastor Will Weedon of “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever” leads us through the one-year lectionary. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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>.

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>

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

† In memory of Dodie Egan, a gift was given to Trinity Lutheran Church by Lynn Henrich

† In memory of Bernice Kickbusch, a gift was given to Trinity Lutheran Church by Arthur Kickbusch

† In memory of Edna Heckendorf, gifts were given to Trinity Lutheran Church by the Knetter family, Jean Berens, and Sy & Theresa Wera

HOSPITALIZED AS OF DECEMBER 14TH:

Aspirus:

JoAnne Goelden, Ranae Zeinert, Gertrude Johnson

Marshfield Medical Center—Weston:

No one listed

FINANCIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3RD:

\$ 347.75 SCRIP Profit Users: 26
(10% to Church, 90% rebates to SCRIP users)

\$ 6,375 Debt Reduction
\$ 19,310 General Tithes and Offerings
\$ 18,738 4-Week Average: General Tithes and Offerings
\$ 19,450 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 9-10, 2023: 348

Midweek Advent: December 13, 2023: 92 (+ school)



**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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