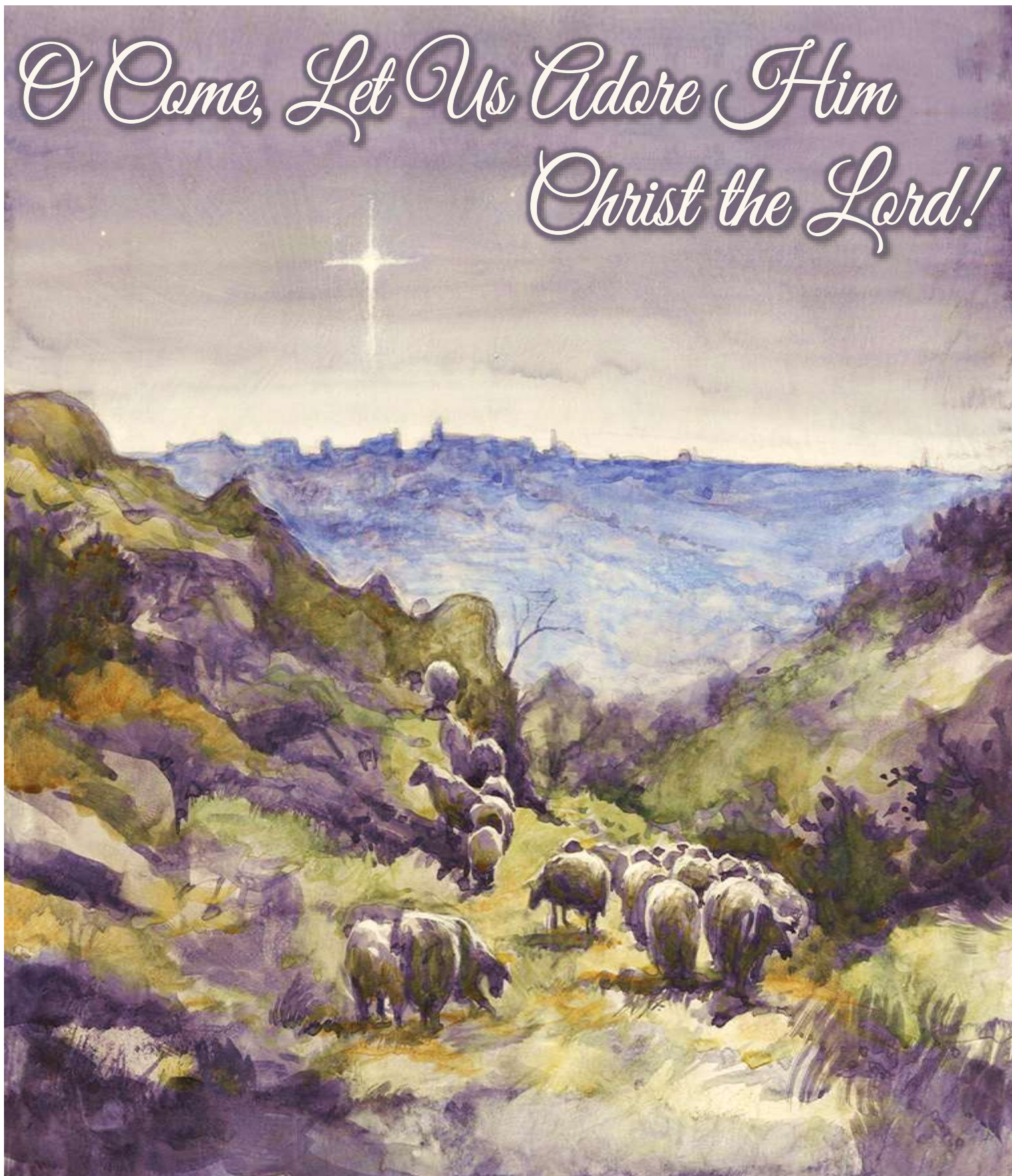


O Come, Let Us Adore Him Christ the Lord!



FROM THE PASTOR...



Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christmas is almost here, and God has given us the greatest gift of all. To many people that statement of “greatest gift could mean lots of different things, there are so many bits of news that this world desperately wants to hear. What candidate won, which sports won, whether or not they will get a promotion, the proposal of their dreams, or even the end of year bonus. All these are certainly news worthy, but obviously, the greatest gift of the season is that Pastor Mayland has joined us here at Trinity as our new Senior Pastor.

I joke of course, for the greatest gift of all is Jesus Christ, Savior of the world. This is nothing new to us, we who have celebrated Christ’s birth our whole lives, but it is still some of the greatest news that the world could ever hear. As Saint Paul says in Romans 10, “How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?” This is so much of the Christmas story, that the news must be spread. It was spread first by the angels, then by the shepherds, then even pagan wise men. This is what we are called to do as Christians even today, is to spread the news that the Christ, the Savior of the world has come. What a great blessing to be among those esteemed people who can share such news!

So this year don’t as you open Christmas presents, share the local news with family and friends, come together as a family at Christmas dinner, and worship here at Trinity, don’t forget the greatest gift of the year is Pastor Mayland. Oops, I mean Jesus. He is the one who died for you, rose for you, and gives a promise to life everlasting. Jesus I mean, not Pastor Mayland.

In Christ,
Rev. Timothy D. Smith

Happy Birthday To our members who are celebrating their 80th or more birthday in December! Surprise them with a card or visit.

December 4	Iva Poppe
December 5	Adeline Krause 4001 Stewart Ave., Apt. 311 54401
December 9	Marlene Goetsch 232371 Wellborn Rd. 54403
December 12	Bernice Grosskreutz 818 N 7th Ave. 54401
December 13	Rev. Dennis Pegorsch 4210 Hilltop Rd. 54403
December 14	Lyle Krohn 220 E Bos Creek Dr. 54401
December 14	Helen Stubbe 1207 W Wausau Ave. 54401
December 16	Robert Detert 205 S 7th Ave. 54401
December 18	Gordon Hansen 2175 E Park Ave. Rm. 102 Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
December 18	Shirley Wolfgram 821 13th Dr. 54403
December 23	Marion Froemming 1402 Evergreen Rd. 54403
December 24	Helen Marschall Cedar Creek Manor 2480 Terrebonne Dr. Kronenwetter, WI 54455
December 28	Donald Beese 146188 Marmel Dr. 54401
December 29	Robert Schalow 916 Knox St. 54401

Anniversaries! Congratulations to the following who will be celebrating their 50th or more Wedding Anniversary!

♥ Gerald & Beverly Erdmann December 22

Our Sympathy. We extend our sympathy to the families of those who have passed away.

Ruth Kurth	October 14
Scott Gray	October 14
Aaron Oppen	October 16
William Genrich	October 18
Jane Graveen	October 25
Roger Wolfgram	November 13

Special Worship Times

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

3:30pm—Blended Worship w/Communion

5:00pm—Blended Worship w/Communion

10:00pm—Candlelight Worship w/Communion

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

9:00am—Traditional Worship w/Communion

New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31, 2022

5:00pm—Contemporary Worship

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2023

9:00am—Blended Worship



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CALENDAR—DECEMBER 2022

Thursday, December 1st:

6:00 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, December 2nd:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors
6:00 PM Hot Chocolate Giveaway—Parlors

Saturday, December 3rd:

8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors
11:30 AM Blind Outreach—Parlors
5:00 PM Contemporary Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, December 4th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
9:00 AM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
10:15 AM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Sanctuary
10:15 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms
6:00 PM Jr. & Sr. YAT—Youth House

Monday, December 5th:

4:00 PM Basketball VS FCA (BB,BG,AB,AG)—Gym
5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, December 6th:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
4:15 PM Basketball @ St. Paul Stevens Point (BG,BB,AG,AB)
5:00 PM Quarterly Sanctuary Cleaning—Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 7th:

9:00 AM Bible Study—Parlors
10:00 AM Midweek Advent Worship—Sanctuary
3:00 PM Grief Share—Parlors
5:30 PM Bible Study—Parlors
5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm
6:30 PM Midweek Advent Worship—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 8th:

4:00 PM Basketball @ St. John Merrill (BB,AG)
6:00 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, December 9th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, December 10th:

8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors
8:00 AM Basketball B Boys Tournament @ St. Paul Stevens Point
10:00 AM Christmas Cookie Sale—Parlors
5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, December 11th:

7:00 AM Christmas Cookie Sale—Parlors
7:30 AM Choral Worship—Sanctuary
9:00 AM Choral Worship—Sanctuary
10:15 AM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Sanctuary
10:15 AM Sunday School Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Program—Sanctuary
10:15 AM High School Bible Study—Youth House
3:00 PM Advent By Candlelight—Parlors
6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

Monday, December 12th:

4:00 PM Basketball AB VS Our Savior Wausau—Gym
5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, December 13th:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
12:00 PM LWML Meeting & Potluck—Parlors
4:00 PM Basketball @ Trinity Merrill (BB,AG)
4:00 PM Basketball AB @ St. Mary's Marathon
6:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting—Parlors

Wednesday, December 14th:

9:00 AM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Parlors
10:00 AM Midweek Advent Worship—Sanctuary
3:00 PM Grief Share—Parlors
5:30 PM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Parlors
5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm
6:30 PM Midweek Advent Worship—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 15th:

6:00 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, December 16th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors
10:00 AM Childcare Chapel—Sanctuary

CALENDAR—DECEMBER 2022 (CONT.)

Saturday, December 17th:

8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors
5:00 PM Contemporary Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, December 18th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
9:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
10:15 AM Sunday School Christmas Program—Sanctuary
10:15 AM *NO Bible Studies*
6:00 PM YAT Christmas Party—Youth House

Monday, December 19th:

5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, December 20th:

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

Wednesday, December 21st:

9:00 AM Bible Study—Parlors
10:00 AM School Christmas Service—Sanctuary
5:30 PM Bible Study—Parlors
5:30 PM *NO Public School Confirmation Class*
6:30 PM School Christmas Service—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 22nd:

6:00 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, December 23rd: *Offices Closed*

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 24th: *Christmas Eve*

3:30 PM Christmas Eve Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
10:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25th: *Christmas Day*

9:00 AM Christmas Day Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

Monday, December 26th: *Offices Closed*

5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, December 27th:

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge

Wednesday, December 28th:

9:00 AM Bible Study—Parlors
5:30 PM Bible Study—Parlors
5:30 PM *NO Public School Confirmation Class*

Thursday, December 29th:

6:00 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, December 30th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, December 31st: *New Year's Eve*

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, January 1st, 2023: *New Year's Day*

9:00 AM Blended Worship—Sanctuary

Monday, January 2nd, 2023: *Offices Closed*

5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

SUNDAYS AT A GLANCE...

BIBLE STUDIES DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

- The following Sunday Bible Studies this month are cancelled: December 18th & 25th.
- All Wednesdays in December will have Bible Study with a range of topics.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER:

December 4th—Classroom Instruction
December 11th—Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Program in the Sanctuary
December 18th—Christmas Program in the Sanctuary
December 25th—*No Sunday School*



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.
 Luke 2:14-16

December Themes and Activities: Classroom themes for this month are: winter, trees, candy canes, Christmas, family & friends, snowflakes, snowmen, and reason for the season.

Christmas Program: The childcare will be joining the school for a combined Christmas program. On Wednesday, December 21 there will be two performances: one in the morning at 10am and an evening performance at 6:30pm.

No school: There is no school on Tuesday December 27, 28 and 29 for Christmas Break. Full day school-age care is offered with advanced registration. Watch for a signup sheet on the parent clipboard or email the childcare director at swansonp@trinitynet.org with the day and hours of care you will need.

Center Closed: The childcare center will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 for Christmas. Also, on Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2 for New Year's. Blessings and safe travel during this joyous season!

Staff News: Miss Michaela has resigned from Trinity Childcare. She has seen many children grow in faith over the last four years while here. May God continue to guide her. Two new childcare assistant teachers have started, Ms. Patti and Ms. Savannah. We are blessed to have them join the Trinity team.

School Board: The School Board is looking for people willing to be on a Childcare Committee. This committee would meet quarterly and be responsible for the childcare budget, tuition, and recruiting staff. If interested, contact James Kramer at schoolboard@trinitynet.org.

Enrollment: Childcare enrollment is at a standstill at this time due to the shortage of childcare teachers.

HIRING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:

—**Part-time Assistant Teachers** for 29.75 hours or less per week, Mon.-Fri., hours between 6:30am-6:00pm. Positions open immediately & resumes/applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Interviews will be scheduled upon reviewing resumes. Experience with young children preferred. Description: caring for infants 6 wks old to 5-year-olds and/or after school care (2:30-6 grades K-8) in a Christian environment & implementing age-appropriate activities.

—**Full-time 3-Year-Old Lead Teacher:** Position is 40 hours per week with benefits, Monday-Friday, hours between 6:30am-6:00pm. Resumes/applications accepted until position is filled. Description: planning and implementing curriculum and caring for and teaching 3-year-olds in a Christian environment. Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education preferred and experience with young children. Must have requirements to meet lead teacher qualifications from the WI Department of Children and Families.

To apply, please contact Penny Swanson, Director at 715-848-0166 ext. 348 or swansonp@trinitynet.org.



Here's What's Happening

Trunk or Treat was a hit this year at Trinity. We had a parking lot full of cars handing out candy, and many trunk or treaters coming to get treats from both our school and the community. Thanks to everyone that got involved with loaning out a trunk for the event and/or donating candy, as well as those who put the event together.



5th Grade students at the Trunk or Treat Event



Having fun at Trunk or Treat



Dates to Remember

- **December 21**—All School Christmas Service
- **Dec. 23– Jan. 2** — No School/Christmas Break

Time to Think 2023-2024

With temperatures dropping and snow in the forecast, it may be hard to think about fall of 2023 and the start of a new school year, but plans are already being made for that. Our 4K/5K Open House is at the end of January this year. Please mark your calendars for January 30th from 3:30-6pm. Please watch for more information on this along with information on re-enrollment and the WPCP program enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. Invite any families you may know with school-aged children to come and check us out!

Education Grant Fund

Please consider a donation to Trinity's Education Grant Fund. We do have families that attend here that are in need of financial help and do not qualify for the WPCP program. Some families just hit hard times with the loss of a job, for example, and need some help with tuition. Your generous donations help make a Christ-centered education possible for many of our families.

Christmas Blessings to Your Family from the Trinity Lutheran School Family!



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OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023 FROM 3:30-6:00PM

Take a tour, meet the teachers and get a personal look at what sets Trinity apart!

Open Enrollment for 4K-8th grade begins January 17th., 2023.

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.

Tuition assistance available!
Please contact the school office for more information.

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. The private school, on behalf of the pupil's parent or guardian, receives a state aid payment for each eligible student. For further details please go to:
<http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs>.
Applications will be accepted February 1st-April 20th.

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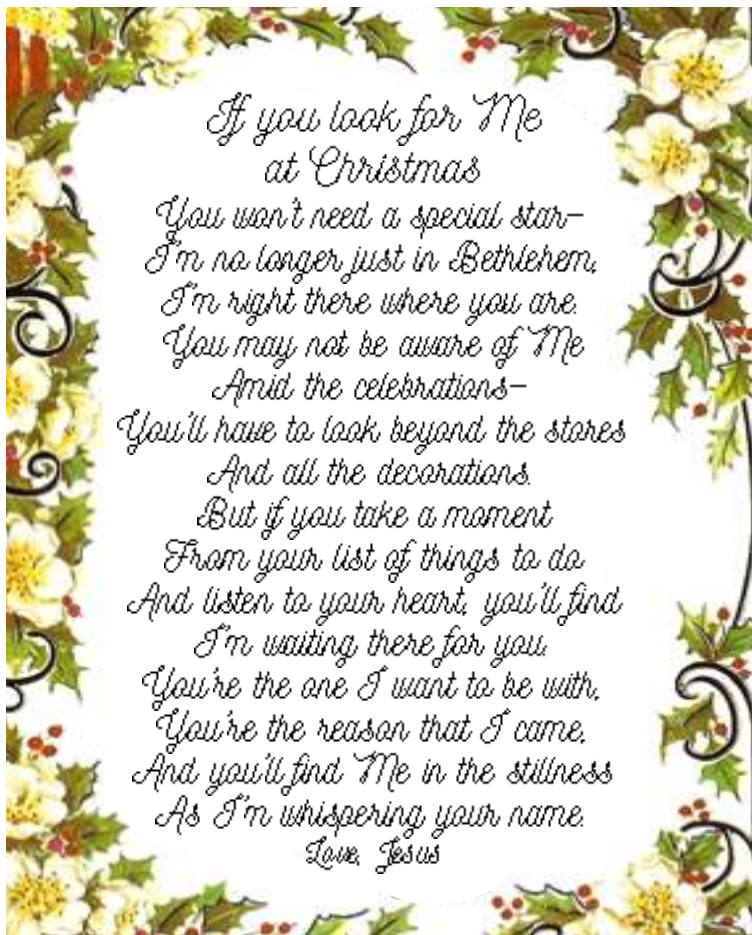


Fellowship & Spiritual Growth Opportunities
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(during the school year)

NEXT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY:
Afternoon Special Presentation

Fellowship with refreshments provided. Open to all ages—bring a friend or neighbor! Questions? Want more information? Do you have any good suggestions for programming in the fall? Please contact Pastor Pegorsch.

Tuesday, December 20th, 1:00-2:30pm in the Parlors
 A special showing of the movie, “The Life of Christ,” presented from the point of view of a child. Discussion will follow.



A New Beginning...A New Church Year...
The Advent Season

“Do you and I fully understand the meaning of Advent and its history?”

Advent has long been recognized as the beginning of a new Church Year. It includes four Sundays and a variable number of days, depending on the day of the week that December 25th falls.

Prior to the fourth century, there is no evidence of a Christmas celebration on December 25th so there would not have been a period of preparation called Advent. The season of Advent is not mentioned until the 7th century. It is noted that a penitential preparation began already at the Saragossa, Spain Church Synod in 380 A.D. It was decreed that from the 17th of December to the Feast of Epiphany (January 6th) everyone must attend church daily and may not go with bare feet. In a small church council at Tours in France, about 567 A.D., the monks began fasting every day in December except the third Sunday, which was called “Gaudete,” meaning “Rejoice.” Then in 581 A.D., the Council of Macon began to use the term “advent,” which means “coming.” It seems that Advent was a kind of “Winter-Lent,” which was considered a penitential season. It was a time when marriages were not performed. The altar colors were violet, the same as the color of Lent.

Gradually, the focus of Advent changed to a time of anticipation and rejoicing. This was the beginning of Advent hymns. At the close of the 6th century, Rome, under Gregory the Great, established the four Sundays before Christmas as Advent. Soon it became a common practice as a time of expectation with a focus on the Old Testament promise of the long-awaited Messiah.

Sad to say for many Christians today, Advent as a season of Spiritual preparation and rejoicing has lost its meaning. The focus of Christ for so many has lost sight of the Bethlehem’s Christ Child. It is our sincere prayer that Christmas has a threefold focus: a) the birth of the Christ Child as our Lord and Savior; b) His birth in us made possible by Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection; c) and waiting for Jesus’ final appearance visibly in judgment when He returns to gather up those who love and trust in Him for eternity in heaven.

The question remains: “Is Advent reflected in our lives daily as a continuous celebration of expectation?” While we live in this world, we also live in a spiritual reality of God’s caring and saving love as we raise our hearts in prayer, “Even so, come; Lord Jesus, come!”

—Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Pegorsch

Advent—A Time of Joyful Preparation

- I. “Ready or not, He’s sure to come!” Advent directs us to the future.

II. How can we prepare ourselves for our Lord’s coming?

Questions for consideration:

1. What are some things you do to prepare for Christmas?
2. How do we prepare our hearts to receive the King of kings?
3. Are there some things we can do to be open to Christ’s coming, whether it is at Christmas time or anytime of the year?
4. How does the fact of Christ’s birth in Bethlehem and His suffering, death, and resurrection help us overcome sinful habits?
5. If Christ came today to your home, what would He find you doing with your time and blessings?
6. How does the Holy Spirit help you and me change in our lives in response to the Word of God?

III. Bible passages for your personal study in preparation to receive “His Majesty the King”

Matthew 21:1-9
Revelations 3:20-22
Galatians 3:25-29
Matthew 28:18-20
Philippians 2:5-13
Luke 21:27-28
Acts 17:22-31
2 Peter 3:8-15
Matthew 25:31-46
Galatians 6:1-10
James 2:8-17
1 Corinthians 5:1-5

Matthew 11:2-11
Matthew 11:28-30
Matthew 20:20-28
Matthew 16:24-28
1 Corinthians 5:17-21
Philippians 4:4-7
John 1:19-28
Matthew 3:1-3
Matthew 1:18-25
Luke 2:1-20
John 1:1-14

IV. The Reading of the Christmas Story: Luke 2:1-20



This is an opportunity for families and individuals to remember the focus of our Church Year as it relates to the Advent Season as a preparation time for the meaning of Christmas and your worship involvement in it as we give God the glory and praise.

As a Family...

Use an advent wreath to help your family focus on the preparation for celebration of the birth of Jesus. Use 3 blue or purple candles and 1 pink candle. Light one candle for each week in Advent. Discuss the meanings of the candle’s color and the theme of the Gospel lesson for each week. (Blue suggests hope for Christ’s coming; purple suggests repentance as we prepare for Him; and pink suggests the joy in the gift of God’s Son.)

Light one candle for Love; Light one candle for Hope; Light one candle for Joy; Light one candle for Peace.

Take another look at the objects we use to celebrate Christmas:

The Christmas star reminds us of God’s great gift, who was presented to us in Bethlehem.

The Christmas gift points to the greatest gift—Jesus, the Son of God—who came as the Savior of the world.

The Candy Cane or “Shepherd’s Crook” reminds us of the shepherds who came to see the Christ-child then went out to share the news. If you turn it over, you see a “J” which reminds us of Jesus, who was born on Christmas. The red stripes remind us of the blood He shed on the cross, and the white reminds us of our sins being washed away through His death and resurrection.

The Christmas tree reminds us of the gift of eternal life (evergreen). The light on the tree reminds us of Jesus, the Light of life, who was born on Christmas. The origin of the Christmas tree is deeply rooted in old legends. One is that an evergreen protected Joseph and Mary and the Infant Jesus from Herod’s soldiers; another is that the Lord sent heavenly messengers to earth to find a tree “as high as faith, as eternal as hope, and as widespread as love” to symbolize the birth of Jesus. They chose the balsam fir, which, the story goes, had all these qualities and bore “many crosses on each branch.” The tree reminds us of the Christ—the top of it pointing to heaven, the lights denoting the Light of the World, and the presents beneath it reminding us that all good gifts come from above.

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CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

Facilities/Properties

In progress:

- LEGACY DOLLARS HARD AT WORK! The second set of security doors should be completed by the end of November. Thanks for your patience as we wait for the delayed completion of this project.

October Financial Summary

October financials showed consistently generous offerings from members of the congregation. The chart includes 4 line items at the bottom that show the “bottom” line for each area within the church. We are all one budget, but we do have individual responsibilities for our respective areas. There is also a comparison to last year in the chart. Highlights from October financials include:

- Childcare:
 - ◇ On a high note, Childcare is performing better to budget this year than expected. This trend is going in the right direction.
 - ◇ Childcare is turning away children daily because we do not have enough staff to add more children. This influences school enrollment as well. If you know qualified childcare providers, please send them to Penny! **If we are able to bring in two NEW qualified childcare providers, we can increase the wages for all Childcare staff and School Teacher Assistants.**
 - ◇ *Please read Penny's article for a positive update on staffing.*
- School:
 - ◇ We have less Parental Choice students than what we budgeted, and this impacts the School's income significantly. We are committed as a congregation to educating the students of Trinity at a high standard spiritually and academically. This decrease in income does not change the expense side of the budget, so we have to be creative about how to make up for this loss in income.
- Church:
 - ◇ Tithes and offerings are 95% of budget after October, which is consistent with last month. This is right where we would expect to be this time in the year. You may see in the yellow sheet that we report a weekly average that we expect to bring in to account for the operational costs. We are currently bringing in about \$2k per week lower than the weekly average for the year. That is not worrisome at this time as you can see in the monthly financials, which reflect a healthy fiscal year. Thank you for your generosity!
 - ◇ We received a generous Estate gift this month. Please watch the Yellow Sheet in upcoming weeks for a Town Hall in which the Church Council will offer some communication about this gift, how it was directed, and how it will be managed in good stewardship.

We continue to pay down debt ahead of schedule. Debt is currently:

- Endowment Loan: \$98,847 ← Perspective...we borrowed \$212,000 from the Endowment in 2018 with the goal of paying it back in 15 years
- Thrivent Loan: \$552,002 ← Perspective...this was just under \$1,000,000 when I began at Trinity in August 2015!
- **TOTAL Debt: \$650,849**

Current account balances:

Checking: \$100,558

Savings: \$759,086

Endowment: \$779,667

****DECEMBER CHALLENGE**** Did you know that if you read a chapter of Luke every day beginning December 1, you will read the entire account of the birth, ministry, sacrifice on the cross and resurrection of Jesus by Christmas Eve! What a beautiful way to prepare your heart for Christ during this Advent season. Your December challenge is to commit to reading one chapter of Luke per day beginning December 1...*with a friend or family member*. Do this as a morning or evening devotion, over FaceTime with an old friend or a grandchild, or with your young children at bedtime. Watch the Holy Spirit work through your study of the Gospel over 24 days.

May God continue to work within you to continue to support the ministry at Trinity with time, talents and treasure...we are excited about gathering people to grow in faith, and we hope you are, too!

	Oct 22	Budget	% of Budget	Oct 21	Jul - Oct 22	YTD Budget	% of Budget	Jul - Oct 21	Annual Budget
Income									
CHILDCARE INC	21,234	24,595	86%	20,940	101,208	98,077	103%	105,465	293,799
CONGREGATIONAL INC	94,835	99,260	96%	90,184	360,467	379,460	95%	364,562	1,190,096
LAY MINISTRIES INC	0	50	0%	54	0	200	0%	1,390	600
SCHOOL INC	29,616	34,315	86%	12,387	325,801	340,046	96%	279,699	1,345,449
Total Income	<u>145,685</u>	<u>158,220</u>	<u>92%</u>	<u>123,565</u>	<u>787,476</u>	<u>817,783</u>	<u>96%</u>	<u>751,116</u>	<u>2,829,944</u>
Gross Profit	145,685	158,220	92%	123,565	787,476	817,783	96%	751,116	2,829,944
Expense									
CHILDCARE EXP	25,040	29,008	86%	30,105	115,087	123,678	93%	140,851	371,400
CONGREGATIONAL EX	16,039	15,463	104%	18,394	69,747	67,000	104%	85,223	584,292
LAY MINISTRIES EXP	36,363	40,167	91%	33,874	155,094	174,250	89%	164,598	528,108
SCHOOL EXP	120,896	104,762	115%	117,880	453,752	460,907	98%	438,849	1,346,144
Total Expense	<u>198,338</u>	<u>189,400</u>	<u>105%</u>	<u>200,253</u>	<u>793,680</u>	<u>825,835</u>	<u>96%</u>	<u>829,521</u>	<u>2,829,944</u>
Net Income	<u>-52,653</u>	<u>-31,180</u>	<u>169%</u>	<u>-76,688</u>	<u>-6,204</u>	<u>-8,052</u>	<u>77%</u>	<u>-78,405</u>	<u>0</u>
CHILDCARE Net Income	-3,806	-4,413		-9,165	-13,879	-25,601		-35,386	-77,601
CONGREGATIONAL Net Income	78,796	83,797		71,790	290,720	312,460		279,339	605,804
LAY MINISTRIES Net Income	-36,363	-40,117		-33,820	155,094	174,050		-163,208	-527,508
SCHOOL Net Income	-91,280	-70,447		-105,493	127,951	120,861		-159,150	-695

In Loving Memory or Honor Of...

Help us decorate the church for Christmas! If you'd like to place an order for one (or more) poinsettia(s), please fill out the form below and return to one of the boxes located in the Narthex or at the Reception Desk by *Monday, December 5th*. Cost is \$23 each. Flowers may be picked up after the 9am Traditional worship service on Christmas Day. Questions? Please call the Church Office at 715-842-0769.

Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Color: Red _____ qty. + White _____ qty. = Total Plants: _____

Total Cost: \$23 X _____ plants = _____ Pick Up Poinsettias? Yes _____ No _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS are 7:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday. Scrip will be sold 7:30am-3:30pm. Door #1 (the main door) will be open during those hours to allow for office staff access. Anything outside of those hours will need to be scheduled through the church and school offices. Child-care families will need their badges all day every day to access the secure areas.

Please note: offices will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th for Christmas.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 are available for pick-up this month in the Narthex. They are arranged in alphabetical order. 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 2023, please let the church office know.

CONSIDER PURCHASING SCRIP GIFT CARDS as stocking stuffers this Christmas, or use Scrip gift cards when you do your Christmas shopping! Trinity's Scrip order form includes the most popular retailers in the area, but did you know there are many participating retailers not included on Trinity's form? Stop by the Scrip cart and ask to see a full list of retailers that participate in the Scrip program—you'll be surprised how many there are! Contact the church office for any special orders not included on the Trinity Scrip form or for orders in bulk. Trinity places weekly Scrip orders on Monday mornings, and these orders are typically received on Thursday afternoons. Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran Church & School!

ALTAR FLOWERS Thank you to everyone who provided altar flowers in 2022! The flowers adorn the church with beauty and life, and we are so grateful for them! The 2023 Altar Flower Chart for next year has been posted outside the Church Administrator's office—sign-up is now open. Thank you!

GRIEF SHARE is being held Wednesdays 3:00-4:30pm. All are welcome who are seeking hope and healing after a major loss in their life. We are meeting for 12 sessions, with the last session being December 14th. Each session has its own theme, so come as you are able. Please contact Rev. Dan Kohn (715-610-2400) with any questions.

BAND OF BROTHERS: Saturdays, 8-8:45am in the Parlors.

MEN'S BASKETBALL is held Mondays in the Gym, 7-9pm.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY is coming in Spring 2023. Photography sessions will be taking place the weeks of April 17-21 and May 1-5, 2023. More information to come in 2023. Save the Date!

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT "Have a Mary Christmas" is the program for Advent By Candlelight starting at 3:00pm Sunday, December 11th in the Parlors. All women and girls are invited for a time of fellowship, music, and delicious desserts as we prepare our hearts for our Savior's birth. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for hosting a table, bringing desserts, or attending as a guest. For further information, contact Lois Zahrt (715-574-0570) or Sharon Rock (715-359-5849).

QUARTERLY SANCTUARY CLEANING Please consider joining us on Tuesday, December 6th at 5:00pm in the sanctuary to do a light cleaning. Please bring a cleaning bucket and a rag—we have the soap. An old adage says "many hands make for light work." Ladies and gents please join us as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. We look forward to seeing you. Any questions can be directed to Grace Chaignot 715-203-6622.

HOT CHOCOLATE GIVEAWAY Trinity will be handing hot chocolate out to our local community during the Wausau Holiday Parade on **Friday, December 2nd**. We are looking for volunteers to help us with set-up, serving, and clean-up for this service event! Sign-up sheets are located at the Reception Desk. Volunteer to share the love of Christ with our Wausau community by passing out cups of hot chocolate to the people who gather for the parade (6-6:30pm)! Prefer to stay out of the cold? You can also help out behind the scenes with filling cups (6:00pm) or clean-up (6:45pm) in the Parlors. Join us as Trinity mobilizes to perform this random act of kindness for our community!

NURSERY STAFF NEEDED In an effort to have all people of all ages to participate in our Sunday education hour beginning Fall 2022, we are looking to staff the nursery for 0-3 year-olds Sundays 9:45am-11:15am. This position is \$10/hour. Applicants must be 18+ years old and all applicants are subject to a background check. Ideally we will have 2 people staffed, so we would love to have 4 people to share this role on a rotating basis. Please contact the church office or dickenst@trinitynet.org if you are interested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

LWML WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet on Tuesday, December 13th for a potluck Christmas gathering. We will meet in the Parlors at 12:00pm. Please bring a dish to pass & let Sharon Hanke (715-581-8259) know so we can coordinate food items (even though we all love holiday desserts, we probably should have other foods too.) Arlene Jank will lead devotions and activities. We will decide on our "stocking" gift to a Trinity college student at our January meeting.

LWML MISSION GRANT NEWS: Lutheran Bible Translators—Mission Vehicle fund—\$70,000 Lutheran Bible Translators travels to remote areas in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone to provide Bibles translated into the people's local or heart language. Robust vehicles are needed to travel on the rough, washed-out roads. This LWML grant will help purchase two vehicles to make travel easier. For more information, go to lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-22.

JUBELLATION HANDBELLS HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS!

We are looking for a two ringers high school age and up to complete our ensemble. While music reading is a plus, it is not a requirement. We meet **Thursdays at 6:00pm** in the Sanctuary. Contact Matt Hoehne, Director of Music, at hoehnem@trinitynet.org or 715.842.0769, ext. 303 for more information.



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LET US DO YOUR HOLIDAY BAKING!

Trinity Lutheran School Cookie & Candy Sale

Saturday, December 10th,
10am-12pm & 4-6:30pm

Sunday, December 11th,
7-9:30am

In the Parlors



Money raised will go towards funding PTL sponsored school fellowship events, such as Muffins with Mom or Donuts with Dad.

If you would like to contribute a dessert to the sale, please deliver it to the school office on Friday, December 9th or on Saturday morning in the Parlors. Please note if there are any common food allergens in your dessert. Thank you for supporting Trinity School!

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