

Worship videos are available on our website and the Trinity Lutheran Wausau YouTube channel.

Sunday, December 12th:

8:00 AM Choral Advent Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
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 9:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal—SLC
 11:00 AM Blended Worship—Sanctuary
 7:00 PM Sr. YAT Packer Party—Youth House

Monday, December 13th:

4:30 PM Basketball VS Immanuel Marshfield (BG, BB, AB)—Gym
 5:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 14th:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
 9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
 12:00 PM LWML—Parlors
 4:30 PM Basketball VS FCA (BB, G, AB)—Gym

Wednesday, December 15th:

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Parlors
 10:00 AM School Christmas Service—Sanctuary
 1:00 PM Bruss Bible Study—Lounge
 2:45 PM Girl Scouts—Lounge
 3:00 PM GriefShare—Parlors
 5:30 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—SLC
 5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Parlors
 6:30 PM School Christmas Service—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 16th:

4:30 PM Basketball @ All Saints Antigo (BB, AB)
 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, December 17th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, December 18th:

5:00 PM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS are 8am-3pm. Our offices will be closed on Thursday, December 23rd & Friday, December 24th for Christmas and Friday, December 31st for New Year's Day. Office hours will be reduced December 27-30th to 8:00am-12:00pm.

Please Note: The church and school offices will be closed on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:30am so that the staff may attend Bible Study and chapel.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022 are now available for pick-up in the Narthex. They are arranged in alphabetical order. Please note that many envelope number assignments are changing for 2022. 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 2022, please let the church office know.

CHRISTMAS CARDS have recently been stocked and are being sold outside the offices as a fundraiser to support Trinity School. Each box costs \$6.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP Celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Christmas Eve Worship on Friday, December 24th will be held at 3:30 & 5:00pm, along with a Candlelight Service at 10:00pm. Christmas Day Worship on Saturday, December 25th will be held at 9:00am. ***Please note: There will be no 5:00pm service on Christmas Day, December 25th, and there will be a single combined service at 9:30am on Sunday, December 26th.*

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE Join us on Wednesday, December 15th at 10:00am or 6:30pm in the Sanctuary for the School Christmas Service, entitled "What Time Is It?" Students in 4K through 8th grade will lead the service with readings and songs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Since Thanksgiving, our Sunday School children have been working diligently on their Christmas Program! It will be held on Sunday, December 19th at the 11:00am service time. Thank you to Kimberly Schwantes, Sunday School Director, as well as the many individuals who volunteer their time to run our Sunday School program—teaching children about the Bible on a weekly basis is truly wonderful and life-changing!

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH US! Join us for one final worship service in 2021 as we look ahead to 2022. It will be held on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31st at 6:30pm. ***Please note: There will be no 5:00pm service on New Year's Day, January 1, 2022, and there will be a single combined service at 9:30am on Sunday, January 2, 2022.*

NEW WORSHIP TIMES Please see the bulletin insert regarding the new worship times for 2022.

THIS YEAR'S SANCTUARY CHRISTMAS TREE was donated by Allen & Shari Schroeder. The Properties Committee finds great joy in harvesting and putting up the tree each year! The tree and Sanctuary were joyfully decorated by the Stengl family. The Chrismons that decorate the tree were made by Barb Storch using the book provided, which holds the directions for making each ornament in traditional fashion. We thank the many people who provided service to the church by preparing the space for a Christmas celebration that is sure to welcome Christ the King!

THANK YOU to those who helped make and pass out hot chocolate during the Wausau Christmas Parade on December 3rd! We couldn't have done it without you: Dan Schwantes, Gloria Ninnemann, Andy Plath, Mackenzie Streeter, Jayden Calmes, Zeb Prah, Macy Streeter, Brooklyn Calmes, Christian Rhoden, Emmalin Grosnick, Paul Anderson, and Dean Blanchard. Thank you to Todd Hauer for donating the cups and lids. We served almost 700 cups of hot chocolate during the parade—we received many “thank you’s” from the people that received the hot chocolate. What a great outreach to the community!

JOY GROUP: SPECIAL PRESENTATION—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT 1:00PM IN THE PARLORS Christmas Gathering...will your Christmas be merry? Join us for fellowship, Christmas Carols, and to hear the stories of three people who didn't always know the joy of Christmas but found encouragement and hope in Jesus Christ and the message of His birth. Can you bring that joy to others this Christmastime? Christmas God's way can be a blessing for you and for others when you center your life around the gifts that Jesus brings—grace, love, forgiveness, and hope! Join us and bring a friend, neighbor, or relative for a focus on the true meaning of Christmas today! Share the joy and peace of Luke 2! Please note: Based on responses to the JOY Game Day survey, we will not reinstitute a morning game day before the afternoon JOY presentations at this time. We will revisit this decision at a later date.

LWML WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet in the Parlors on Tue., Dec. 14. We will begin with a salad luncheon at noon. A Christmas devotion and games will be led by Arlene Jank. Ladies, this would be a great meeting to join us and get acquainted. Please bring your Christmas stocking monetary gift we will designate to a Trinity Concordia student. We also decided to bring items to support Open Door in Wausau which serves men and women when they are released from the jail. Items they need are: long underwear for men and women and undergarments (sizes 6-12 for women and 30-36 for men); hotel-sized toiletries (shampoo, bath wash, deodorant, razors, combs); gift cards to McDonald's, Burger King, Subway, or Erbert & Gerberts; stamps & envelopes.

TRIG'S SCRIP As you may have heard on the local news, the Trig's Grocery Stores in Wausau, Weston, and Stevens Point have been purchased by Festival Foods. *****Festival Foods will be able to exchange Trig's cards for Festival Foods cards in-store through February 28th.*** In place of Trig's, Trinity has ordered Festival Foods gift cards that are now ready for purchase. Like Trig's, Festival Foods Scrip cards have a 3% rebate. Please call the church office with any questions.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS We are expanding our inventory of gift cards in time for Christmas! Each week between now and Christmas, we will feature a couple of new additions to our gift card inventory.

This week...we are adding to our gas and grocery inventory. We now have gift cards in stock for **Festival Foods** (\$25, \$50, \$100), **Pick 'N Save (NEW \$50 denomination)**, and **Krist Oil** (\$50). Consider purchasing gift cards through Trinity Scrip as stocking stuffers or for your recurring expenses!

Participating in the Trinity Scrip Program is easy! If you have never purchased Scrip before, ask the Scrip seller for a Scrip Agreement form so you may allocate your rebate earnings. Rebates can be given as donations to certain ministry areas, such as the General, Debt Reduction, and Building Restoration funds, and would greatly benefit Trinity. Rebates can also financially benefit you by going toward school & childcare tuition payments or being returned to you as a cash rebate. A little goes a long way—you would be surprised how quickly rebates add up! If you have any questions about the Scrip program, please contact the church office—we are happy to help!

We are selling Scrip gift cards as follows: Saturday is 6:00-6:10pm, Sunday is 9:00-9:30am & 10:30-11:00am. They will be sold at the Reception Desk in front of the offices. *Beginning the weekend of January 8-9th, Scrip will be sold after the 5pm Saturday service, after the 7:30am Sunday service until the 9am service, and after the 9am service until the 10:15am Bible Study Hour.*

******Please note that we have some vacancies in our Scrip seller schedule and are looking for more volunteers. Because of this, the Scrip cart may not always be out at these times.*** If you are interested in joining our wonderful roster of volunteer Scrip sellers, please call the church office to learn more.

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

SENIOR PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE The committee received 10 pastoral nominations from the congregation. These will be submitted to the district office. 34 surveys were collected from the congregation & an additional 14 surveys were collected from Trinity staff members. The top traits were honesty, integrity, and skilled leadership. Recurrent themes of the written responses were honesty, engaging with families, and being present. Along with these surveys, the call committee also reviewed Trinity's most recent self-study assessment. The next step in the call committee's process will be a meeting with our North WI District President Lueck.

NEW MEMBER CLASS If you are interested in becoming a member at Trinity Lutheran Church, we are offering New Member Classes from 12-1pm on the 3rd Sunday of every month in the Parlors. There are four distinct classes (numbered 1-4), and we will offer one per month. Prospective members can begin with any class, and should keep track of which classes they have attended and still need to attend. After you attend all four, you will become a member at Trinity Lutheran Church. For more information or questions, please contact Pastor Smith. We are looking forward to meeting some new faces!

THE WAUSAU LYRIC CHOIR WILL PERFORM ITS CHRISTMAS CONCERT—"Gloria! A Time to Rejoice!" on Saturday, December 11th at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 12th at 3:00pm at First Presbyterian Church (406 Grant St., downtown Wausau). There is no charge to attend—instead, the choir will accept free-will donations at the concert. All choir members have been vaccinated for CoVID. In an effort to protect the health and safety of choir members and concert attendees, they are recommending that audience members wear masks.

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON... "Savior of the Nations Come," "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." You can listen to your favorite Advent hymns 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

THE TRINITY “SNOW COMMITTEE” IS LOOKING FOR EXTRA HELP THIS WINTER! The Snow Committee clears snow away from the sidewalks, front steps, and building entrances and salts these areas so that people can safely come to worship throughout the winter months. Most of the clearing is done by hand, but Trinity also has a small snow plow available for those who would like to learn how to operate it. After fresh snowfalls and ice storms, members of the Snow Committee arrive at Trinity before the first worship service of the day. In the past, this has typically meant meeting about two hours before worship, but this will also depend on the amount of snow, as well as the amount of helping hands we have. Even if you cannot meet two hours before worship, you can still be part of the Snow Committee! Any amount of time helps get the job done! Please call the church office if you are interested in serving on the Snow Committee this winter. Thank you for serving!

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

- † In memory of Paul Bruss, the nativity set in the Narthex window was donated to Trinity Lutheran Church by the family
- † In memory of Clarence Marschall, gifts were given to the Altar Guild, Carpet fund, Sanctuary Choir, Handbells, Education Grant fund, Trinity School and Gym Floor fund by William & Donna Niesen, Fred & Cheryl Callies, Stephen & Maureen Murphy, Barbara Schmidt, Sandra Muck, Gerry Marschall, Larry & Terri Johnson, Daniel Krueger, Michael & Sara Stubbe, Rod & Kathryn Hofmann, Dan & Jody Seybold, Gerald & Connie Pagel, Ruth Seefeld, Gene & Sharon Bartelt, Barbara Marschall, Leon & Beth Bartelt, Jon & Catherine Marschall, Geoffrey & Karen Krause, John & Valerie Stubbe, Bruce & Sandra Seefeld, Thomas & Judith Mueller, Tim & Bev Baumann, Michael & Linda Otten, Bernice Grosskreutz, James & Sharon Low, Robert & Rheta Utech, Thomas Bogren & Janelle Braatz, Russ & Holly Prah, Sharon Kautzman, and Joel Stubbe
- † In memory of Ron Zahrt, a gift was given to the Carpet fund by friends at First Weber Realtors

HOSPITALIZED AS OF DECEMBER 9TH:

Aspirus:

No one listed

Marshfield Medical Center—Weston:

No one listed

FINANCIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5TH:

\$	170.68	SCRIP Profit	Users: 19
		(10% to Church, 90% rebates to SCRIP users)	
\$	1,055	Debt Reduction	
\$	27,280	Gen. Tithes and Offerings	
\$	21,913	4-Week Average: General Tithes and Offerings	
\$	20,431	YTD Weekly Average: General Tithes and Offerings	

Our current budget accounts for a weekly offering of about \$21,965.

Thank you for your generous contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church!

“...and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.”

(Matthew 2:9-10 NKJV)

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5TH:

Weekend Worship: 352

Midweek Advent on December 1st: 94

TUNE IN TO TRINITY ON SPECTRUM CHANNEL 980!

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

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