

December 2023

TRINITY TIDINGS

A Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, Huntley, IL

Dear Saints,

We continue our meditation on famous pieces of Christian art by looking at Botticelli's *Cestello Annunciation* from the Uffizi Galleries in Florence, Italy.

This painting vividly portrays the moment when the angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will conceive a child, who will be holy, the Son of God (Luke 1:26-38).

Gabriel has just landed, and his clothing is still fluttering. He kneels to announce the Good News to Mary and bears a lily, a symbol of her virginity. Gabriel seems to be giving her a reassuring look, as if to say, "Don't be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God" (Luke 1:30).

Mary is shown with a completely different pose. Her upper body reaches toward Gabriel, but her lower body pulls back in surprise. An angelic intruder has entered her house and said she will be pregnant with God's Son! Botticelli masterfully portrays Mary's body language to express both fear and trust.

Most remarkable of all is the dance of the hands of Gabriel and Mary. Mary reaches toward Gabriel, and Gabriel reaches toward Mary. But in between? There's nothing. We could call it a pregnant pause—a sacred space. What will Mary say?

We know how the story ends. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary says, "Yes. I am the Lord's servant. Let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

This painting honestly depicts the Christian life: one of trust but often mingled with anxiety and even fear. It makes us ask the questions, "When God comes to us in His Word, what will we say? What will we do in that pregnant pause?"

Our anxiety and fear often do not completely abate. What's important, is that God gave Mary—and God gives us too—the faith to move forward with trust in Him, regardless of our fears. God has overshadowed us with the Holy Spirit and made us his children in holy baptism. So by the power of the Spirit, we also can say "yes"!

A couple of other interesting notes about this painting:

- Like many depictions of the Annunciation, Mary is depicted reading a book. This book is always turned to Isaiah 7, where the prophet predicts that the virgin will conceive a son and name him Immanuel—God with us. Botticelli is telling us that Jesus is indeed the Christ who will fulfill that prophecy!
- If you look out the window, you'll see a garden in the midst of an idyllic countryside. This recalls the garden of Eden, the paradise that was lost by humanity's sin, and that Jesus, the coming Savior that Mary will bring into the world, will give back to humanity through His death and resurrection. Jesus is the offspring of Eve who God promised, way back in Genesis 3:15, would crush the head of Satan.

The Lord bless and keep you,

+ Pr Hatesohl



Cestello Annunciation, 1489-90
Sandro Botticelli

BOARD OF MINISTRY DIRECTORS *by Ken Ladage, Chairman*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

May knowing Jesus bring you peace to bless each day, hope for each tomorrow, and joy in every season.

Christmas is the "most wonderful time of the year": Our homes are decorated, cookies baked, trees are trimmed, presents wrapped, and the chilly air signals the coming season of festive activities. But we're not really ready for Christmas without preparing for the birth of Christ in the season of Advent. So, we light one candle for hope, and peace, and joy, and love and we keep lighting candles until he comes!

The Board will not be meeting in December; our next meeting will be January 11th. The Board welcomes your input. A segment of each Board meeting, (second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm) is reserved for Steward comments, suggestions, or questions. A suggestion box is located in the Narthex.

Your Brother in Christ,

Ken Ladage, Chairman
Board of Ministry Directors



Emergency Line



Pastor is always available to you in the case of a pastoral emergency, even after hours. Simply call the main Trinity phone number, 847-669-5780, and follow the instructions.

Your call will then be forwarded to the pastor.

(Note: Pastor's cell phone number has changed. To reach him for non-emergencies, call the office or send him an email.)

OFFICIAL ACTS - NOVEMBER 2023

New Members on November 26, 2023

Andrew Brening - Adult Confirmation

Frank and Pam Christensen - Affirmation of Faith

Jill Deines - Transfer from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Elgin, IL

Judy Peterson - Affirmation of Faith

Steve and Patricia Turner - Transfer from Faith Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights, IL

Transfer Out

Amy Lyons to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Burlington, WI on November 7, 2023.

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS *Psalm 100:2*

December 2023 Elder / Usher Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Assistant Elder</u>	<u>Usher</u>
-	-	-	-	-	-
12/3/2023	Sunday	8:00 am	Rick Castel	N/A	Matt Castel
		10:30 am	Tim Mahnke	N/A	Bella Westberg
12/6/2023	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Steven Drescher	N/A	Georgina Ozga-Dortch
12/10/2023	Sunday	8:00 am*	Donovan Johnson	Solomon Post	Hoppy Kahl
		10:30 am*	Roger Orkfritz	Rick Castel	Matt Castel
12/13/2023	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Keith Bereolos	N/A	Niko Bereolos
12/17/2023	Sunday	8:00 am	Donovan Johnson	N/A	Hoppy Kahl
		10:30 am	Roger Orkfritz	N/A	Bella Westberg
12/20/2023	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Roger Orkfritz	N/A	Georgina Ozga- Dortch
12/24/2023	Sunday (Christmas Eve)	10:00 am	Tim Mahnke	N/A	Hoppy Kahl
		3:00 pm	Steven Drescher	Rick Castel	Matt Castel
		8:30 pm*	Keith Bereolos	Solomon Post	Niko Bereolos
12/25/2023	Monday (Christmas)	10:00 am*	Tim Mahnke	Caleb Kittel	Reuben Velez
12/31/2023	Sunday	10:00 am*	Solomon Post	Steven Drescher	Reuben Velez

* Communion

Sign up for weekly emails from Trinity!

<https://www.trinityhuntley.org/email-sign-up>



Kid's Worship Bags



Kid's Worship Bags (lovingly sewn by The Trinity Quilters) are available each Sunday at the back of the Sanctuary. These bags are appropriate for kids 3 - 10 years old.

The bags are filled with crayons, coloring pages that go along with the day's scripture readings, books and other surprises which can help keep the squirms and wiggles at bay.

Kids are invited to take a worship bag into the worship service with them and are asked to place the worship bag to the return basket after service.

Trinity has an ongoing collection for the **Grafton Food Pantry**.

Cash donations are the best and most efficient way to offer help... every \$1 buys \$8 worth of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. **Please make checks out to the Grafton Food Pantry.** However, they cannot purchase household supplies and personal care products, so they are the next most needed items. All donations are appreciated, needed and used. Food items must be non-perishable. Items are always picked up and delivered weekly from the food cart in the narthex. *Contact Judy Melman with any questions.*



A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR *by Lana Gibbons*



Merry Christmas

Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn,
 A Savior unto us is born,
 The Christ, the Lord of Glory!
 His lowly birth in Bethlehem
 The angels from on high proclaim
 And sing redemption's story!
 My soul, extol
 God's great favor;
 Bless Him ever
 For salvation;
 Give Him praise and adoration!
 Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn (LSB 391)



and give Him praise and adoration!

REJOICE, REJOICE! We've got a lot to rejoice about as we prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth! Christ, Emmanuel, comes to us and is with us in all seasons of our lives! God reaches out to us in this vale of tears with the Good News that Jesus, our Savior, is born! For you! For me! For all people! Share His story of redemption! Share the Good News that Jesus is with us now and forever as we **REJOICE** and **GIVE HIM PRAISE AND ADORATION!**

REJOICE, REJOICE! *Celebration Ringers* (Adult Handbells) and *Voices in Praise* (Adult Choir) are busy preparing music for Advent and Christmas. There is a lot to ring and sing about! Both of these groups meet on Tuesday evenings - Bells at 6 pm in the loft and Choir at 7 pm under the loft. We will be taking a break December 26 and January 2 and will resume rehearsals on January 9, 2024. Think about joining us then and being a part of Trinity's music ministry! We'd welcome you with open arms as together we **REJOICE** and **GIVE HIM PRAISE AND ADORATION!**

REJOICE, REJOICE! Do you play an instrument? Consider playing in worship and being part of *HIS! Band* (Instrumentalists). They are gearing up for Christmas and play when they can as they **REJOICE** and **GIVE HIM PRAISE AND ADORATION!**

REJOICE, REJOICE! The children of the *Joyful Chorus* meet during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 am and learn songs to sing in worship. Most recently, they sang about being a *Child of God* and were thankful *In the Lord!* So precious as they **REJOICE** and **GIVE HIM PRAISE AND ADORATION!**



VOICES IN PRAISE

Handbells & Choir
Tuesdays
 Bells at 6 pm, Choir at 7 pm

CELEBRATION RINGERS

See worship folder for more information

TLC PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Kathy Kaszuba, Acting TLC Preschool Director*



The month of November was very exciting and full of gratefulness from all of our children, families and staff! Many discussions about what we can be thankful for and how we can show God we are thankful, have been answered by our adorable children:

I can show God I am thankful by "praying to heaven"

I am thankful for "playing with friends"

I can help others by "giving food to them"

I am thankful I can "give people chocolate" and "love my momma"

Looks like all the talk about thankfulness has done them well and now they can share it with family and friends.

Picture day was full of smiling faces and fancy little ones running through the halls. So nice to see everyone put on their Sunday best and say "cheese"!

Conferences went off without a hitch and the families were thrilled to see how their child(ren) are doing in class. So much progress has been made and we are all looking forward to a successful rest of the year.

Christmas is in the air and the children are so excited to celebrate! They love to see how the Chapel changes for the Christmas season and there is so much being talked about!

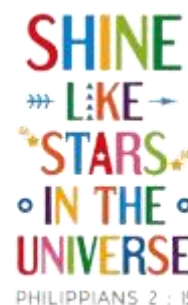
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Luke 2:14

Brightest Blessings,
Kathy Kaszuba



Want to keep track of all things preschool?
Follow us on our Facebook page: TLCHuntley



LWML *by Reta Stohs*



LWML is an organization of Lutheran Women in Mission! As such, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. If that sounds like something you'd love to do too, please join us!

The Trinity ladies are part of the LWML No. IL District.
Click link to learn more.

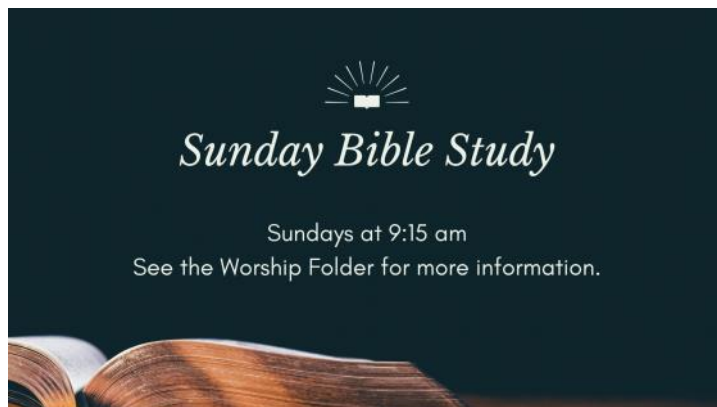


Being a Christian is a blessing and the Joy of Jesus in our lives should be evident. The LWML website is full of information and contains all the news and events going on. You can visit them at www.LWML.org

You can check out their latest eNews newsletter by clicking [HERE](#).



BIBLE STUDIES, GROUPS AND EVENTS



SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 - 10:15 am
In the Sanctuary
Age 3 - Grade 6



**Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.**

Proverbs 22:6



Thursday Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month

Join the study for a brown bag lunch at 11:45 am. Bible study begins at 12:30 pm.
Meets under the balcony.

BOOK REVIEW GROUP

All women are welcome!

2nd Tuesdays
1:30 pm @ Trinity

Join us on January 9th!
We will be discussing:
"Lady Clementine"
by Marie Benedict

BOOK REVIEW GROUP

Next Meeting: Jan 9, 2024

Any questions you may have may be directed to Judy Ladage, 224-858-7282.



Men's Breakfast

2nd Saturday of the Month at 8:00 am
All men are welcome to meet for breakfast and fellowship
Meets at the Village Inn Huntley



For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.
Matthew 18:20

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Psalm 100:2



The Trinity Quilters



Meets on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Church Basement

Contact Marilee Payne for more info



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR FOR 2023

Volunteer sign-up spots are available for hosting/providing goodies for the Fellowship Hour between Sunday services (coffee and juice is provided by the church). You can host on your own, with a friend or with a group.

Sign-up on the board in the Narthex




Altar Flowers

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2023 IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.
TO PLACE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR FOR A SPECIAL DATE, SIGN YOUR NAME AND OCCASION (IF APPLICABLE) NEXT TO THAT DATE.
ALTAR FLOWERS MAY BE TAKEN HOME AFTER THE LAST SERVICE (IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON HAS SIGNED UP, PLEASE JUST TAKE ONE VASE).
THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GLORIFY GOD AS YOU REMEMBER SOMEONE YOU LOVE OR CELEBRATE A MILESTONE!
THE COST IS \$35. FLOWER ENVELOPES ARE IN THE RACK IN THE NARTHEX.

Advent & Christmas 2023

Advent Midweek Meal and Evening Prayer

- Wednesdays, December 6, 13 & 20
- Meal at 6:00 p.m. and Service at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24

- O Antiphons - 10:00 a.m.
- Lessons and Carols - 3:00 p.m.
- Divine Service - 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25

- Divine Service - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday after Christmas - Sunday, December 31

- Divine Service - 10:00 am

No Sunday Bible Study or Sunday School: December 24 through January 14.
Classes resume January 21, 2024 @ 9:15 a.m.

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Huntley, IL

Grafton Food Pantry

Adopt a Family

Help a family celebrate Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who took an ornament from the tree.

Gift cards and ornaments are due back by Dec. 3.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

THE ADOPT A FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE Thank you to everyone who took an ornament from the tree. All gifts must be returned to the box provided under the Christmas tree by December 3rd for delivery to the Grafton Food Pantry. Please attach the ornament securely to your gift card. Please contact Judy Ladage at 224-858-7282 with any questions.

SNAPSHOTS OF TRINITY

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ TRINITY

Sunday School
and
Adult Bible Study



On November 26th we welcomed Trinity's New Members: Andrew Brening, Frank and Pam Christensen, Jill Deines, Judy Peterson (not pictured) and Steve and Patricia Turner.



Are you using Trinity's Photo Directory? There are four ways to view the direc-

1. Download the app on your phone at www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app/. When searching for Instant Church Directory, choose the one with the little green house.
2. Download from any computer/laptop at www.members.instantchurchdirectory.com/
For both options 1 & 2, you will set your account up with your email. Only emails that are listed in the directory will sync. Contact Jamie in the church office if your email doesn't match and she'll update it.
3. Request a PDF directory from the church office.
4. If you are unable to access through a computer, please contact Jamie in the church office for a printed copy.

Note: The app and online version are always current and updated. The PDF and printed version will only be updated at the time of publishing.

If you do not have your picture in the directory, it's never too late! You can submit online or send an image to the church office email.

Is your photo in the directory?

If not, here are several options to do so:

Upload your photo here: https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/submit_photo.aspx?id=370d1885-7d39-4035-8e99-6335c71c96b5

- Send your photo to the church office via email.
- Drop off a photo that can be scanned and uploaded.
- Visit the Selfie Station after service and have your photo taken. Please be sure to sign the form so we know who the picture belongs to.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Moellenkamp	12/1	LeeAnn McNamara	12/23
Taylor Calame	12/2	Bob Lutzow	12/24
Jan Wood	12/2	Ceil Rieker	12/25
Carole Bowgren	12/3	Irene Hunter	12/25
Donovan Johnson	12/3	Diana Lutzow	12/28
Andrew Hatesohl	12/5	Payten Kamp	12/28
Samara Melman	12/5	Judy Ladage	12/29
Mary Jo Simonsen	12/6		
Shelly Goers	12/6		
Tara Nelson	12/10		
Carol Jaroch	12/11		
Janette Dennis	12/14		
Jake Nelson	12/14		
Sue Goers	12/16		
Bernice Hoffman	12/19		
Roy Ravagnie	12/19		
Ryan McNamara	12/22		
James Krecker	12/22		

ANNIVERSARIES

Norm & Krissy Fossmeyster	23 years on 12/9
Roy & Eileen Derby	36 years on 12/12
Matt & Maddie Drafall	12 years on 12/31

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, or have the wrong information, please call the church office.

CHURCH CONTACT AND OTHER INFO

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Elders

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 Enrique Castel
 Steve Drescher
 Donovan Johnson
 Caleb Kittel
 Tim Mahnke
 Roger Orkfritz
 Solomon Post

Board of Ministry Directors

Keith Bereolos
 Ed Dennis
 Nancy Dvorak
 Ken Ladage
 Keith Nelson
 Sandy Phelps
 Janet Westberg

Trinity Worship Times

Sundays @ 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Holy Communion

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays

Worship Service Broadcast

Every service is broadcast live on the internet. You can find it at TrinityHuntley.org/live or on the Trinity home page.



@TrinityLutheranHuntley

Church Office Hours The church office is open Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Hatesohl is available in the office both Tuesday and Friday mornings and by appointment.

Help Keep Church Records Up To Date If your contact information has changed or you are not receiving emails, please let the church office know. Call the church office at 847-669-5780 or email at office@trinityhuntley.org.

Prayer Chain Trinity's prayer chain is always available to pray for you and those you love. Jesus hears our petitions and He will answer according to His good and perfect will. With thanksgiving, we make our requests to Him. Call or email the church office.

Hospital Visits Please contact the church office if you or a family member are, or are planning to be, in the hospital. You can be added to the prayer chain and/or a visit can be scheduled.

Flower Chart The flower chart for 2023 is on the bulletin board above the tract rack in the Narthex. To place flowers at the altar for a special date, sign your name and occasion (if applicable) next to that date. The cost is \$35. Altar flowers may be taken home after the last service (If more than one person has signed up, please just take one vase). This is a great way to glorify God as you remember someone you love or celebrate a milestone!

Electronic Giving Trinity offers two options, Give+Online and the Vanco Mobile App. Visit TrinityHuntley.org and click on the "Giving" tab for more information.

Head over to Culver's Restaurant of Huntley, Rt. 47, on ANY Saturday evening, ANY Sunday or ANY Wednesday and present your weekend bulletin when ordering and Culvers will donate 10% of your total order to Trinity.

WORSHIP ANEW - A Program for Shut-Ins A 30-minute Lutheran worship service is televised weekly on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on Chicago's CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) and at 10:30 a.m. on TCT (DirecTV channel 377). A complete list of viewing options is available at WorshipAnew.org.

MCRide is a great way to get around McHenry County. It is an "on-demand" travel service available to citizens of Huntley. Riders schedule their trips in advance and the vehicle provides curb-to-curb service from the rider's desired pick-up and dropoff destinations. Call 1-800-451-4599 to schedule a ride.

Grafton Food Pantry Please place donations in the "shopping cart" located in the narthex. Please also consider a monetary gift. If you would like to make a monetary donation you may place a separate envelope from your Trinity donation in the offering plate labeled FOOD PANTRY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Questions: Contact Judy Melman at 847-669-6563 or lmelman02@comcast.net.

Poinsettias

If you would like to place a Poinsettia plant at the Altar for the Christmas season, please fill out the form below and drop it off in the box in the narthex or the church office. The cost is \$10 each. Names will be printed in the Christmas worship folders. Orders due by December 10th. The plants may be picked up after the 10:00 am worship service Christmas Day morning.

I/we _____

wish to place _____ Poinsettia(s) at the church altar.

In memory or honor of(circle one) _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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