

Trinity Weekly News

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Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

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November 19 & 20, 2023

The chancel flowers this week are sponsored
by the family of Roger Morrison on the
5th anniversary of his death

This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 11/19

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm.
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.
12:00 p.m.—Assembly of Voters
6:00 p.m.—JCC

Monday 11/20

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study
1:15 p.m.—GLAT
6:00 p.m.—Divine Service +Comm.

Tuesday 11/21

5:30 p.m.—Sound Words/Adult Cat.
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball
6:30 p.m.—Board of Stewardship
6:30 p.m.—Bylaws Review Meeting

Wednesday 11/22

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

Thursday 11/23

Thanksgiving

9:00 a.m.—Thanksgiving Service

Friday 11/24

Pastors' day off

Sunday 11/26

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service



It's that time of year again! A sign-up sheet to sponsor poinsettias for the Sanctuary is posted on the bulletin board across from the Church Office. The cost is \$16 per plant.

Please write your check to Trinity Lutheran Church with "Altar Guild" in the memo line and place it in the collection box.

The Poinsettias will be delivered on December 16th and volunteers to help set them up would be appreciated!



Stewardship & Scripture

Nov. 19 – Proper 28

Matthew 25:30 – “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

Sunday School Christmas Program: Sign Ups & Rehearsals

The Board of Christian Ed is looking for Sunday School kids to participate in the Christmas Eve service. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the Church Office.

Practice times are as follows:

- Sunday, December 3: during the Sunday School hour
- Sunday, December 10: during the Sunday School hour
- Sunday, December 17: during the Sunday School hour
- Thursday, December 21: dinner (pizza) at 5:15-6 pm, practice from 6-7 pm





Assembly of Voters Budget Meeting

**Sunday, November
19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.**

Come and help
decorate the
church for
Advent &
Christmas on
December 11
at 9:30 am!



**Help Us "Spruce"
Up the Church!**



Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study is studying *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions – A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord (second edition)*, starting with Luther's Large Catechism. If you have an individual copy of *Concordia*, bring it along but there should be enough copies for each attendee (church copies). We will use the same format as with The Lutheran Study Bible; i.e., we will read each section together and discuss the doctrine using the *Concordia* notes.

Please plan on joining us and remember, we start at 7:00 am each Thursday.

Brothers and Sisters of Trinity Lutheran Church,

A committee of Buck Katt (Chair), Eldrid (Pete) Easterhaus (member), and Andrew Saeger (member) were appointed to review Trinity Lutheran Church By-Laws. This review was prompted by a request of the Board of Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund to update the boards By-Laws. In addition, all Church boards were given the opportunity to review and suggest updates to Trinity Lutheran Church By-Laws. Those suggesting changes are the Board of Endowment Fund, the Board of Christian Education, and the Board of Youth.

All recommended changes to the By-Laws have been reviewed by the Board of Directors and require a final vote of the Assembly of Voter's. The suggestions will be presented at the December 17, 2023 Assembly of Voters. For your convenience we have placed copies of the suggested changes in the narthex and copies are available in the office. Your opportunity to ask questions and discuss the suggested changes will take place on the following dates and times:

- November 21st 6:30 pm Middle School Classroom
- November 30th 9:00 am Fellowship Hall
- November 30th 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- December 4th 10:15 am Fellowship Hall

Collections for Community Missions

Thank you for your generous donations to our community missions! Please continue to collect and donate the items listed below. You can place them in the labeled bins inside the Christian Resource Center (brown unit in the hallway). If you need assistance getting the items to Trinity or have other suggestions for collections, please contact the Church Office.

- *Bibles and Devotional Materials*
- *Canceled postage stamps including Forever stamps (No Love or Christmas)*
- *Coupons with no expiration date*
- *Eyeglasses you no longer use*
- *Food (nonperishable, no glass containers)*
- *Soda & Soup Can Pop Tops*



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MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry at Trinity

Trinity Lutheran Church has a caregiving ministry. It is an important way we at Trinity care for one another. If you or another church member you know are going through a difficult time, reach out to one of our pastors and consider a caring relationship with a Stephen Ministry caregiver. The ministry offers real care, comfort, and hope and is free and completely confidential.

Quotes from past care receivers:

"My caregiver was an angel sent from heaven. She helped me to understand things and to see what God has done. So much is off my shoulders."

"Thank God you are here."

"Do it! Take the time to go through the process. Let someone else help."

A tri-fold flyer and a yellow information card are available from the information stand in the narthex and/or visit stephenministries.org to learn more.

Meet Me at the Manger
A display of over 600 unique nativity scenes from around the world

Friday, December 1 --5pm-8pm
Saturday, December 2--9:30am-5:00pm
ADA hours Friday, December 1--9:30am-3:00pm

Campus Lutheran Church
304 S. College Ave.
Columbia, MO 65201

campuslutheran.org/manger



Life Thoughts

November 19 – Pentecost XXV (Proper 28A) – Many around us despair because the world pressures them into the violence and fraud (Zephaniah 1:9) of viewing death as a solution to difficulty. In the sanctity of every human life, we have riches to spare (Matthew 25:15). Gospel hope and joy are not just for us to possess. Jesus brings us faith and life to proclaim and put into practice.



			
			
			
			

DECEMBER 7 AT 5:30PM

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
5045 CHAPEL HILL RD

TICKETS \$15 ADULTS, \$10 KIDS - AGES 4 & UNDER ARE FREE
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30, BINGO STARTS AT 6
WIN PRIZES FROM LOCAL RESTAURANTS & BUSINESSES
DINNER FOR SALE BY 12 BASKETS
ORDER YOUR TICKETS AT 573-874-3561 OR ONLINE



TICKETS

ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY
SUPPORT THE FREE
SERVICES PROVIDED AT
MY LIFE CLINIC



Grief Resource Available

Stephen Ministry has a resource available to you. *Journeying through Grief* book sets can help you extend care and minister to people you know who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The four short books are intended to be given at 3 weeks, 3 months, 6 months, and 11 months during the first year after a loss. A tracking card is included to record when each book is due to be given and the date they were given. Each 44-page book focuses on the feelings and issues a person is likely to experience at that point in his or her grief, offering comfort, help, and hope throughout that difficult first year.

Although the books are written from a Christian perspective, they address spiritual matters sensitively, with a focus on ideas and principles that would apply for any reader, whatever his or her beliefs.

It is sometimes difficult to know how to minister to others who are grieving. Our hope is this will be a loving and effective way for you to extend care to people in your life. The book sets are available to you at no cost or obligation. A sample set is on display in the information stand in the narthex. If you would like to obtain a set of the books, text or leave a message to Barbara Barrett: 573-268-0056 or email her at barbara.barrett5@outlook.com

Y GROUP U T H

Coyote Hill Christmas Adoption Gift Shopping and Friendsgiving Servant Event Weekend

Trinity Youth enjoyed a busy weekend of learning, eating, and serving! Thanks to the generosity of all who attended Trivia Night, we fulfilled all the Christmas needs and wants for TWO children at Coyote Hill.



On Sunday, Youth gathered for an afternoon of food sharing at Friendsgiving, and to prepare gifts of encouragement to give to our confirmation and Sunday School students.



Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:4-5



SAVE THE DATE:

**Sunday, December 17th
Cookie Decorating & Christmas Party**



Lectionary Preview Study

Prepare for next week: The Last Sunday of the Church Year — November 26, 2023

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24

1. In the lead up to these verses, the Lord preaches a stern warning against Israel's spiritual leaders. What had the shepherds of Israel failed to do, 34:8? How will the Lord himself correct this deficiency, in verse 11?
2. How expansive and vast will the Lord's gathering be, v. 13?
3. There are three references to the mountains of Israel being the dwelling place of God's sheep, in vv. 13-16. What is the significance of mountains in Ezekiel. Look at Ezek. 20:40. What is God promising to do there? If we back up just a few more verses to 20:27-29, how is God's high, holy place different from what the Israelites had been doing in the high places? (v. 27 contains the specific sin)
4. Vv.20-24 contain several similarities with 17-19. Why is repetition helpful? What's going on within the flock of Israel? How does Paul instruct on this matter in 1 Cor. 12:25-26?
5. When Ezekiel preaches, King David is dead. What David is he referring to, and how long will this David reign? Ezek. 37:25.

Psalms 95:1-7

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

6. Who are those who have fallen asleep? This refers to physical death, the death of the fleshly body. Why would Paul describe death as sleep?
7. Who are the two men being referred to in verse 21? Answer in verse 22. What is the work of each?
8. In verse 24, what is every rule and every authority, and power? These are primarily evil spiritual powers: sin, death, and the power of the devil. How do these enemies manifest themselves in all of creation?
9. Vv. 27-28 are really driving at the consummation of the kingdom of God. We might look at this way: our bodily resurrection means we will possess the fullness of eternal life forever. The consummation is also complete at Christ's complete vanquishing of anything and everything that opposes the eternal reign of God. Revelation 21:3-5 also illustrates what will happen for the sake of Christ.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

10. The parables of chapter 25 increase, in an orderly fashion, the authority figure. In 25:1, we have a bridegroom. In 25:20, a wealthy landowner. In 25:31, BAM! THE SON OF MAN! A KING, really meaning, a judge—the final and absolute authority.
11. If someone offered the argument from vv.35-36 that we're saved by works, how would you respond? Why do the servants do these works? How do 1 Cor. 3:8 and Luke 6:35 help us understand the reward of saving faith and not the cause of saving faith?
12. In verse 45-50, you can hear themes from each of the previous three parables.
13. On the basis of verse 46, how would you dissuade someone from thinking heaven and hell are temporary?

Hymns for Next Sunday

785 We Praise You, O God

508 The Day is Surely Drawing Near

515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Radio & Podcast Resources

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners. The Lutheran Hour weekly half-hour program can be heard on www.lhm.org, on their mobile app, or Sundays on several area radio stations:

8:00 a.m. on **KMCV 89.9FM**

8:00 a.m. on **KLTE 107.9FM**

9:00 a.m. on **KMCR 103.9FM**

10:00 a.m. on **KMMO 1300AM**

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study 1 Corinthians 4-6 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear a missionary update from the Helge family and the history of music in the Lutheran Church on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), and study Mark 13-14 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org and the KFUE Radio app!



EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken.

This week's teachings include: The Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," Forgiving Those Who Sin Against Us, The Parable of the Ten Virgins, Transhumanism and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.