## Trinity Weekly News

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### November 26 & 27, 2023

The chancel flowers this week are sponsored by Doug & Joanna McDowell in memory of Lynn Frerking's birthday



### This Week at Trinity:

### **Sunday 11/26**

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

### **Monday 11/27**

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

### Tuesday 11/28

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball 5:30 p.m.—Sound Words/Adult Cat. 5:30 p.m.—Board of Trustees

### Wednesday 11/29

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

### Thursday 11/30

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel 9:00 a.m.—Bylaws Review Meeting 5:30 p.m.—Pickleball 6:30 p.m.—Bylaws Review Meeting 7:00 p.m.—Grief Share

### Friday 12/1

Pastors' day off

### **Sunday 12/3**

### Advent I

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm 9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School 10:30 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm 5:30 p.m.—Men's Chorus 6:00 p.m.—Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.—JCC 6:00 p.m.—LLL Fellowship



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 16<sup>th</sup> and volunteers to help set them up would be appreciated!

### 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



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 30th 9:00 am Fellowship Hall

November 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
 Fellowship Hall

• December 4<sup>th</sup> 10:15 am Fellowship Hall



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



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

Stewardship & Scripture

Nov. 26 – Proper 29
Matthew 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

Brought to you by LCMS Stewardship Ministry and Trinity's Board of Stewardship & Finance

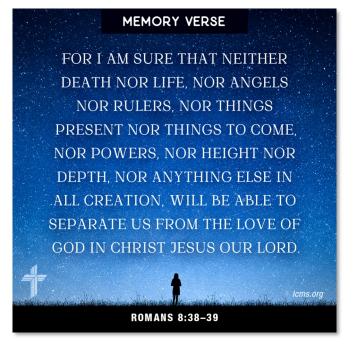
# Bible Study

### Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study is study-

ing 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.



### Life Thoughts

**November 26 – Pentecost XXIV (Proper 29A) –** Guilt and grief can devastate those who abort their own children (Matthew 25:37-38). The Lord God longs to relieve their wounds with His forgiveness (Ezekiel 34:16). If Jesus overcomes death for us, He can also subdue it for them (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). May our mouths make the joyful noise (Psalm 95:2) of explicitly applying His atoning grace to every sin!



### 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

### 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



### 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.











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



### 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** 9:00 a.m. on **KMCR 103.9FM**  8:00 a.m. on **KLTE 107.9FM** 10:00 a.m. on **KMMO 1300AM** 

### **KFUO Lutheran Radio**

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at <a href="mailto:kfuo.org">kfuo.org</a> and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Look ahead to the First Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (11/29 at 9:00 a.m.), study 1 Corinthians 6-9 on Sharper Iron's "Nothing but Christ Crucified" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and finish the Gospel of Mark and begin the book of Micah on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!





DAILY LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE... You can listen to morning chapel from Kramer Chapel at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN live weekdays at 9 a.m. Central, 10 a.m. Eastern, 8 a.m. Mountain or 7 a.m. Pacific at issuesetc.org. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org/kramerchapel.