

Trinity Weekly News

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Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

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December 3 & 4, 2023



If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers in 2024 to celebrate a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, you may sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office. Sponsors typically donate \$25 to the Altar Guild on their chosen week.



This Week at Trinity:

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

Monday 12/4

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study
10:15 a.m.—Bylaws Review Meeting
1:15 p.m.—GLAT
6:00 p.m.—Divine Service +Comm.

Tuesday 12/5

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball
5:30 p.m.—Bd. of Early Childhood Ed.
5:30 p.m.—Vesper Guild
6:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry
6:30 p.m.—Board of Christian Ed.

Wednesday 12/6

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
12:00 p.m.—Midweek Advent
5:30 p.m.—Advent Supper
7:00 p.m.—Midweek Advent

Thursday 12/7

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
11:00 a.m.—Communion @ Lenoir
5:30 p.m.—Sound Words/Adult Cat.
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball
7:00 p.m.—Grief Share

Friday 12/8

Pastors' day off

Sunday 12/10

Advent II

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm
5:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice
6:00 p.m.—JCC



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!

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



Devotional Materials: Pastor McCalley has completed the 3-year lectionary study. There will be a short break while he develops new devotional materials. Other devotional materials (*Portals of Prayer*, Higher Things devotions, and Lutheran Hour Ministries devotions) are available in the Narthex.

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 Voters. 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:

- December 4th 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!**

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club will meet on
Sunday, December 3rd at 6 pm in the
church basement.

Monthly meetings are scheduled for
the 1st Sunday of each month
(September through May) at 6pm in
the church basement. Activities in-
clude a very short business meeting,
Bible study, and fellowship time with
snacks. Anyone interested is welcome
to attend.

MEMORY VERSE

*"Behold, the days
are coming,*

declares the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a righteous Branch...
In his days Judah will be saved, and
Israel will dwell securely. And this is
the name by which he will be called:

**'THE LORD OUR
RIGHTEOUSNESS!'**

JEREMIAH 23:5-6



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Men's 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 at-
tendee (church copies). We will use the
same format as with The Lutheran Study Bi-
ble; i.e., we will read each section together
and discuss the doctrine using the *Concor-
dia* notes.

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

Vesper Guild

This month the Vesper Guild will meet on
Tuesday, December 5 at 5:30 pm in the
church library. All women of Trinity are wel-
come! Please join us for a time of devotion
and a business meeting.

Any questions, contact Betty Buchheit 573-
823-2664 or dbuchheit305@aol.com.

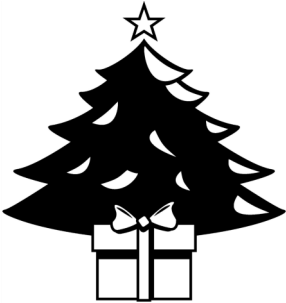
Mary Martha Guild

Mary Martha Guild meets on the 2nd
Wednesday of each month in the Fellow-
ship Hall from 9:30-11:30 am. Come at 9 am
for coffee! All ladies of Trinity are invited to
attend. Come join us on **December 13!** This
month's ingathering will support the LFCS
Christmas Tree.

Life Thoughts

December 3 – Advent I – Surprise pregnancy intimidates, and terminal diagnosis terrifies because they darken the future. But Jesus the Savior looks through walls and sees around corners (Mark 11:2-3). He has promised abundant and everlasting life as the one who both secures the ends and supplies the means. God is faithful and will sustain (1 Corinthians 1:9); can we confirm it with our testimony (1 Corinthians 1:6)?

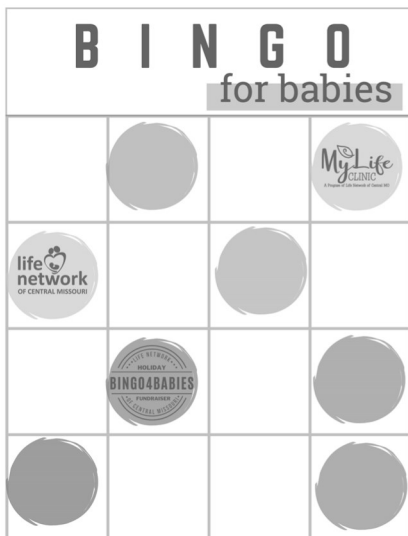
LUTHERAN FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES (LFCS) "SEASON OF HOPE TREE"



SEASON OF HOPE

Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Mid-Missouri is grateful to again be partnering with Trinity Lutheran Church in gifts and donations during this Advent Season. Your support of LFCS allows children right here in our community to find safe and loving homes. LFCS also offers essential counseling services for parents to equip them with parenting tools and empower them to provide for their children. The individuals and families requesting LFCS's Christ centered services in Columbia has continued to increase making the opportunity to assist with this ministry even more important. Every effort of LFCS is touching children's lives and all donations will stay in the Columbia area. We have put a "Season of Hope Tree" in the hallway with tags on it representing items needed. If you are able to take a tag(s), add the items to your shopping list, and place them under the tree --THANK YOU! If you would rather make a monetary donation, please put it in an envelope marked for LFCS and place it in the offering box. Our wishes for you and your family to have a blessed Advent as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth.

Myra McCoig, on behalf of LFCS



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
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For
God so
loved the
world, that he
gave his only Son,
that whoever believes
in him should not perish
but have eternal life.

John
3:16

**COOKIE DECORATING &
CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Sunday, December 17th

TIME: 3:00-5:00pm

PLACE: Youth Room



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*



Stewardship & Scripture

December 3 – Advent 1

1 Corinthians 1:9 – “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So, when it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because He is faithful.

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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.

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**

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 kfu.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Advent music begins this week, and the 12 Days of Christmas runs December 24 - January 6. Study 1 Corinthians 10-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Micah 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and Melancthon's Greeting to the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (12/9 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or the KFUO Radio app!



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