

# Trinity Weekly News

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Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

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The chancel flowers this week are sponsored  
by Glen & Elke Beltz in honor of their  
17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary



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## This Week at Trinity:

### **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

### **Monday 12/11**

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study  
9:30 a.m.—Church Decorating  
1:15 p.m.—GLAT  
6:00 p.m.—Divine Service +Comm.

### **Tuesday 12/12**

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball  
5:15 p.m.—Sound Words/Adult Cat.  
6:30 p.m.—Board of Directors

### **Wednesday 12/13**

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel  
9:30 a.m.—Mary Martha Guild  
12:00 p.m.—Midweek Advent  
7:00 p.m.—Midweek Advent

### **Thursday 12/14**

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study  
9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Christmas Program  
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball  
5:30 p.m.—Life Team

### **Friday 12/15**

#### **Pastors' day off**

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Christmas Program

### **Sunday 12/17**

#### **Advent III**

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm  
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School  
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm  
12:00 p.m.—Assembly of Voters  
3:00 p.m.—Youth Christmas Party  
5:30 p.m.—Men's Chorus  
6:00 p.m.—Choir 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 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



**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.



### 2024 Member Contribution Envelopes

Please pick up your box of envelopes for 2024 off the tables in the overflow area. There are new numbers for many of our members, so **do not use these envelopes until 2024.**

If your address on the box is absent or incorrect, please contact the church office to update it. Thank you!

If you cannot locate your box, please let the Financial Secretary know and she will be happy to assist you.

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



## Help Us "Spruce" Up the Church!

### Mary Martha Guild

Mary Martha Guild meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship 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.

## Men's Bible Study



### Men's Thursday Bible Study

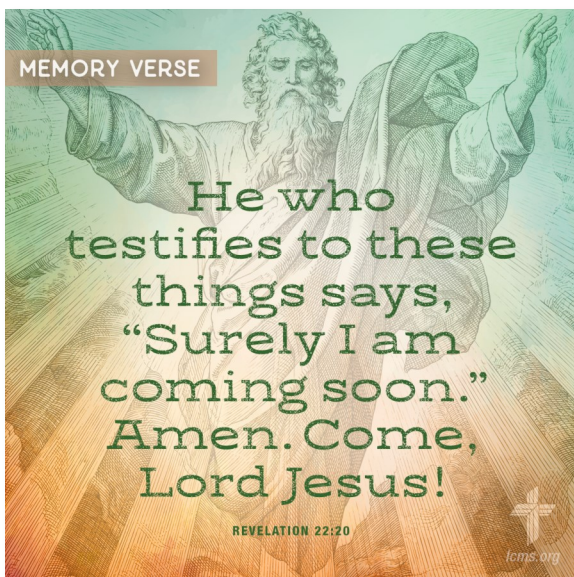
The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study is studying *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions – A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord (second edition)*, starting with Luther's Large Catechism. If you have an individual copy of *Concordia*, bring it along but there should be enough copies for each attendee (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.**

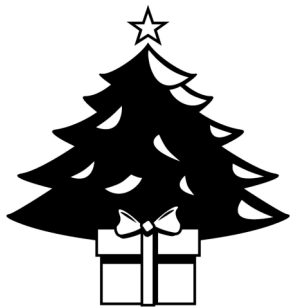
Are you a Lutheran Witness subscriber? Would you like to be? Please let the church office know if you would like to start or renew a subscription. Cost is \$20.65/year (\$1.60/issue) for 11 issues. If interested, please contact the church office via email ([church@trinity-lcms.org](mailto:church@trinity-lcms.org)) or phone (573) 445-2112 **no later than January 31, 2024!**



Payment can be done via check or cash, using the Lutheran Witness envelope included with your contribution envelopes. If paying by check, please put 'Lutheran Witness' on the memo line. Thank you!



## 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

### Life Thoughts

**December 10 – Advent II** – John the Baptist prophesied the Gospel of the Kingdom that with Jesus' blessing is always coming (Mark 1:7-8). Even during surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, He is not slow to keep His promises. Instead, He acts patiently, not wishing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). Aren't we crying out about it as this generation's voice in the wilderness (Mark 1:3)?



Trinity Lutheran Church has a caregiving ministry. When you face a difficult time, reach out to one of our pastors and consider a caring relationship with a Stephen Ministry caregiver. The ministry is free

and completely confidential. Quotes from past care receivers: "It is a wonderful thing available to people in need." "The Stephen Ministry and my caregiver were a Godsend." A tri-fold flyer and a yellow information card are available from the information stand in the narthex. Meetings with a caregiver can be at your home or a neutral location (library, church, restaurant).

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. 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](mailto:Barbara.barrett5@outlook.com).

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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

We've got all the cookie decorating supplies,  
and light snacks will be provided.

## 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 10 – Advent 2

**2 Peter 3:11 – “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness?”** All the things of the earth have an expiration date: “Good until the last day.” On that day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge: Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?

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



### 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](http://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](http://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](http://KFUO.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.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:** Dive into Advent Hymnody on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study 1 Corinthians 12-14 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and learn more about the 3rd Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (10/13 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Music and programming for the 12 Days of Christmas begins December 25! Hear your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app.



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