

Trinity Weekly News

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December 31, 2023

The chancel flowers this week are
sponsored by the Couper Family



This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 12/31

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm
7:00 p.m.—New Year's Eve Service
+Comm

Monday 1/1 **New Year's Day**

Tuesday 1/2

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

Wednesday 1/3

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

Thursday 1/4

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
11:00 a.m.—Communion @ Lenoir

Friday 1/5

Pastors' day off

Sunday 1/7

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.—Board Orientation &
Training
6:00 p.m.—LLL Fellowship Club

MEMORY VERSE

*You keep him
in perfect peace
whose mind is
stayed on you,
because he
trusts in you.*

ISAIAH 26:3

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POINSETTIAS



Thank you to Pastor McCalley, Patty Smith, Laura Grise, and Pattie Smith for helping to set up the poinsettias for beautification of the Altar!

If you purchased poinsettias, you may pick them up after the service.

Vesper Guild

This month the Vesper Guild will meet on **Tuesday, January 16 at 5:30 pm** in the church library. All women of Trinity are welcome! Please join us for a time of devotion and a business meeting.

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

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) 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!

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.**

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 **January 10!**



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 **please discard any unused envelopes from previous years.**

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.

Life Thoughts

December 31 – Christmas I/New Year's Eve – Christmas – and a new year – offers opportunity for the joys of looking forward. Simeon and Anna exemplify and inspire faith that finds strength and celebration in anticipating. The Heavenly Father who escorted us thus far will also usher us ever onward. Neighbors facing surprise pregnancies or suffering terminal diagnoses need to know. For their sake, please do not keep silent (Psalm 62:1)!



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.

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club will meet on **Sunday, January 7th 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 include a very short business meeting, Bible study, and fellowship time with snacks. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

CHURCH YEAR CALENDAR

Christmas OFFICIALLY ends on January 5, regardless of the fact that Target and Kohls took down their “decorations” on December 26. This week begins with the Circumcision and Naming of Jesus (still in the season of Christmas, formerly two different celebrations). Epiphany is celebrated on January 6 and continues until Transfiguration, which is determined by Ash Wednesday’s timing. For most of history, Epiphany has been a much bigger deal than Christmas. Why? In Epiphany, the Divine Son appears and is revealed by the worship of foreigners and the Father’s own voice from heaven as the Lamb of God who comes to take away the sin of the world. Epiphany begins with the adoration of the Magi, who are not Jews, but Gentiles. The Magi come to worship God in the flesh because this Savior will be for everyone, regardless of bloodline.

Feasts, Festivals, & Commemorations

January 1 – Circumcision and Name of Jesus (Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 3: 23-29; Luke 2:21)

January 6 – Epiphany (Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-15, ant. v.8; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12)

January 7 – Baptism of Our Lord (Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11; Mark 1:4-11)*

January 10 – Basil the Great of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Gregory of Nyssa, *Pastors and Confessors*

*Next Sunday (1/7) we’ll use the readings for the Baptism of Our Lord

THEME OF THE WEEK *The Circumcision and Naming of Jesus and The Revelation of Jesus*

The Lord’s submission to circumcision in the flesh shows right away that he is one born under Mosaic (all Jewish boys to be circumcised) and natural law (those subject to the consequences of sin, i.e., everyone) to redeem those under the law. His Divine Name (Jesus = he will save His people) shows his Messiahship (his divine mandate to die for the sin of the world). With these two thoughts, the church meditates and rejoices that God has fulfilled His Old Testament promise: God is faithful, His Christ has arrived. When *Epiphany* begins, our focus shifts to the humanity of the Messiah: God is manifested (epiphany-ied) in human flesh, toddler, just like us.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WEEKLY PSALMS

Morning Psalm 2

Saturday (Epiphany) Psalm 72

Evening Psalm 150

Saturday (Epiphany) Psalm 148

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday Isaiah 54:1-10; 1 John 5:1-2

Tuesday Isaiah 54:11-17; 1 John 5:13-21

Wednesday Isaiah 55:1-11; 2 John

Thursday Isaiah 57:15-21; 3 John

Friday Isaiah 58:5-14; Luke 2:39-52

Saturday Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN OF THE WEEK

395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

DAILY CATECHISM

Theme of the Week: 1st Commandment & Meaning

<i>Monday</i>	Judges 16:23-24 What acts are attributed to Dagon? What do the Philistines give? What gross sin have they committed?
<i>Tuesday</i>	Daniel 3 What had King Nebuchadnezzar commanded? Why did the three young men not obey? What persecution did they suffer? How did the Lord bless their witness?
<i>Wednesday</i>	Exodus 32:1-14 What did the Israelites ascribe to the calf? What did they call it? What was the Lord's initial response? Why did He not respond with wrath? How does the action of Moses remind us of Jesus?
<i>Thursday</i>	Matthew 6:24-34 Against what sort of idolatry does Jesus warn us? How are we tempted to trust and serve money and other worldly gain? To what does Jesus point us that we might not be anxious about our needs?
<i>Friday</i>	Psalms 146:1-7 What sort of idolatry does this Psalm warn us against. How are we tempted to place our trust in princes, or other government leaders? Why is this a sin? In what does the Psalm instruct us to trust?



✠ CONGREGATION AT PRAYER ✠

The following is a brief Order of Service that may be used for guiding home devotion and study. I hope to make this into a printed and laminated card for distribution. The Hymn of the Week fits nicely in several places: before or after the Invocation, the Scripture Readings, after the Lord's Prayer, or the Benedicamus.

Invocation *In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Morning or Evening Psalm

Prayer of the Week

Daily Bible Readings and/or Daily Catechism

Apostle's Creed

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus Domino *Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.*



New Year's greeting from the Life Team! Every January we celebrate Life Sunday. This year in addition to celebrating Life Sunday on January 21st, the Life Team invites you to celebrate Life Week! The congregation is invited to a zoom call every day from Sunday, January 14th through Saturday, January 20th. You can do this by visiting **[lutheransforlife.org/life-](https://lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2024/)**

week-2024/. The theme this year is Just As. . . I Am! There will be a Sharing Moment on Sunday, January 14th from the Life Team with more details and Life Week reminder cards will be passed out after each service.

The topics for each day are:

- Sunday, January 14th – Just As I Am – From Fertilization to Forever – (A Gospel-Motivated Foundation)
- Monday, January 15th – Just As I Am – in Terminal Diagnosis
- Tuesday, January 16th – Just As I Am – Surviving and Thriving
- Wednesday, January 17th – Just As I Am – in Surprise Pregnancy
- Thursday, January 18th – Just As I Am – with Courage and Compassion
- Friday, January 19th – Just As I Am – as Male and Female
- Saturday, January 20th – Just As I Am – for Blessing and Serving

To access these events, go to lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2024/ and scroll down for the zoom access information. It is the same for each day.

The Life Team will also be holding a freewill offering on Life Sunday, January 21st to support the Lutherans for Life Adoption Fund. Checks can be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church with adoption fund in the memo line. A special Life Sunday lesson will be held for children pre-k through 5th grade as well as an special Adult Sunday School lesson. We are looking forward to celebrating Life Sunday with you!

Blessings, the Life Team

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*



FUN, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE
JULY - DECEMBER 2023



Pool Party

Trivia Night

Cookie Decorating &
Christmas Party

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Higher Things Conference



Youth BBQ & Fellowship



Service Project &
Friendsgiving

Coyote Hill Shopping, Movie & Dinner

Highway Clean Up

Trunk or Treat

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: Continue enjoying the Twelve Days of Christmas on KFUO Radio, with special Christmas music, Scripture, and greetings until January 6. Blessed Christmas! Christ is born!



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