

Trinity Weekly News

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January 7 & 8, 2024

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



This Week at Trinity:

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

Monday 1/8

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

Tuesday 1/9

9:00 a.m.—Pastors' Circuit Winkel
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball
6:30 p.m.—Board of Directors

Wednesday 1/10

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
9:30 a.m.—Mary Martha Guild

Thursday 1/11

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
9:30 a.m.—Undecorating the church
5:30 p.m.—Sound Words/Adult Cat.
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball

Friday 1/12

Pastors' day off

Sunday 1/14

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.—JCC
5:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice



If you purchased poinsettias, please pick them up after the service!

Helpers wanted!

Come help take down the Christmas decorations on **Thursday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m.**



BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ATTENTION :

To all Boards of Trinity Lutheran Church and Board members. Our first Board of Directors meeting for the year is

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Please have a Board representative present.

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**



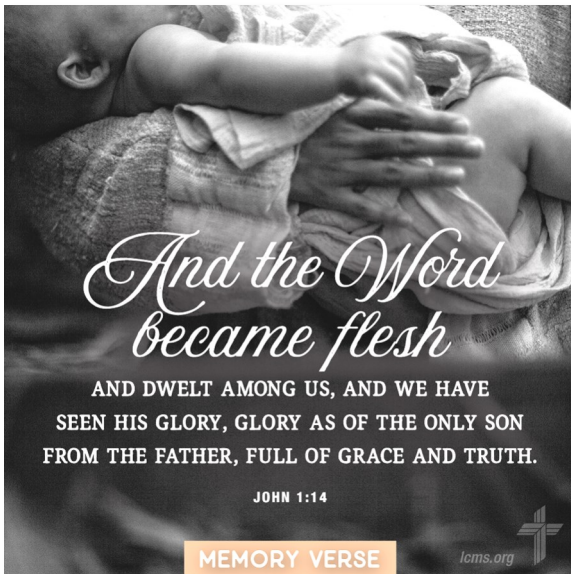
Men's Thursday Bible Study

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!**



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ICE CREAM FLOATS

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLY

*****Enter to win a
\$25 Chick Fil A
GIFT CARD!!*****

The Board of Youth invites

ALL HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
4:30-6:00 PM
Youth Room

Whether you're a regular
attendee or haven't been able to
attend a Youth Group event...
WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!

Must be present to register for
gift card, but we will contact the
winner if not there at time of
drawing.

Come any time 4:30-6:00.

Ice Cream Floats can be made "to go"!

****Any questions please contact Jacque Eckhoff*
573-289-0273***

✠ CONGREGATION AT PRAYER ✠

CHURCH YEAR CALENDAR

Epiphany focuses the Church's thinking to the specific ways God manifests His glory in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

THEME OF THE WEEK

This Sunday St. Mark records heaven opening and the voice of the Father himself confirming Jesus as His Son, a Divine Son, and a Son with authority. Our theme then is "God Manifested in the Baptism of Jesus." Jesus' Baptism is not only a confirmation of his status as God's own son, but also an inauguration of His public ministry. After the baptism everything Jesus does is publicly preaching, teaching, healing, and miracles. The Prayer of the Week encourages believers to continually return the work and promises of God given in their own baptism. For in water and word each of us was made an heir, a divine son, and that we may also enjoy the blessings of glorification (especially divine wisdom, which is why the daily morning readings are from Proverbs) which God gives on account of Jesus. A review of the Small Catechism section on Baptism will be useful for prayer and meditation this week.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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 45

Evening Psalm 87

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday Proverbs 1:1-19; Luke 3:1-22

Tuesday Proverbs 1:20-33; Luke 4:14-30

Wednesday Proverbs 3:5-30; Luke 4:31-44

Thursday Proverbs 4; Luke 5:1-16

Friday Proverbs 8:1-29; Luke 5:17-39

Saturday Proverbs 9; Luke 7:1-17

HYMN OF THE WEEK

406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (20); Psalm 139:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

DAILY CATECHISM

Theme of the Week: 2nd Commandment & Meaning

<i>Monday</i>	Luke 9:51-55 Why did Jesus send messengers into the village? How were the messengers received? How did the disciples respond? What does it mean to curse? Does Jesus allow them to call down God's wrath?
<i>Tuesday</i>	Exodus 3:1-15 Who appeared to Moses? Why did Moses hide his face? What does verse seven reveal about the LORD? What did the LORD desire to do for His people? What did Moses ask the LORD in verse 13? How did the LORD answer him? What name is given? Was Moses given the LORD's name to use?
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 Kings 18:20-40 To whom do the prophets of Baal pray? For how long do they pray? Are their prayers heard? To whom does Elijah pray? How quickly are Elijah's prayers heard? What does this teach us about prayer?
<i>Thursday</i>	Isaiah 9:6-7 About whom does this passage speak? What names for Him does this passage reveal? What does each name reveal about Him?
<i>Friday</i>	Matthew 1:18-21 About whom does this passage speak? What names for Him does this passage reveal? What do these names teach us about Him? How do these names encourage us to think about Him?





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.



The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers! Those who are interested should reach out to the church office via phone

(573.445.2112) or email church@trinity-lcms.org.

The handbell choir is looking for new ringers to join us. Ages 4th grade and up are welcome, no experience required. Rehearsals are held most **Sundays at 5 pm**. If interested, please call or text Kimberly Walker at (708) 532-3358.



Life Thoughts

January 7 – Epiphany I/Baptism of Our Lord – Nothing and nobody comes into existence apart from the will and the Word of the Lord God Almighty (Genesis 1:3). This means God desires the survival of every human life from fertilization to forever. We court great danger if we go against this intent or counsel others to do so (Psalm 29:7-8). Instead let us receive neighbors as blessings and enjoy our Father's favor (Mark 1:11)!

Stewardship & Scripture

January 7 – The Baptism of Our Lord

Mark 1:7 – “And [John] preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’” John is right — Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

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

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.



New Year's greetings 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-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

THANK YOU FROM LUTHERAN FAMILY and CHILDREN SERVICES

On behalf of Lutheran Family and Children Services of Mid-Missouri, thank you for your generosity in contributing essential items to our “Season of Sharing Christmas Tree”. Your kindness helped restock the LFCS closet with critical supplies for clients’ emergency use.

In this season of giving 2023, Trinity Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center contributed 4,558 diapers/pullups and 7,164 baby wipes to this cause. I share these numbers to give you an example of your generosity and compassion for this cause in that the numbers of diapers and wipes donated nearly doubled last year’s numbers collected. Also donated: pacifiers/teething rings, infant medication items, thermometers, infant formula, infant shampoo/lotion, infant clothing, blankets, bottles, books, misc. toys, household cleaning/laundry supplies, adult personal care items, and \$80 to provided services to clients. The LFCS staff members expressed sincere appreciation when items were delivered because of the growing need this year.

In addition to facilitating adoptions, LFCS assists individuals and families with parenting support. They also provide counseling services for pregnancy, postpartum depression, grief, divorce, abuse, and other emotional issues.



With gratitude for your thoughtfulness in sharing,
Myra McCoig, on behalf of LFCS

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*



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

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Blessed Epiphany! Begin studying 2 Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), begin a new series on the history of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod with Dr. Cameron Mackenzie on The Coffee Hour (1/10 at 9:00 a.m. CT), and begin studying Ephesians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org and the KFUE Radio app!



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