



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good News



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Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

Has your holiday season ramped up yet?! With Halloween and Thanksgiving behind us, we are in the thick of the most wonderful time of the year, as they say. So again, I want to reiterate that we can and should use this festive time to invite people to church.

Please remember the people on your white card. You remember, the folks that I have encouraged you to pray for and spend time with all with a hope to invite them to church. When was the last time you talked with them? Have you been praying for them daily? Now is a great time to reinvest ourselves in them and the process of inviting them to church.

The holiday season is a wonderful time to invite people to church. Everyone understands that Christmas has a Christian component to it. People know it's not just about ugly sweater parties and cookie swaps. They know that Christ is the reason for the season. Christmas is a natural time to remind others of our good and gracious God. So I want to encourage you to put out your invitations to our Advent and Christmas services to those you are also inviting over for cocoa and revelry.

You can also invite them to our Christmas potluck and trivia event on December 17 at 12:30 pm in the Community Building. It will be a great time of fellowship and fun as well as whatever scrumptious delights you decide to bring. Not all Christmas cookies please, and no fruitcake. We need your best holiday and winter warm up dishes and sides to enjoy and the friends there to ask for the recipe. Have some fun and we'll see who knows their holiday trivia the best.

The holiday season is an easy time to invite people over and spend time with them. It's such a festive and joyful time for most people, but, for others, it can be a time of struggle and sadness. Again, please remember those who will be alone this Christmas, maybe for the first time, and reach out to them and include them in your holiday festivities. Let us be a boon to each other in this time by encouraging everyone to make Church a part of their holiday routine. Begin now to contact and pray for those you would love to see in church with you come Thanksgiving and Christmas. May God bless our efforts to share Christ this holiday season with our friends and loved ones, with the people on our white card.

In Christ,

Pastor Grenz

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OUR MINISTRY STAFF

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Music Director/Organist: Jacob Ferns

STUDIES & SERVICES

WORSHIP *with us*

Saturdays: Worship at 4:00 p.m.

Bible Study at 3:00 p.m.

Sundays: Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.



Advent Worship: Wednesdays, December 6, 13 & 20, 5:30 p.m.

No service on Saturday, December 23.

Christmas Eve Worship: 7:00 p.m. w/Communion

Christmas Day Worship: 10:00 a.m. w/Communion

BIBLE STUDIES

~All studies meet in the sanctuary.~

- ♦ **Saturdays,** 3 p.m., *"The Wired Word: A Current Events Bible Study"* led by Pastor Grenz
- ♦ **Sundays,** 10 a.m., *"The Wired Word: A Current Events Bible Study"* led by Mendy Grenz
- ♦ **Mondays,** 1 p.m., *"1 Chronicles"* led by Pastor Grenz
- ♦ **Tuesdays,** 12 p.m., Women's Bible Study, *"The Chosen"* led by Mendy Grenz **in the Youth Rm**
- ♦ **Thursdays,** 10 a.m., *"Isaiah"* led by Pastor Grenz

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Meets in the church basement, 10:00 a.m., Sundays.

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Sunday, December 10, 12:00 p.m.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

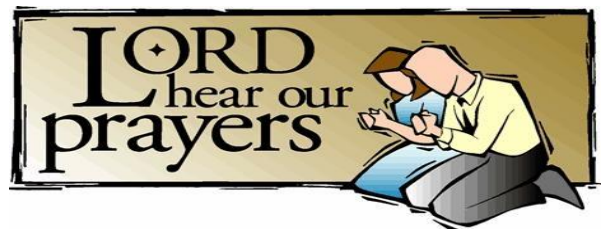
The 2024 offering envelopes will be available in the narthex the first of December. Please be aware that some envelope numbers have changed for members. If you do not have envelopes and would like some, please contact or visit Carissa in the church office.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed for the Christmas holiday, December 25 & 26. We will reopen at the regular time Wednesday, December 27.

THE NEXT CONFIRMATION SESSION

Begins Sunday, January 7, 2024.



If you would like to put yourself or someone else on the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request slip from the sign-up bar and hand it to Pastor or place it in the collection plate. You may also call the office.

**The prayer list is not available on the church website version of the newsletter due to privacy concerns. If you would like a copy of the prayer list, then contact the church office.*

TRINITY PROGRAMS



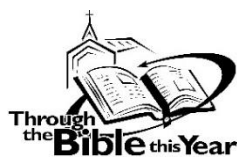
GRENZ ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE!

You are cordially invited to join us and your church family in our home for a Christmas open house!

December 3, 12:30-3pm

865 Riverbank, St., Wyandotte, MI 48192

No need to bring anything, just yourself! Come and enjoy some snacks, cookies, and fellowship!



CONGREGATION WIDE BIBLE READING PROGRAM

We have been moving right along. Now we are reading the prophets, and it won't be too long before we get into the New Testament! Way to go!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Calling all readers! We would love to have you join us at Book club! Our next meeting is...



- **December 19 @ 2pm**, We are reading Christmas on the Island by Jenny Colgan
Contact Mendy with any questions!



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Christians Hyped About Our Savior

Youth Schedule:

December 3: 12:30-3pm The Grenz Christmas Open House

December 10: Youth group 2-4pm

December 17: Youth Group Christmas Party 2-4pm

December 24 & 25: Christmas and Christmas Eve Worship. See you there!

LATE NIGHT EVENT – TBD Jan 2, 3 or 4... Watch for more details

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Hey Trinity ladies! We are starting a new study. We are watching *The Chosen*. We will watch one episode and then discuss it. Join us in the Youth room in the Community Building. Tuesdays at noon.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Bring a dish to share and invite your friends!



MOVIE NIGHT!



Please join us, **Saturday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m.** for a fun Christmas movie, *The Santa Clause* starring Tim Allen.

We meet in the Community Building Youth Room. Pizza, popcorn & lemonade will be provided!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Preparations are underway for the Christmas Basket Giveaway on Saturday, December 16. Below is a list of the items needed for one box. If you are able to donate all of the items, it will be greatly appreciated, but whatever you give will be a tremendous help. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Please place groceries in the two marked back pews in the sanctuary through December 13. Thank you in advance and God Bless You for your generosity. Please call Helen if you have any questions, or the church office at 734-282-5877.

- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans green beans
- 1 can mushroom soup
- Fried onions
- Box potatoes
- 2 mac & cheese
- 2 cookie mixes
- 1 container frosting
- ANY kind of Christmas candy
- Box of hot chocolate



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

[*The Lutheran Witness*](#) is the official periodical of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Published 11 times a year, it provides stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. The [*Michigan In Touch*](#) supplement is included in each publication that is subscribed through the District Office. Members of Michigan District congregations can subscribe to *The Lutheran Witness* for \$19.00/year. Call the office or place your payment envelope in the collection plate to order or renew a subscription **no later than December 10, 2023.**

PORTALS OF PRAYER & DAILY BREAD

Trinity provides large print and pocket Portals of Prayer and Daily Bread devotionals for anyone who would like one. They are available on the welcome center in the narthex along with a donation box to help with the cost of the publications.

CLC KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP

The first Saturday of each month 11:00am to 3:00pm in the Community Room at Community Lutheran Church, please join us for a knitting and crochet gathering that will leave you inspired and thrilled.

COMMUNITY'S HOLIDAY MARKET CRAFT &

VENDOR FAIR

December 9th, 10-5pm & 10th, 11-4pm

23984 Gibraltar Road, Flat Rock

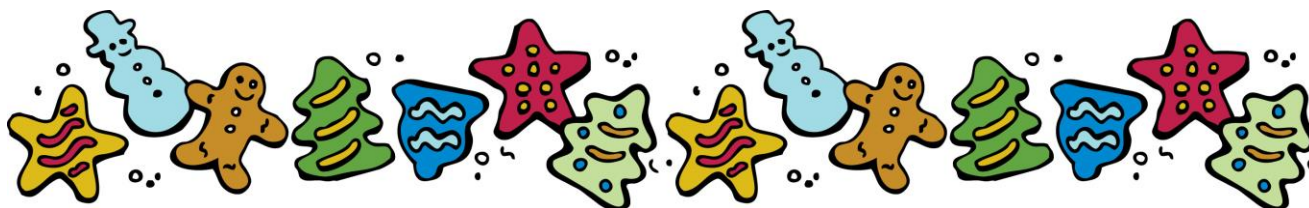


\$6.00 each

Sign up in the narthex for poinsettias to decorate the altar for Christmas services after which you can take them home. Please place payment in the offering plate marked "poinsettias" or give to Carissa in the office by December 17th.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Join us on **Saturday, December 2, 10:00 a.m.** to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Many hands make light work! A sign up will be in the narthex the beginning of November. Thank you!



TRINITY GROUPS & NOTES



December 2023 Women's Ministry News

Upcoming Events:

Trinity Women's Christmas Luncheon on **Tuesday, December 5th, 12:00 p.m.** at **Sibley Gardens (916 West Jefferson, Trenton)**. Come join in the fun and have a great meal! All Trinity ladies and guests are invited to attend. We will be ordering off the menu with separate checks and a minimum gratuity of 20%. A reservation sign-up sheet will be located on the church sign-up bar. **The deadline to sign-up for the Christmas Luncheon is Monday, November 27.** You may check out the menu and prices at www.sibleygardens.com.

Book Club meets monthly to discuss a book the group has selected (all kinds of fiction). Our December book is ***Christmas on the Island*** by Jenny Colgan. Watch the bulletin and monthly newsletter for Book Club meeting dates and times or contact Mendy Grenz for more information.

Women's Bible Class meets Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We will be watching the Christian TV show, ***The Chosen***, followed by discussion of the episode.

Christie Wilczynski, Trinity LWML Zone Rep.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another."
Hebrews 10: 24-25a, c (ESV)



Your LWML Mites in Action...December 2023

2023-2025 LWML National Mission Grant No. 2

A HEALING SPACE FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota | \$100,000

A specialized chapel has been designed to provide hope and healing for at-risk children, ages 10 to 18, in the care of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Bismarck, North Dakota, campus. Children at this facility have faced severe trauma in their lives, and need healing that only Jesus can give. This mission grant will help with building costs of the new chapel and provide spiritual care for these children, their families, and the Ranch staff. To learn more, visit lwml.org/mission-grants.

Mite Box Donations

Please continue to support LWML Mission Grants by saving those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars in your little purple/blue mite box bank. You may return your mite bank at any time or use a zip lock bag and place it in the large mite box located on the table in the back of the church. Mites may also be placed in the offering plate by using an envelope or zip lock bag and marking it "LWML Mites." Checks may be made out to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and marked as "LWML Mites. Grab a mite box if you do not already have one at home! Our mites support mission grants for the Michigan District LWML and National LWML.

Look for Trinity's LWML Sunday in early 2024!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS		<p><i>"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."</i></p> <p><i>Psalm 139:13-14a</i></p>		<p>DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</p> <p><i>Jesus said, "Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."</i></p> <p><i>Matthew 19:6</i></p>	
1	Scott Sampson			21	Tom & Marilyn Miller
2	Larry Rockensuess			22	David & Cathy Bryson
3	Luke Willis				
8	Laura Baker				
10	Steven Schnepf	23	Kevin Edick		
	Steven Schnepf II	24	Matt Schafer		
13	Jan Sampson	26	Rick Young		
		27	Dennis Stathakis		

<u>Fund:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>	<u>In Memory or Honor of:</u>
Welfare	Matt & Carissa Schafer	Memory of father, Rick Bacon
Name Stamps	Denise Kerr	Honor of son, Scott's Birthday
	Carol Sampson	
	Suzie Chapiewski	
Christmas Baskets	Larry Rockensuess	
	Tom & Michelle Smith	
	Sandy DeLong	
Boiler	Carol Sampson	
	Anonymous	
	Judy Jarvis	Memory of Edna Dossett



<p>The Endowment Fund has 2 cemetery lots for sale.</p> <p><u>Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park:</u> Section 1662, Graves 1 & 2, Block 20 – Garden of Holy Trinity, \$780.00 each or 2 lots for \$1,500 (Current value \$1,300 each)</p> <p>If an individual would prefer a different lot or location at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park than those listed above, they could purchase the above lot/lots for the price indicated and Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park will apply the current lot value of either \$1,300 or \$1,500 towards the purchase of any other available lot within the Park. For additional information on this purchase and transfer procedure you may contact Floyd Schafer or call a Service Representative at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park at 1-248-477-4460.</p>
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2023 Trunk or Treat



Hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful flowerbeds!
Thank You...John Engfehr



Reformation Vespers



The Endowment Fund of Trinity Lutheran Church

Once again, The Endowment Fund Committee would like to remind everyone about the importance and the purpose of the Trinity Endowment Fund here at Trinity. The Fund was established by those who were dedicated to the mission that there should be a way to help Trinity Lutheran Church continue to be an important Christian voice in the Wyandotte area for many years into the future. Trinity is one of the oldest continuing congregations serving this downriver area.

In order to continue our success, we must ensure that financial resources to accomplish that mission be there when needed. The best way to accomplish this is to build up the Endowment Fund to carry the congregation along when normal funding cannot fulfill our obligations.

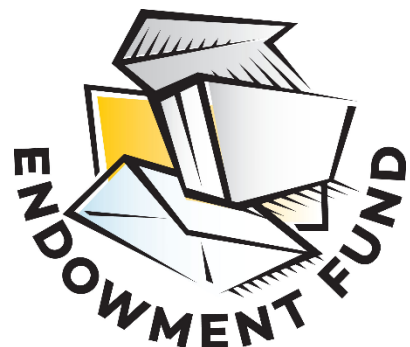
That does not mean the Fund will take care of the day to day operations of the congregation. The resources to cover the normal expenses of a working congregation must be supplied by the membership. Without the support of our members the church will fail in our mission.

The Endowment Fund is to provide for items that the congregation needs that fall outside the regular budgeted items.

The funds to help in this area can only come from the earned income and revenue generated by the Endowment Fund's principle. The higher the amount of principle, the higher the income, the more we can provide for these unbudgeted needs.

So, with that, the Endowment Fund Committee would like to encourage everyone to support the Fund and set aside some gifts over and above your normal giving. You could also provide for a gift to Trinity in your will. This will help the Fund grow so we can provide for those very important items that help Trinity be all that it can be for now and well into the future.

Floyd Schafer
Matthew Schafer
Tom Miller
Dennis Stathakis
Tom Trimble
Lauren Schafer
Andrew Britton



Parochial Report October 2023				
Baptisms – 0		<u>Average Attendance</u>		
Confirmands – 0		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Weddings – 0				
Funerals – 0				
Released – 0	Worship:	50	57	59
Transferred in – 0	Weekend Bible Class:	13	12	10
Transferred out – 0	Sunday School:	7	6	6
Reinstated – 0				

