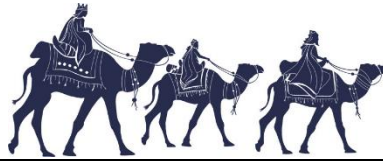




TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good News

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Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

Does the New Year find you all tuckered out and ready for a break? Looking for something to do while relaxing as the weather is cold outside? May I suggest cozing up under a blanket with a good book...with the Good Book!

Yes, as we begin a new year and the weather outside is frosty, it is also a great time to rededicate ourselves to our Bible reading challenge! Put down the mystery novel and first read your Bible challenge under your blanket with your cocoa.

You may have gotten off to a fast start, but have slowed down some in the last couple of months. You may have not really gotten going on the challenge in the first place. You may be right on track and going strong. Whatever the case, I want to encourage you to grab that weekly blue sheet and wholeheartedly jump into the challenge again. Make it your New Year's resolution, to keep at it, or to get going again, or to start up.

Again, this is not to check a box on our good Christian list of things to do or simply to be able to say that we have read the whole Bible, but rather to begin to solidify the habit of daily Bible reading into our everyday lives and our Christian living. We want God to speak into our lives and

into our faith to build us up and help us grow, and to guide and direct us as his people in this world. Soldiers can't do anything without their marching orders. Teams can't execute a play they don't know or don't know to run. Businesses can't perform without a plan that is well known and broken down for each employee. Christians can't serve others and share their faith without the Holy Spirit directing them through the Word.

In the same vein, I would also recommend that you join a bible study. You've got questions and we've got answers. You want to know the connections and we can make them together. You don't even know the issue yet, but together we can come across it and what God says about it, all as we delve into the Word together! Bible study is available to us all and it is a great way to make friends and get connected to your fellow Trinity members, not only in the Word, but also in service to each other and our community.

Come on Mondays at 1 pm, Thursdays at 10 am, or the hour before service on Saturday or Sunday. I'll see you there!

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.

BIBLE STUDIES

~All studies (except Tues.) meet in the sanctuary.~

- ♦ **Saturdays**, 3 p.m., "Hebrews" led by Pastor Grenz
- ♦ **Sundays**, 10 a.m., "The Wired Word: A Current Events Bible Study" led by Mendy Grenz
- ♦ **Mondays**, 1 p.m., "2 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, January 14, 12:00 p.m.

THE NEXT CONFIRMATION SESSION

Begins Sunday, January 7, 2024.

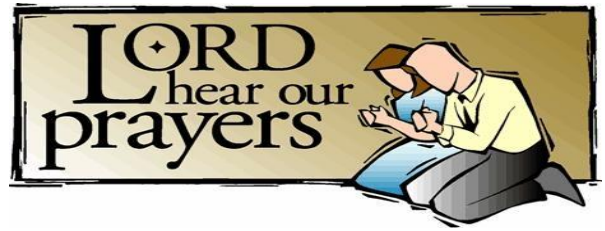
VESPERS AT TRINITY

We invite you to join us for Epiphany Vespers on January 7 at 5pm. The service will follow the theme, "Jesus Christ, the Light of the Word to Come," and will be our Christmas Concert, but after Christmas. Rev. Joel Holls, Pastor of Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Allen Park, will be preaching. A *free-will offering supporting this ministry will be collected in the narthex as you leave.*

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2024 offering envelopes will be available in the narthex through January. 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.



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.*

The Parish Planning Council Minutes and Financial Report are available by contacting the church office.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on January 1 & 15.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING

Join us on **Saturday, January 13, 10:00 a.m.** to UNdecorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Many hands make light work! A sign up will be in the narthex after Christmas. Thank you!

TRINITY PROGRAMS

START NEW NEWS

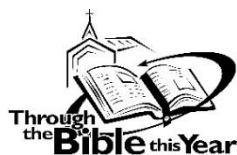


Bitty Ballin'

Winter Bitty Ballin' is coming up fast!

January 13, 20 & 27,
10-11:30am. If you can come and chat/visit with parents, that would be great!! Sign up in the Welcome Area.

Keep all the students we have worked with in the last year in your prayers! Pray that we can continue to be of service to them and their families. ☺



CONGREGATION WIDE BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Keep up the good work!
Remember that the point is to

create a habit, not beat ourselves up for getting behind. If you are behind, start with today's reading and continue from here! You can do it!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We would love to have new members! If you like to read, and like to talk about your books, you are a perfect fit! Join us! Date will be announced in the church bulletin, or reach out to Mendy. We usually meet at Mendy's house. Here are the upcoming books.

- January – Anxious People – Fredrik Backman
- February – TBD

Contact Mendy with any questions.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Christians Hyped About Our Savior

Youth Schedule:

January 7 – Youth Group TBD

January 14 – Late night Movie & Games 7-Midnight

January 28 – Youth Group TBD

SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Youth Spaghetti Dinner

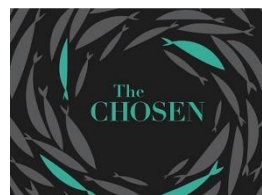
February 10, 5-7pm

Come enjoy a delicious dinner and help the youth raise funds for their summer trips!



Spaghetti Dinner

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY



Hey Trinity ladies! We are watching *The Chosen* on Tuesdays at noon in the youth room. Join us!

Our next book study will be in February, watch for more information.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The 2023 Giveaway was a success with 19 families enjoying a delicious holiday meal due to the generosity of our church family. To all of you who donated food, money, or both, your kindness was felt by all. Thank you!

Special thanks to Pastor and Mendy for their encouragement and support, to Carissa who helped with all the miscellaneous details, to Carolyn Harris for her administrative help, to Greg and Sean Arnoldy for taking care of purchasing and delivering the hams, to Chris Davis for writing out the Christmas cards, to Sandra DeLong for donating the bags for the hams and the bag ornaments, to Marilyn Golema for the blankets, and special thanks to Larry Davis, Barb Kowalczak, Gideon, Nate, Micah and Wesley for their help on Saturday morning.

May God bless all of you for the love and care you extended to make this program a success. Thank You!

In Christ,
Helen



TRINITY GROUPS & NOTES



January 2024
Women's Ministry News

Trinity Women's Christmas

Luncheon was held on Tuesday, December 5th at Sibley Gardens. Seventeen ladies joined in the fun, fellowship, and fine dining! All Trinity ladies and guests were invited to attend. Look for photos later in the newsletter.

Book Club meets monthly to discuss a book the group has selected (all kinds of fiction). 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 are 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)

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.



Your LWML Mites in Action...January 2024 2023-2025 LWML National Mission Grant No. 3

SERVING GOD'S CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS Journeys Lutheran School | \$100,000

Journeys Lutheran School in Milwaukee is Serving God's Children with Special Needs by providing educational opportunities in a specialized setting to meet the children's needs. The vans purchased with grant funds will be used to transport the children to and from events, internships, and other activities. To learn more, visit lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-3.

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!

THANK YOU

I just want to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and gifts.

Carissa Schafer ~ Admin. Secretary

Thank you to everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts, and well wishes!

Carl & Dian Joyce ~ Custodians

JANUARY Birthdays

"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."

Psalm 139:13-14a

2	Ilene Begeman	10	Ethan Ivity
5	Randal DeMaggio	11	Ralph Nagy
6	Hannah Schafer	14	Marvin Willis Jr.
	Kaia Carroll	15	Luke Ivity
8	Joyce Kubley	19	Michelle Smith
9	Pamela Martin	25	Jacob Ferns
	Tom Redmond	29	Everett Arnoldy
10	Brenda Ivity	31	Sandra DeLong

JANUARY Anniversaries

Jesus said, "Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Matthew 19:6

7 Thom & Ruth Wilkins



Fund:

Boiler

Christmas Basket

Endowment

Food Pantry

General

Welfare

Given by:

Sandy DeLong

Dennis Stathakis

Denise Kerr

John Roehrig

John & Barb Kowalczak

Christie Wilczynski

Dennis & Darlene Schafer

Ruth Schmidt

Ruth Gehner Dambacher

Tom & Michelle Smith

Matt & Carissa Schafer

Christie Wilczynski

Matt & Carissa Schafer

In Memory or Honor of:

Memory of Linda & Ralph Gehner

Memory of Joseph Borgosz

Memory of Louise Heineman

Memory of Louise Heineman

Memory of Rick Bacon



The Endowment Fund has 2 cemetery lots for sale.

Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park:

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)

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.

Parochial Report November 2023				
		<u>Average Attendance</u>		
		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Baptisms – 0				
Confirmands – 0				
Weddings – 0				
Funerals – 0				
Released – 0	Worship:	48	54	59
Transferred in – 0	Weekend Bible Class:	9	16	11
Transferred out – 0	Sunday School:	3	6	6
Reinstated – 0				



**Community Lutheran Advent Tea - Trinity Attendees
November 17, 2023**



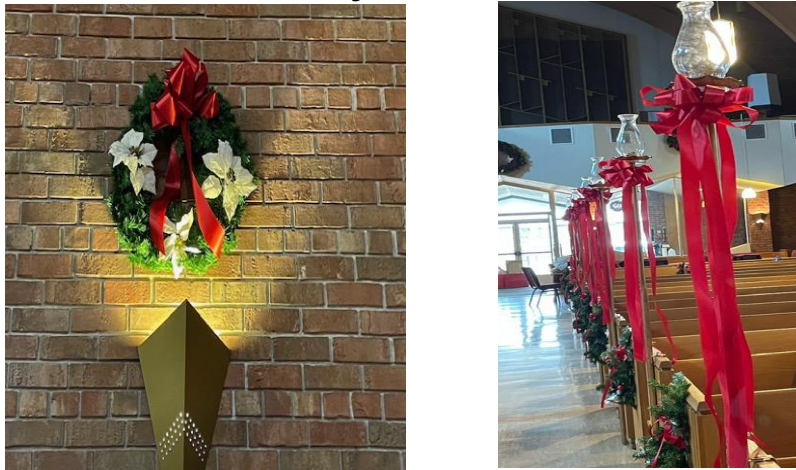
**Trinity Women's Christmas Luncheon
December 5, 2023**



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New Bows on Trinity's Christmas Decorations



Thanks to Joanne Cole, Ruth Wilkins and Thom Wilkins for making new bows for all the wreaths, swags and candleholders.

Thank You!

Our work decorating the church for Christmas was done within one hour because of the following volunteers: Susie Chapiewski, Joanne Cole, Ruth DeMaggio, John Engfehr, Marilyn Engfehr, Jacob Ferns, Pastor Grenz, Mendy Grenz, Nate Grenz, Micah Grenz, Marilyn Golema, Tom Miller, Carissa Schafer, Tom Smith, Michelle Smith, Tom Trimble, Julie Trimble, Christie Wilczynski, Ruth Wilkins and Thom Wilkins. We were entertained by Amelia Grenz playing Christmas carols on the piano too!

