



The Trinity Times

Weekly Announcements

December 1, 2024



NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 10 AM — 4:30 PM
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 10 AM — 1 PM



**“A Biblical
Treasure Hunt”**

**December 8, 2024
2:00 pm
\$10.00 per person**

We will have a catered meal in the FLC classrooms
Purchase Tickets before & after
Worship Services on Sundays

St. Trinity Holiday Train Display December 1 — 22

Check our website and Facebook pg. for special events and to find out when Santa will be visiting!

Hours:
Sundays: 12:00-2:00pm
Tuesdays: 12:00-2:00pm
Thursdays: 5:00-7:00pm



ADVENT DINNER ON DECEMBER 4 FROM 5:30-6:45 PM

Sign up to attend Advent dinner at St. Trinity on Wednesday, December 4 from 5:30-6:45 pm at the Information Center. Please bring a dish to pass. Advent service will be at 7:00 pm immediately after dinner.



Children’s Christmas Service December 15 at 11:00 am

The Children’s Service will be immediately following our 9:30 am Worship Service. All children are welcome to participate. Please contact Mandi Ressler at familylife@sainttrinitylutheran.com if your child will be attending.

Cookie donations are needed.
Please bring 1-2 dozen (NUT FREE) cookies
Sign-up at Information Center in the Narthex



Save the Date! Christmas Tree & Church Decorating

Monday,
December 2
at 10:00 am
Volunteers
Needed!



Stewardship Corner:

Luke 19:31 – “If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it.” Then he gave willingly. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life – in our homes, in the Church, and in the communities in which we live. In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord’s hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?



“Lutheran Witness” Subscriptions Deadline is December 8!



Again this year, we hope you will renew your subscriptions to the Lutheran Witness—the official magazine of the LCMS. The magazine covers many topics such as doctrine, synod events, missions, youth events and our Lutheran history and heritage. **December 8th is the sign-up deadline** to ensure the discounted rate this year of \$21.20. A sign-up sheet is available at the Information Center. Even if you received the magazine this past year you must sign-up again for 2025. Your payment of \$21.20 (check payable to St. Trinity) can be included in your weekly offering envelope on the “other” line noting “Lutheran Witness” or drop off your payment in the church office.

2025 Offering Envelopes

The 2025 Offering envelopes are now available. They are on a table in the Narthex in alphabetical order. If there is not box for you on the table, please put your name on the sign-up sheet.



Human Care Board Wreaths

Wreaths are ready for pick-up on
Sunday, December 1

OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE “Joy Comes to a Dark World”

Jesus Christ was born into a world where death and decay reigned. While this is still true today, it was especially true 2,000 years ago when life expectancy was around 30 years.

Today we might, on average, live much longer lives; we nonetheless face the same grim truth. Apart from some revelation that is beyond our earthly knowledge, the truth is desperately grim.

The birth of Jesus was and is that **revelation!** And the ancient world recognized this message of ultimate and eternal hope from our creator.

So awe-inspiring was the event that began to unfold that Elizabeth’s baby (John) leaped in her womb (Luke 1:41).

Announcing the birth of Jesus, an angel and a great company of heavenly host appeared to shepherds praising our Creator and saying “Glory to God in the highest...” (Luke 2:13).

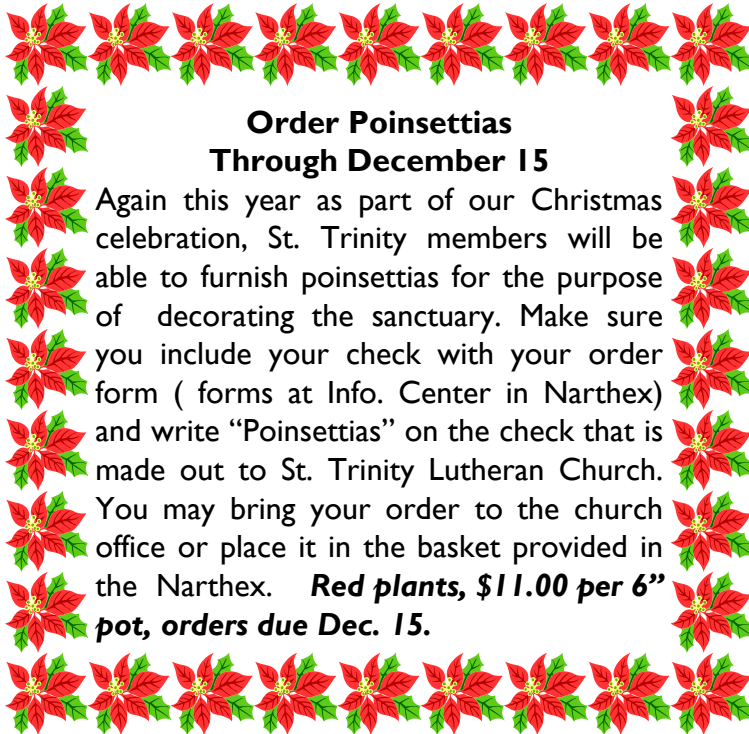
Just seeing and holding the Jesus, Simeon said, ““Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations...” (Luke 2: 29-31)

No other event in human history has had such a profound impact on humanity. The birth of Jesus Christ and his life, death, and resurrection means that though death and decay are still the reality of this world, life in this world is not the end.

The extra-worldly event that began to unfold 2000 years ago makes the celebration of Christmas the most glorious of seasons. This Christmas, savor moments with your loved ones, cherish and absorb each moment and each conversation. Throw off the stress of life and embrace the moment with dear ones because Joy has most definitely come into our world!



“Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.” – C.S. Lewis

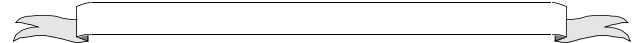


**Order Poinsettias
Through December 15**

Again this year as part of our Christmas celebration, St. Trinity members will be able to furnish poinsettias for the purpose of decorating the sanctuary. Make sure you include your check with your order form (forms at Info. Center in Narthex) and write "Poinsettias" on the check that is made out to St. Trinity Lutheran Church. You may bring your order to the church office or place it in the basket provided in the Narthex. **Red plants, \$11.00 per 6" pot, orders due Dec. 15.**

Bible Study Opportunities

- ◆ **Young (ish) Adult Bible Study** will meet Sunday mornings at 10:45 in the Youth Room.
- ◆ **Bible Study on the book of Genesis** at 8:30 am. Fred Hohnstadt leads this study.
- ◆ **Bible Study with Pastor Paul** at 10:45 in the FLC classrooms.
- ◆ A list of weekday **Bible Study opportunities at sister LCMS churches** is available at the Information Center. Churches include: Good Shepherd in Lake Orion, Journey in Oxford, and Crown of Life, Rochester.

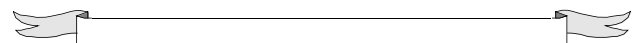


Advent Worship Services

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm
Dec. 4 @ St. Trinity
Dinner at St. Trinity 5:30-6:45 pm
Dec. 11 @ Good Shepherd/Lake Orion
December 18 @ Journey, Oxford

**St. Trinity Children's
Christmas Service**

Sunday, December 15 at 11:00 am



**Advent Devotional
Booklets**
"Come Let Us Adore Him"

Devotional books are now available on a table in the Narthex.



**NO J.O.Y. GROUP IN
DECEMBER**

**Thank you to everyone who participated in St. Trinity's
Samaritan's Purse shoebox project**

We packed 55 shoeboxes for children around the world, sharing with them the hope and joy of Christmas! That is 17 more boxes than last year!

Thank you to all those who shopped for, filled and returned boxes; donated money for postage; and/or donated items to put in the boxes. A special thank you to Elaine Schultz, who tirelessly wrapped shoeboxes in Christmas paper, and to C.J. Hahn and Carol Trudelle, who helped us check, count and pack up the boxes.

Thank you also to the preschool families who filled and donated an estimated 10 boxes and to Pam Hughes and Mandi Ressler for promoting the project with those families.

Every shoebox matters, and you all have made a difference in the lives of these precious children!

Pam Ferguson & Karen Smith





Sunday Ministry Assistants

Video Schedule

- Dec. 01 Joseph Ashley
- Dec. 08 Rich Karstensen
- Dec. 15 John Schorsch
- Dec. 22 Joseph Ashley

- Road Sign**
- December
- Richard Karstensen
- January**
- Richard Karstensen

Donut/Bagels

- December
- Dave & CJ Hahn

Coffee Schedule

- December
- Dave & CJ Hahn

Greeter Schedule

- December 1 & 8
- Mel & Judy Spresney
- December 15, 22 & 29
- Dave & CJ Hahn

Elder on Duty

- Dec. 01 Mark Drennan
- Dec. 04 Aaron Meyer
- Dec. 08 Dan Cardinal
- Dec. 15 9:30 am Bob Altman
- Dec. 15 11 am Rich Trudelle

Counters

- December 01
- Elaine Schultz
- R. & C. Trudelle
- December 08
- DeMonaco/DeVries
- Bob/Karen Schroer

Lay Readers

- Dec. 01 Noah Ehlke
- Dec. 08 Steve Pflieger
- Dec. 15 Julie Schultz
- Dec. 22 Abby Schultz

Altar Circle

- December
- Dave & CJ Hahn



Usher Schedule

- Dec. 01
- Fred Hohnstadt, Capt.
- John Ehlke
- Richard Meyer
- Bob Schroer

- Dec. 08
- Stella Shepherd, Capt.
- Amy Costello
- Kirk Costello
- Jeff Feldmeyer

- Dec. 15
- Richard Karstensen, Capt.
- Paul Orlor
- Joseph Ashley
- Kurt Schroeder

St. Trinity Staff Appreciation Gifts



St. Trinity Members:
It has been a tradition here at St. Trinity to show our appreciation for our staff at this time of year. In keeping with that tradition, available at the entrance to the Sanctuary are Staff Appreciation offering envelopes for your use, and a designated box to place your gifts in. You may also include your "Staff Gift" in your regular offering envelope using the "other" line. If you wish, you may specify who your gifts go to. If not specified, all gifts will be divided up among all staff. St. Trinity is blessed with such a wonderful staff and for that we are thankful to God. God's blessings to you and your families this Christmas and in the New Year.

St. Trinity Church Council

Healing Hearts Grief Support Group

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one will be held **Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm. The topic of this month's meeting is "Honoring My Loved One."** The meeting will be led by a Bereavement Counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Meeting location is at the Carriage House in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road, Clarkston. No registration is necessary (walk-in); free of charge; Any questions or to be on the invitation list, call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home (248-625-5231) or email wintfuneralhome@gmail.com. Please consider accessing our Online Grief Portal.