

## TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS and NOTES

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 8 – 15, 2024

<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00am	Live Stream Traditional Worship [Facebook/YouTube]
	9:00am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion [Sanctuary]
	9:00am	Sunday School
	9:00am	CDM Cookie Walk and Craft Fair [MPR]
	Between Services	Coffee Hour [Café/MPR]
	10:45am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion [Sanctuary]
	12:00pm	Decking the Halls of the Church!
<b>MONDAY</b>	10:00am	Ladies Fellowship and Devotions [YSR]
	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting [Staff Lounge]
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00pm	TLS K-Grade 8 Christmas Concert [Gym]
	7:00pm	Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study [Zoom]
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:30am	Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study [Stammel Center]
	7:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal [MPR]
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00pm	Confirmation Classes – Grades 6,7,8
	8:00pm	Trinity Choir Rehearsal [CMR]
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7:00pm	Trinity Youth FUEL Christmas Party
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast [Empire Diner, Hicksville]
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00am	Live Stream Traditional Worship [Facebook/YouTube]
	9:00am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion [Sanctuary]
	9:00am	Sunday School
	Between Services	Coffee Hour sponsored by Trinity Youth [Café/MPR]
	10:45am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion [Sanctuary]

### 2024-2025 Ministry Support Goal: \$9,615.00 per week

Sunday – December 1	9:00am	Online Attendance: 30	December 1 Offerings: \$7,457.00
	9:00am	In Person Attendance: 112	Sunday School Attendance: 12
	10:45am	Attendance: 50	

**A note about online attendance:** These numbers reflect how many connections are made to the Facebook live stream so the actual number of people watching live is greater than what you see here. There are multiple people and families watching together from one device. The numbers are also increased after the stream is over and people are watching it from the saved video on Trinity's Facebook page and website. The far-reaching impact is great! Thanks be to God!

### **GIFTS and MEMORIALS**

Gifts and memorials have been given for the glory of God to Trinity Lutheran Church in loving memory of her cousin, Harold Mayer by Elaine Koop.

**PASTORAL EMERGENCY CONTACT** In the event you or your family would need to reach a pastor during Trinity's off hours, please use the following number, for true emergencies, and you are unable to reach anyone in the office. The number to call is 516-931-7147.

**FRIENDSHIP PADS** Along with passing the offering plates during our worship services, the Friendship Pads are also available to be signed and passed. This not only helps Trinity, but the LCMS Synod as well to help keep accurate statistics on attendance.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS 2024** A printed Advent devotional booklet is available for the Trinity family located at the church entrances. In addition, the booklet was emailed to you on Wednesday (November 27) and is also available on Trinity's website. The devotions are from Lutheran Hour Ministries and they will cover the First Sunday in Advent through Epiphany.

### **INSPIRATION FOR OUTREACH**

**Luke 3:1-14:** John the Baptist was given a message to prepare the way for the coming Christ. This message shared the truth of repentance and forgiveness with all people. Here in worship, we have repented of our sins of thought, word, and deed and received full and free forgiveness through Christ. This forgiveness equips us to share peace and pardon with those in our lives who have not yet received Jesus Christ. Through our witness sharing the life, death and resurrection of Christ, may others rejoice in the opportunity to repent of their sin and receive forgiveness through Jesus.

### **INSPIRATION FOR STEWARDSHIP**

**Luke 3:4** *"As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"* God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than seven hundred years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives: He knows what's coming and we don't.

### **TRINITY ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**NEEDED** Trinity is currently putting together a committee for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church and 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our school. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Donna Haines.

**LWML NEWS** Back in October when we had our LWML Sunday celebration, we presented Helen Peter with an honorarium of over \$700 collected by our congregation and members. During our monthly meeting last Sunday, we found that Helen had given back over \$200 of the amount, collected back to Trinity's LWML and donated the balance to two worthwhile outside charities close to her heart. Thank you Helen for your generosity in finding ways to give back to our Lord and showing your love! Just a reminder that the LWML is sponsoring a special coffee hour on December 22 and the theme is "Happy Birthday Jesus." Please be sure to join us. Our annual collection for layette items for the Lutheran Social Services is going on through December. The list of items is found on the LWML bulletin board as well as in the November newsletter.

### **LIVE STREAM WORSHIP SERVICES MULTICASTED**

Live streamed worship services are simultaneously streamed to both YouTube as well as Facebook. Have you subscribed to our YouTube channel?

If not, please visit our YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtAc3f1djSexhfGfXSEwUA> and click on the subscribe button. We would like to increase the number of subscribers to our YouTube page!

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** If you wish to sponsor one or more poinsettias to beautify our Sanctuary in celebration of the birth of our Lord, please fill out a memorial envelope, enclose payment and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Or you can email the church office at [kmerz@trinityhicksville.org](mailto:kmerz@trinityhicksville.org) and then PushPay or mail your payment to Trinity. Price for each potted poinsettia is \$20.00 and the deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 15.

**THOSE SERVING THE LORD and TRINITY TODAY**

**Preacher** Pastor Johnson Rethinasamy

**Organist** Henry DeVries

**Deacon/Assist. Minister**

**Readers**

**Acolytes**

**9:00am** Lynn Waldeck

Rita Sharkey  
Matthew Smith

Carmela Di Martino  
Nicolette Ferro

**10:45am** John Doughty, Assist. Minister

Wayne Hoeberlein

Gavin D'Amato



# COMFORT DOG MINISTRY'S

**COOKIE WALK**

**AND CRAFT FAIR**

**December 8, 2024**

Following 9 am Service

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Hicksville, Ny 11801



## ***Let's Deck the Halls!!***

Today, Sunday, December 8 following the 10:45 service.

Families are welcome!

Children are welcome! It will be a great time of fellowship as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior in this festive and enjoyable activity. Please join us!