

TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS and NOTES

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 22 – 29, 2024

SUNDAY	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 LWML [Café/MPR]
	10:45am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion [Sanctuary]
MONDAY		
CHRISTMAS EVE		Church and School Offices Closed
	6:00pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship [Sanctuary]
	8:00pm	Live Stream Christmas Eve Festival Worship [Facebook/YouTube]
	8:00pm	Christmas Eve Festival Worship with Holy Communion [Sanctuary]
CHRISTMAS DAY		Church and School Offices Closed
	10:00am	Live Stream Christmas Day Traditional Worship [Facebook/YouTube]
	10:00am	Christmas Day Traditional Worship with Holy Communion [Sanctuary]
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY	9:00am	Live Stream Lessons and Carols Worship [Facebook/YouTube]
	9:00am	Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion [Sanctuary]

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

Sunday – December 15	9:00am	Online Attendance: 23	December 15 Offerings: \$6,461.00
	9:00am	In Person Attendance: 90	Sunday School Attendance: 18
	10:45am	Attendance: 25	

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!

TODAY'S FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are for the glory of God in loving memory of Bill Sartor on his birthday by the Sartor, Uss, Chambers, Schoepfer and Garone families.

GIFTS and MEMORIALS

Gifts and memorials have been given for the glory of God to Trinity Lutheran Church for the Altar Guild in loving memory of her mother, Louise Carle 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.

INSPIRATION FOR OUTREACH

Luke 1:39-45: At the news of the prophecy's fulfillment, Mary burst out singing a song of joy. Today we have seen the prophecy of the Savior come to fulfillment through Jesus. May we also burst forth with great joy and enthusiasm in sharing the saving message of Jesus that this world so desperately needs to hear.

INSPIRATION FOR STEWARDSHIP

Luke 1:45 *“And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”* The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord's own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord's commands in the face of the world's anger and resistance, just as it gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

TRINITY ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

LWML NEWS Just a reminder that our annual collection for layette items continue through December so please pick up an item or two at your convenience. Items needed: Baby clothing 3-6 months and 6-24 months, new or gently used. Sleepers with feet, ones-ies, 2 piece pant sets, socks, sweaters, mittens, stretchies with feet, baby towels, quilts, small stuffed animals, bottles, dishes and feeding utensils. Collection boxes are outside of Pastor's office. The LWML wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas! And please join us at Coffee Hour for our Happy Birthday Jesus celebration today!

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES Please pick up your 2025 offering envelopes outside the MPR. If yours are missing or you would like a set of envelopes please call Lynn in the church office at extension 230. Thank You!

USHERS NEEDED Ushers are needed at the 6:00pm Christmas Eve and 10:00am Christmas Day services. Also more ushers are needed for the weekly 10:45am service. If you are interested, please speak with Fred von Bargen.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL OFFICES HOLIDAY HOURS

Please note that the church and school offices will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25 and Wednesday, January 1. There will be limited hours December 26-31, so that staff can spend time with their families. If you need to have access to the church on those days, please call ahead first.

DECEMBER 29: ONE SERVICE, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR COFFEE HOUR

There will be one service, Lesson and Carols, on Sunday December 29. Also, there will be no Sunday school classes or Coffee Hour that Sunday. Sunday school will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

HOUSEWARMING FUND In these very challenging economic times, some families in our congregation struggle to keep up with home utility bills. You are invited to make a contribution to Trinity's "Housewarming Fund," which will assist families in our midst.

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/UCtAc3f1djSexhfGfTXSEwUA> and click on the subscribe button. We would like to increase the number of subscribers to our YouTube page!

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING! Trinity's Blessing Box, located across the street from the church, has been getting lots of traffic! If you can help out by bringing in a few non-perishable items once in a while it would be greatly appreciated. If we can bless someone who is in immediate need with a necessity, we in turn will be blessed for being a blessing. There is a box located in the Narthex for donations. Thank you!

LADIES BIBLE STUDIES AVAILABLE IN 2025 With the ringing in of a new year the world makes all kinds of resolutions; as women of God, let's make it our purpose to grow closer to God in 2025. Here at Trinity, we are blessed to have two Bible studies that the ladies of the church can partake in with new topics coinciding with the beginning of the year. We have a Zoom meeting on Tuesday nights that meets from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. No need to leave your house, just click on the link and become a part. On February 4 we will start our new study on the Epistle of John 1, 2 and 3. If interested, please contact Jane Kramer at 516-433-8315. For those that are

available to meet in person we have a Wednesday morning Bible study that meets from 9:30am to 11:00am in the Stammel Center at church; all ladies young and old are welcome. We will be studying the book of Joshua from the Old Testament, starting mid January. If interested please contact Dolores Entenmann at 516-735-1508. Both of these studies are conducted through a study guide and books need to be ordered so if you are interested in joining a study, please contact the respective study leader before January 11 for more information on cost and so a book can be ordered for you.

THOSE SERVING THE LORD and TRINITY TODAY

Preacher Pastor Johnson Rethinasamy

Organist Henry DeVries

Deacon/Assist. Minister

Readers

Acolytes

9:00am Nancy Burpee

Rita Sharkey
Stephanie Etersque

Alyssa Leone
Luke Leone

10:45am Amy Kuck

Linda Hoerberlein

We Invite You to Worship with Us This Christmas Season!

Regular worship is on Sundays at 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM.
The 9:00 AM service is available live streamed via Facebook and YouTube.

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

- 6:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Worship Service
- 8:00 PM Christmas Festival Worship with Holy Communion
(In Person and Live Streamed)

(Trinity Choir will be presenting their anthems at the 8:00 PM service)

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

- 10:00 AM Family Christmas Day Communion Service (In Person and Live Streamed)

Sunday, December 29

- 9:00 AM Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion (In Person and Live Streamed)

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31

- 6:30 PM NYE Holy Communion Service (In Person and Live Streamed)
- 11:30 PM New Years Watch Night Worship Service (Bi-Lingual)

We recognize that this time of year is a very busy time for all of God's people.
We invite you to take a moment in the midst of that busy-ness to
worship God, who gives us every gift.

