

Trinity Weekly Tidings For December 10, 2023

"God's Love - Our Hearts - God's Work - Our Hands"

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Welcome Guests! We are so happy to see you today! If you are traveling through the area, we wish you Godspeed on your journey. If you live nearby, we hope you will return and worship with us again. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to make Trinity Lutheran that home. Please sign the guest register located at the entrance into the Sanctuary so that we can know who you are. Although you have come as a visitor, we hope that we leave worship as friends!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped lead worship today!

This Week
at Trinity...



12/10	9:00 am	Worship with communion (communion for homebound)
12/17	9:00 am	Sunday School Christmas Program
12/24	9:00 am 3:00 pm 9:00 pm	Worship with communion Christmas Eve w/communion Christmas Eve w/communion
12/25	9:00 am	Christmas Day worship
12/31	9:00 am	Worship (Lessons & Carols)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The Council is recommending not filling two of the upcoming council member vacancies at the January Congregational Meeting. Presently, we have the maximum amount of council members (12 members, plus four (4) Officers and one(1) Youth). Declining to fill two expiring terms will not degrade the Council's function. The intention is to find an appropriate balance of representation on the Council relative to the size of the congregation. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to a Council member.

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Altar flowers today
are given by the Peterson Families
in Loving Memory of Camilla Rose.
Thank you!

12/10	9:00 am	Worship with communion (Youth Bake Sale)
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	4G—Youth Room
	10:30 am	Advent Book Discussion
12/12	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
	6-7 pm	Den Meeting—EW
	6:30 pm	Church Council—SR
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 67—FH
12/13	10:00 am	Food Pantry
	2:00 pm	Morrow Home Worship/Communion
	5:30 pm	All Are Welcome Meal—FH
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir—SR
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation—FH
	7:00 pm	Alleluia Choir—Sanctuary
12/14	9:00 am	Prayer Shawl—HR
	10:00 am	150th Committee Meeting—SR
	10:00 am	Joy Circle at Jean Hays Home 204 MaryCrest
	1:30 pm	Shalom Circle at MaryCrest
	5:00 pm	Ladles of Love Meal—FH
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
12/16	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
12/17	9:00 am	Sunday School Christmas Program
	10:00 am	4G—Youth Room Youth Bake Sale



Fellowship Meal

Can YOU help?

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!!!

AAW (All Are Welcome) meals are in need of more teams to continue to serve these weekly meals. Our hope is to create these teams within our Trinity family that would be willing to host a meal. It can be a family partnering with another family, a group of friends, etc. We would then try to get into some type of cycle with the meals (taco boats, pizza, BBQ, hot dogs/Mac & cheese, soup), & then keep them going on a rotating basis.

Wed., 12/13	Youth—BBQ (bring a side dish if you are able)
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STEWARDSHIP "DID YOU KNOW" PROGRAM

Did you know...It takes many dedicated volunteers too support the ministries of our church. By returning your Time & Talent form, you are providing Christin with valuable and necessary information to organize our volunteers.

Stewardship Appeal

We would like to thank those of you who have returned your Intent Cards and Time & Talent forms. We would like to remind those who have not, to please return them at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Stewardship Committee

VFW JACKETS

There are 6 VFW jackets that are no longer used by the organization that could be used by those in need. Before they can be donated, all of the patches and embroidery needs to be removed except "Sparta, WI". The quilters have taken care of doing that with some that were donated earlier but perhaps you could help. If so, after you've finished, the jacket could be hung outside of KEPS or given to a nonprofit. Any questions, contact Alice at 487-5408. Thank you.

ANNUAL Report

It's that time again...our Annual Meeting is fast approaching. The office is going to need reports for the Annual Report **by no later than December 29, 2023.**

If you have questions, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!

The annual meeting will be on **Sunday, January 28, 2024.**



Please take some time to pray to God over these concerns expressed by your sisters & brothers of Trinity:

Dear Prayer Partners:

Please pray for Robert Abbinante as he continues his journey through cancer. He will be starting chemo and he is very weak and in a lot of pain. God's peace, Alice

If you have any prayer concerns, please contact Jonelle Intihar, our prayer group coordinator, jonelle@theintihars.com. Thank you!



Coffee Fellowship

WE NEED SERVERS. The sign up sheet will be in the narthex where coffee is being served. Please pick a date that works with your schedule and sign up to serve. The coffee is provided, all you have to do is make the coffee, provide a treat of your choice, and clean up after coffee hour. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at 608-269-5081

UPCOMING SERVERS:

December 10—Opportunity to serve
December 17—Sunday School Families
December 24—Opportunity to serve
December 31—Opportunity to serve



CHURCH DIRECTORIES

If you would like to purchase a copy of the church directory, see Donna Boland or Jo Ellen Siver after church, or pick up a copy in the church office (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) from 8-2 pm. The cost is only \$15.00 per copy.

MISSING BOOK

The book "*Speaking the Truth in Love*" is missing from the Stephen Ministry display table. If anyone knows where it might be, please let Jan Jenkins know. Thank you!

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Youth & Family Announcements for the week of December 10, 2023

God is good all the time!

All the time God is good!

You are “fearfully and wonderfully made.” You are a beloved & precious child of God.

You matter! You belong! You are loved!

God created you on purpose for a purpose!

Please talk to Michelle face-to-face; by phone at 269-5081; call/text at 343-0324;
email at: thehyattfive@gmail.com for additional information

Faith Formation (grades 7-9) December Schedule

Sunday, 12/10	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00	Sunday, 12/24	Worship @ 9:00 NO 4G Christmas Eve Worship @ 3:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 12/13	Christmas Party @ 7:00	Monday, 12/25	Christmas Day Worship at 9:00 a.m. Happy Birthday, Jesus! Merry Christmas!
Sunday, 12/17	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00	Wednesday, 12/27	NO Faith Formation
Wednesday, 12/20	NO Faith Formation	Sunday, 12/31	Worship @ 9:00 NO 4G



Sunday, December 10 & Sunday, December 17

Christmas Sweet Treats, here we come!
Our Youth Gathering Team will be
hosting a Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser
on Sunday, December 10 & Sunday,
December 17. It will be held each Sunday
after 9:00 a.m. worship services in the
hallway outside of the main office as well as the Youth
Room. Thank you for your continued support!

Coins Because We Care – Sparta Backpack Program

Check out Ella’s cool sign outside of the main office, and if you are able, grab a stocking off the line. Fill the stocking of **ONLY** coins, & get creative with how you do it. As God blesses us, let’s be a blessing to others as he has called us! Return your stocking by Sunday, December 17th.

Remember that each coin makes a **BIG** difference as we reach out working together to love & take care of **ALL** of God’s beloved and precious children! **ALL** coins collected will go to support the Sparta Backpack Program. This program serves 170+ food challenged kids in grades K-4 on the weekends. Thank you for “digging” deep in your heart to love up our precious kids & make sure their bellies are full! Please reach out to Michelle with any questions.



Trinity Cares Giving Tree
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Our annual tradition of our “Trinity Cares” Christmas Giving Tree is up. This special tree is full of nativity scene tags representing families in our community that could use a “hand up” this Christmas season. They are also symbolic as a reminder of the true meaning of the beautiful miracle of Jesus’ birth! How can we all become more like Jesus? How can we keep our light shining for Him? Please be kind, take one or more tags, & enjoy the feeling of being a blessing to shop for the item(s) requested. Return it—**UNWRAPPED**—to the tree area. Not a shopper? Feel free to drop off a monetary donation, & let our Trinity Youth do the shopping for you. There are tags that request gifts cards, & those should be returned to the main office. Please be sure to attach the original tag with your gift for easier sorting. In order to give our youth time for wrapping presents to get them out for delivery before Christmas, we would appreciate **ALL** gifts to be returned by Monday, December 18th. Thank you for reaching out with loving hearts & helping hands to model Jesus & His love for all of us!