

# Trinity Weekly Tidings For December 31, 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...**



12/31	9:00 am	Worship (Lessons & Carols)
01/07	9:00 am	Worship with communion
01/14	9:00 am	Worship
01/21	9:00 am	Worship with communion (communion for homebound) (loose change offering)
01/28	9:00 am	Worship

### **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

It's that time again...our **Annual Meeting** is fast approaching. If you haven't turned in your report for the annual meeting, please do so by Tuesday, January 2, 2024. If you have questions, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!  
The annual meeting will be on **Sunday, January 28, 2024.**

We ask for your continued prayers for Bob & Jenny Lydon who lost their house & all their furry friends in a tragic fire this past Saturday evening. Many people have reached out asking how they can help. As of now, Visa gift cards as well as Walmart & Hansen's are the most helpful. They can be dropped off in the office during office hours (8:00 - 2:00). They may also be given to Michelle at worship on Sunday morning. Thank you so much for your love, prayers, & support for Bob & Jenny!

12/31	9:00 am	Worship (Lessons & Carols)
01/01		HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church Office Closed
01/02	9:00 am	Ladies Breakfast at Don's Restaurant
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting-HR
	5:00 pm	Personnel Meeting
01/03	10:00 am	Food Pantry Volunteers
	1:45 pm	Rolling Hills Worship
	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
01/04	8:30 am	Quilting—FH
	5:00 pm	Ladles of Love Meal—FH
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
	6:15 pm	Troop Meeting Adults w/Parents
	6:30 pm	Music & Worship Meeting—SR
01/05	10:00 am	Lois Robaczewski visitation
	11:00 am	Lois Robaczewski funeral
01/06	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
01/07	9:00 am	Worship with communion
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	4G—Youth Room

Altar flowers today  
are given by Tootie Bennett in memory of  
her husband, Russell Bennett.  
Thank you!



Can you please serve coffee a Sunday? If so, the sign up sheet is in the narthex where coffee is being served. Pick a Sunday that works with your schedule and sign up. 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:

- January 7: Opportunity to serve
- January 14: Opportunity to serve
- January 21: Kelly Funk & Cynthia Lockington
- January 28: Opportunity to serve



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The 2024 flower chart is up and ready for you to sign up. It is located near the elevator by the church office. Sign up to acknowledge a special occasion or to remember a loved one. Then, you can pay for the flowers, which is only \$15.00, by stopping in the church office, mailing your payment, or simply putting your payment in the offering plate (please be sure to designate on your check that it's for altar flowers). After the service on Sunday, the flowers for your week are yours to take home or donate as you would like. Not only is this a wonderful way to keep our altar area looking beautiful every week, it's a bargain price for flowering plants.

So...reserve your date(s) today!



**Fellowship Meal**

**ALL ARE WELCOME at the table!**

**JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!!!**

AAW (All Are Welcome) meals will resume on Wednesday, 1/3/24. We are still looking for groups to help prepare, serve, or clean up. Funding is available to help offset the costs of the meals. Here is our menu/schedule through 2/7:

**ALL ARE WELCOME MEALS CONTINUED...**

- Wednesday, 1/3: BBQ (hosted by Larson-Hermann-Moorhead families)
- Wednesday, 1/10: Taco Boats (hosted by our young people & families)
- Wednesday, 1/17: Chicken Alfredo
- Wednesday, 1/24: NO meal
- Wednesday, 1/31: Baked Potato Bar
- Wednesday, 2/7: Hot Dogs/Mac & Cheese

Please reach out to Pastor Josh or Michelle if you are willing & able to serve in any of the above ways to keep these weekly meals going for our Trinity family. Let us know if you have any additional questions about this vital ministry as we come together to gather in fellowship & feed people the way Jesus did!

**Youth & Family Announcements for the week of December 31, 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](mailto:thehyattfive@gmail.com) for additional information

**Faith Formation (grades 7-9) January Schedule**

Wednesday, 1/3	AAW Meal, 5:30-6:30 pm 7:00-8:15 pm
Sunday, 1/7	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00
Wednesday, 1/10	AAW Meal, 5:30-6:30 pm 7:00-8:15 pm
Sunday, 1/14	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00
Wednesday, 1/17	AAW Meal, 5:30-6:30 pm 7:00-8:15 pm
Sunday, 1/21	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00
Wednesday, 1/24	NO AAW MEAL NO FAITH FORMATION
Sunday, 1/28	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00
Wednesday, 1/31	AAW Meal, 5:30-6:30 pm 7:00-8:15 pm