

Trinity Weekly Tidings For December 24, 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...



12/24	9:00 am 3:00 pm 9:00 pm	Worship Christmas Eve w/communion Christmas Eve w/communion
12/25	9:00 am	Christmas Day worship
12/31	9:00 am	Worship (Lessons & Carols)



LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

Thank you for your generosity last week for our loose change offering. We collected **\$204.35** for ELCA Good Gifts. Great Job Trinity!!!

12/24	9:00 am	Worship—4th Sunday in Advent
	3:00 pm	Christmas Eve worship/communion
	9:00 pm	Christmas Eve worship/communion
12/25	9:00 am	Christmas Day worship
12/26	5-7 pm	Food Pantry Volunteers (Diane Dammen & Jolene Breitenfeld)
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
	6-7 pm	Pack 67 Cub Scouts—EW
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 67—FH
12/27	10:00 am	Food Pantry Volunteers (Donna Boland & Anita Jensen)
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir—SR
12/28	5:00 pm	Ladles of Love Meal—FH
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
12/29		Articles due to Myrt for the Annual Report
12/30	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
12/31	9:00 am	Worship (Lessons & Carols)

Altar flowers today
are given by Julee Hopkins
Thank you!

2023 DONATIONS

The last day and the cut-off for 2023 donations is **Thursday, December 28, 2023.**

Therefore, if you want donations credited to your account in 2023, please get them in.

Thank you!

**STEWARDSHIP "DID YOU KNOW"
PROGRAM**

Did you know...Simply Giving is an easy way to provide financial support of Trinity. Over 50 families currently use this method of giving. If this is of interest to you, please contact our church office for assistance.

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 487-5409. Thank you.



Thank You Trinity!

Our sincerest thank you goes to all members of our congregation who have made donations to the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Your support is vital to our ongoing efforts to help provide food to those in need. Through your contributions, we have been able to touch the lives of so many in our community. Thank you for your unwavering support!

Judy Bennett
Board Member

ANNUAL MEETING



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.**



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 hours. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at 608-269-5081.

Upcoming Servers:

December 24th—Opportunity to serve

December 31st—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:

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!



from the staff at Trinity!

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of December 24, 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)

Sunday, 12/24	Worship @ 9:00 NO 4G Christmas Eve Worship @ 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
Monday, 12/25	Christmas Day Worship @ 9:00 a.m. Happy Birthday, Jesus! Merry Christmas!
Wednesday, 12/27	NO Faith Formation
Sunday, 12/31	Worship @ 9:00 NO 4G



to everyone who supported our “Trinity Cares” Giving Tree, Coins

Because We Care, & our NOLA Bake Sale. We continue to be so blessed by your generosity, & our hearts are full from the outpouring of love & support!

It honestly means more than we can even try to put into words! Simply put – Team Trinity, YOU ROCK!!