

GROW



November 22, 2023

Grow-Care-Serve. News from Trinity Lutheran Church

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We celebrate Christ the King Sunday, the last day of our church year this coming Sunday. Advent begins next week, December 3— *Happy New Year!* There are so many things going on at Trinity!

**Hanging of the Greens.* Saturday, December 2. 9:00a in the sanctuary. Many hands make light work.

**Advent Wreath Candle Lighting.* Families and friends who would be willing to light the Advent candles in worship should volunteer with Jan Peterson (309) 269-9632 or contact the church office. (This activity involves flame and reading a short scripture passage. “Be not afraid!” says the angel.)

**Christmas Memorial and Honorarium.* Use pew envelopes or contact the church office to remember or honor a loved one with a poinsettia or donation to World Hunger this Christmas season. Last day to order is Sunday, December 10. Cost is \$12.00

ADVENT MID-WEEK SERVICES...

Three services this year in Advent on Wednesdays: **December 6; December 13; and December 20.** Instead of a spoken message, we’re hearing the message in song. Members of our Trinity congregation will be sharing some of their favorite Advent songs each week, paired with scripture as we sing Holden Evening Prayer together. Don’t miss these services! We worship at 6:30p. Admission is free; you’re invited to bring a friend.

MARK THE CALENDAR...

*The **Fourth Sunday of Advent.** One service, December 24, at 9:00a.

***Christmas Eve at Trinity.** Candlelight services 4:00p and 9:00p.

BEGIN THANKSGIVING BY GIVING THANKS...

Still time to bring your Little Food Pantry food gifts to the altar and dedicate them, giving thanks to God for so many blessings. **Worship begins tonight at 6:30p.** Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To each and every person who has contributed to the Little Food Pantry.

FAIRNESS AWARENESS...

Supporting the ELCA Truth and Healing Movement Trinity offers **Prayers of Remembrance** for Native American children who were harmed and died in Indian Board Schools and for the many missing and murdered Native American Women and children. **November 29, 1:00– 2:00p, Trinity Chapel.** All are welcome.

BRING YOURSELF AND A FRIEND TO THESE FREE HOLIDAY CONCERTS...

*The **RiverBend Bronze Handbell Ensemble** is in concert on Friday, December 1, at 7:00p; and Saturday, December 2, at 2:00p. The concerts are at Saint John’s United Methodist Church, 109 E. 14th Street, Davenport.

*The **Quad City Singers** in concert at Trinity on Sunday, December 3, at 4:00p in the Sanctuary. (This concert offered as a “thank you” to Trinity for providing rehearsal space to the ensemble through the year.)

***Opera Quad Cities** hosts the **Messiah “Sing-A-Long.”** Saturday, December 16, at 2:00p in Trinity’s Sanctuary. (Singing along is not a requirement, you’re welcome to come listen to Handel’s glorious music!)

*The **Great Christmas Ring.** Handbell ringers from all over the QC area join together at **Northpark Mall** for an hour’s worth of carol ringing. Come support your Trinity Ringers at 11:00a on Saturday, December 16.



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FOR CONCERNS ON OUR MINDS AND IN OUR HEARTS...

We grieve with the family of 11-month old Preston Meumann at his passing Sunday, November 19. Dear Jesus: receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

For Dave and Judy Dwyer, as they face each day thankful for life.

For Dave Behrens, Charlotte Drennen, Theresa Scott, and Joe Lamont and his wife.

For Eric Olson, son of Lois and Bob Olson, who was diagnosed with cancer.

For 7-year-old Ryker, just diagnosed with a glioblastoma (brain tumor). Healing prayers and praying for a miracle.

For war torn areas of the world and for the immense suffering of the people living in those areas.

For those on Trinity's Call Committee: Barbara Roseman; David Ray; Al Struss; Patty Jo Dooley Jones; Jan Meyer; Adam Lounsberry; and Bob Blew.

For Joann Olson (Janice Moriarity's sister) who has undergone procedures for infected knee replacements.

Prayers of thanks for Trinity members who submitted their pledge cards on Commitment Sunday.

Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the ministry of the Little Food Pantry, Trinity's Hunger Team, and each person who has offered food to stock it.

For Trinity in this Interim Time, that we may remain patient, faithful, and steadfast as the Holy Spirit leads and guides our church.

NAME OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Jillian Smith, Annalise Mohrman, Liam Haskill, Logan Haskill, Amy Haskill, Amber Haskill, Emma Peters, Lauren Colton, James Blew, Eleanor Blew.

FOR THOSE WE KNOW TO BE ILL OR RECOVERING...

Chuck Allen, Diane Ausman, Diane Beam, Trisha Blackwell, Judy and John Boten, Ted Buckles, Jim Cation, Isaac Crane, Karen and Paul Davis, Charlotte Drennen.

Dave Dwyer, Jim Gale, Marie Gellerstedt, Jim Horstmann, Barb Johnston, Joe Lamont, Preston Meumann, Janice Moriarity, Karen Nelson, and Sara Nelson.

Eric Olson, Joann Olson, Michael Pinner, Jean Rolloff, Jim Roseman, Marilyn Rosenberg, Theresa Scott, Elaine Widener, and Anita Winek.

WANT TO HELP TRINITY IN THE INTERIM?

Written by Anglican clergyman Eric Milner-White, this prayer appeared first in publication in 1941...the thick of World War II and the London Blitz. It found regular use in Lutheran services with the 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal* (the old red hymnal) for "times of guidance".

Let us pray: "O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

TRINITY'S GENEROSI-TREE...

Look for Trinity's "Generosi-Tree" in the Tillberg Narthex and see how you can help. Beginning Friday, December 1. All gifts returned no later than December 31.

**For all this and whatever else
you see that we need, we ask this through
Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

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TERRACYCLE TIDBIT...

Trinity is **recycling Christmas lights** again this year! Look for the three big, blue recycling bins outside of the church. Last year we recycled over 900 lbs of lights and made over \$500.00 for our TerraCycle program by recycling them through Alter Metal Recycling. We take all kinds of holiday string lights all through the year so feel free to spread the word to family and friends - those lights ARE recyclable! Thanks for recycling!

TRINITY BLOOD DRIVE, DECEMBER 4...

'Tis the season for giving— and **only you can give the gift of blood.** Trinity hosts a blood drive on December 4. Healthy adults who are at least 17 years old, and at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate. You are eligible to donate at Trinity if you have not donated after October 9 (56-day eligibility...) Contact Judy Rullman or the Church office.

TRINITY WOMEN'S LUNCHEON...

The “Fourth Friday Luncheons” are making a schedule change for the holidays. There will be one luncheon on **Monday, December 4**, 11:00a, at the River House, 1510 River Drive, Moline. (No luncheons November 24 or December 22.)

YOGA AT TRINITY...

Chair yoga meets each week on Mondays at 11:45a in the Living Room. The eponymous “Monday Night Yoga” meets in the upstairs hall at 5:30p. Wednesday yoga meets in Faith Hall at 4:30p. On Monday, December 18, we'll sing holly-carols and give an ohm for the dramatic, annual recitation of Karen Neder's fabled “Yoga Christmas Poem.” **No yoga on December 25 or January 1.**

THANK YOU...

*To **Deacon Patty Tillman** for her worship leadership and inspiring message on November 5, All Saint's Sunday. And for faithful service through the holiday season ahead.
*Thanks to **Pastor Paul Holmer** and pastor-to-be **Trey Graff** for blessing us by serving at the table and sharing from the pulpit.

HOLIDAY FOOT CLINIC...

Friday, December 1. Appointments are 30 minutes long. Jingle the church office phone for availability. Bring payment (\$35) and two Advent or Christmas towels to your festive appointment.



TOGETHER WE BRING TRINITY TO LIFE...

*We all have our own way of growing in God, caring for others, and serving Trinity. We have so **much to be grateful for** as a congregation and so much to be hopeful for in the coming year! Thanks to everyone for their prayerful consideration as they complete their pledge.

*All members should have received their pledge cards this past week. If you still need one, please contact the church office at 309-762-3624. If all cards could be filled out and returned by December 26th, it will truly help Council and the Harvest Team as they plan the 2024 budget. **Bring your pledge card to church any Sunday**, mail it in, or complete it online at tlcmoline.org/donate.

*If you missed any of Trinity's super “**Grow, Care, Serve**” videos, check them out on our website!

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS...

December 2

Anthony Campbell

December 3

Cindy Ribbeck, Robert Schluter, Ken Roehrs, Elaine Meyer

December 4

Sonia Nimrick, Kay Linney, Marlis Beechamp

December 5

Suzanne Buckles, Carol Burns, Theresa Scott, Jill Nelson

December 8

Ron Tiedge

December 10

Laura Ford

December 12

James Lohr

December 14

Spencer Roemer

December 16

Diane Sommers, Jennifer Knuth, Kathy Lootens

December 18

Patricia Malmstead, Elise Schilb, Steward Lyman, Kyle Worner

December 19

Heather Schmidt

December 20

Alan Struss

December 25

Carole Bloeser, Owen Crabtree

December 26

Gregory Boden, Jack Roemer, Stacey Happ

December 27

Barbara Steigman, Sara Wildermuth

December 28

Kathie Womack, Blake York

December 31

Becki Grimes



2024 ETERNAL CANDLE SIGN UP...

Sign up to sponsor the **Eternal Candles in 2024** at the information station in Tillberg Hall Narthex. It's a thoughtful way to celebrate an important date, or to memorialize or honor a loved one. Cost is \$20.00.

AFTERNOON RECEPTIONIST...

Trinity seeks an additional volunteer to serve as an afternoon receptionist. Days and times are from 12-4pm M-TH. Please email Beth at bconner@tlcmoline.org if you are interested in helping out.

Someone missing on the birthday list?

Our sincere apologies!

Contact the church office and let us know.

We make a living
by what we get.
We make a life
by what we give.

-Winston Churchill

tlcmoline.org/give



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