

December 7, 2023

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### ADVENT MID-WEEK SERVICES...

Our remaining Advent Mid-week services are Wednesday, December 13, and Wednesday, December 20. Members of our Trinity congregation will be sharing Advent songs each week, and we sing Holden Evening Prayer together with Maureen Holmes. Don't miss these services! We worship is at 6:30p. Perhaps you'll bring a friend.

### POINSETTIAS AND CHRISTMAS HONORARIUM...

Sunday, December 10 is the last day to order poinsettias for the altar or make a donation to World Hunger to honor someone this Christmas. Use the pew envelopes or contact the church office. Cost is \$12.00

### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE...

\*Sunday school in worship, both services December 17. Kids meet in Tillberg Lounge this day.

\*No Sunday School on Sunday morning, December 24 or Sunday morning, December 31.

### ATTENTION! TEENS AND ALMOST TEENS...

On December 17th Amy Roehrs invites Trinity's sixth to twelfth graders to shop for those in the foster care system. Leaving from the church at 3:00pm and returning to see what we found at 6:00p. We will eat pizza and have a little fellowship. Please bring \$10 and lots of holiday cheer. Interested in driving? We need you. Interested in contributing towards our shopping expenses? Put your donation in an envelope in the collection or leave in the office. Any questions contact Amy Roehrs at aroehrs@tlcmoline.org. And thank you for making the Holidays Happy. Hope, peace, joy, and love!!

### WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY...

The Trinity website (tlcmoline.org) is your definitive source of information regarding cancellations at church. **Should weather warrant a cancellation on a Sunday morning, it will be posted on the website by 6:00a. In addition, the church's Facebook account will be updated, and an e-mail sent out. The church will also notify WQAD, Channel 8.** Of course, everyone wants you to be safe. If you don't feel comfortable venturing out, stay home and stay safe! **Again, the most up-to-date and current information will be on tlcmoline.org.**

### WHAT IS A GENEROUSI-TREE?

You'll find it in Trinity's Tillberg Narthex! Choose as many "shopping ornaments" as pleases you, and bring the items back no later than December 31. The "Generousi-Tree" is an expansion of Trinity's timeless "Hat and Mitten Tree," and will also benefit World Relief Quad Cities and newly arriving refugee families in their self-sufficiency. Everything stays right here in the Quad Cities! Thank you for being a blessing at Christmastide!

### WRITERS ARE NEEDED...

Trinity members, friends and staff are invited to write a few paragraphs for our 2024 Lenten devotional, "Letters to the Church." It's an early deadline because Lent begins early in 2024. Would you like to write? Please email janebahls54@gmail.com about what Scripture passages are still available. Devotional deadline is January 5, 2024.



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#### IN MEMORIUM: JAMES CATION

Jim passed on November 22 at his home. A celebration of his life is planned for a later date. Almighty God: source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn; that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

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

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

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

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

#### FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION...

*US Marine Corps:* Ryan Denato, Landre Farenkrog, Josh Ramirez.

*US Army:* Kyle Baker, Daniel Bottom, Jeff Lee, Gregory Logsdon, Xander Ortiz, Tim Schaffer, Colin Sommers, Joseph Van Damme, Chris Welvaert.

*US Navy:* David Ehredt, Scott Reeder.

*US Air Force:* D.J. Hoepfner, Connor Kent, Kiah Kent, Madison Yodts;

*US Coast Guard:* Neil Brown, Geoffrey Gibson, and Kevin Lunday.

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

Heartfelt prayers accompanying the family of Jerry Barr (Jeannette Smith's father) who entered eternal life on December 3.

For Dave Behrens, who had open heart surgery Wednesday. Be with both Dave and Diane. Give peace and comfort.

For Jeff McBride. Praying for a successful procedure and clean bill of health.

For healing and comfort for John Boten, who is very ill with the flu.

For Charlotte Drennen, Theresa Scott, and Diana Wherry

For Barbara Steigman's daughter Sara Nelson as she heals from surgery.

For 7-year-old Ryker, receiving radiation for a brain tumor.

For Larry and Linda Conway as they recover from a recent car accident, and for their dogs who were with them.

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

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#### 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.**

#### TLC BOOK CLUB...

TLC Book Club will meet on Tuesday, December 19th in the Lounge to select books for the 2024 season. Bring book suggestions with a short summary and a snack to share. All are welcome as we plan for another great year of good reading. Contact Julie Blew, 309-786-5890, for more information.

#### TRINITY MEMBER CARE AT WORK...

On Saturday, December 2, your Trinity Member Care Team prepared and delivered 28 fruit/snack baskets for our homebound members. This was an additional event to the regular calls, visits and communion visits for those not able to attend in person for worship. Member Care and Befrienders are busy providing this 'quiet' ministry as part of Trinity's call to 'Care in Christ and Serve in the Spirit'. If you would like a call, visit, or communion, please contact the church office – 309-762-3624.

#### 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](mailto:bconner@tlcmoline.org) if you are interested in helping out.

#### TERRACYCLE TIDBIT...

'Tis the season for giving and for wondering, "Can I recycle my wrapping paper?" The short answer is 'yes' but with a few important caveats:

\*Plain wrapping paper is 100% recyclable - the plainer the paper, the more likely it will be recyclable.

\*Metallic or shiny or glittery wrapping paper is NOT recyclable.

Try the scrunch test: If you scrunch the paper into a ball and it stays that way, it's probably recyclable. If it unfolds and holds its shape, it's likely not. When buying wrapping paper, look for recycling certifications on the packaging, just to be sure. And, as always, when in doubt - throw it out! Or better yet, use reusable bags or pieces of cloth using the Furoshiki method (look it up online - there are lots of tutorials!) It's easy to have a more sustainable holiday with just a little effort. Merry Christmas!



#### ANNA CIRCLE...

Anna Circle always receives a referral from a local agency for a family in need at Christmastime. Our December 14 meeting, in Tillberg Lounge at 1:00p, will be to wrap those gifts and assemble our basket for this family.

#### PASTORAL CARE...

If you are in need of pastoral care in an emergency or after-hours, please call the church office at 309-762-3624, wait for the prompt and then press 1. You may also contact Patty Tillman at 309-721-4675 and she will be happy to assist you.

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### 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.

### THANK YOU...

\*To **Barbara Roseman** for organizing the Service of Prayer and Remembrance on November 29. It was a meaningful service.

\*To: **Gerry Schmidt; Barbara Roseman; Bob Blew; Sarah, Adam, Jack, and Mara Lounsberry; and Bill and Kathy Lootens** for sharing their wisdom and experiences in our Grow-Care-Serve stewardship videos. Thanks to Dave Meumann for putting them all together!

\*To all the folks who saved lives by donating blood at Trinity on December 4. Thank you! We exceeded our quota of 14 units!

\*To everyone who made November's drive for the Little Food Pantry Drive a success! 596 items comprising 628 pounds of food and \$2000 in cash donations. Bravo, Trinity!

\*To Joan Ribbeck, Jack Lounsberry, and Barbara Roseman for volunteering to read at our first **Advent Midweek service**. To the Trinity Ringers, Norallene Able and her sister Nicole, and Adam Lounsberry for musical offerings.

\*To everyone who has already brought back their Generousi-Tree gifts!

### BRING YOURSELF AND A FRIEND TO THESE

### FREE HOLIDAY CONCERTS...

\***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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHARE?

Think 'Tuesday by Five'. Send the information to [announcements@tlcmoline.org](mailto:announcements@tlcmoline.org) by Tuesdays at 5:00pm. It makes its way into Sunday's PowerPoint slides, the GCS newsletter (published every other week on Thursdays), the church calendar, social media, and the extra space in the 9:00a Sunday bulletin as allowed.

### CIRCLE NEWS

\*Ruth Circle. TODAY in Tillberg Lounge. 1:00p

\*Sarah Circle Holiday Brunch. Saturday, December 9, Faith Hall at 9:00a.



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

-Winston Churchill

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