

Trinity Tidings

December 8, 2022 News

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Joy to the World
Join in worship this season!

Advent Devotions on Facebook:
Wednesdays at 12 p.m. November 30-December 21

Advent Worship Services:
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. November 30-December 21

Sunday School Singing:
December 18 worship service at 9 a.m.

Christmas Eve Worship: 3:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship: 9 a.m.

Live & recorded services at TrinityNewLondon.com
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December 2022

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Sunday, December 11

- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM (name tag Sunday)
- Sunday School 10 AM

Monday, December 12

Tuesday, December 13

Wednesday, December 14

- Advent Devotion on Facebook 12 noon
- Advent Worship 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 15

- Quilting 10 AM
- Comfort Crafts 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6:00 PM
- Dartball 7 PM

Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17

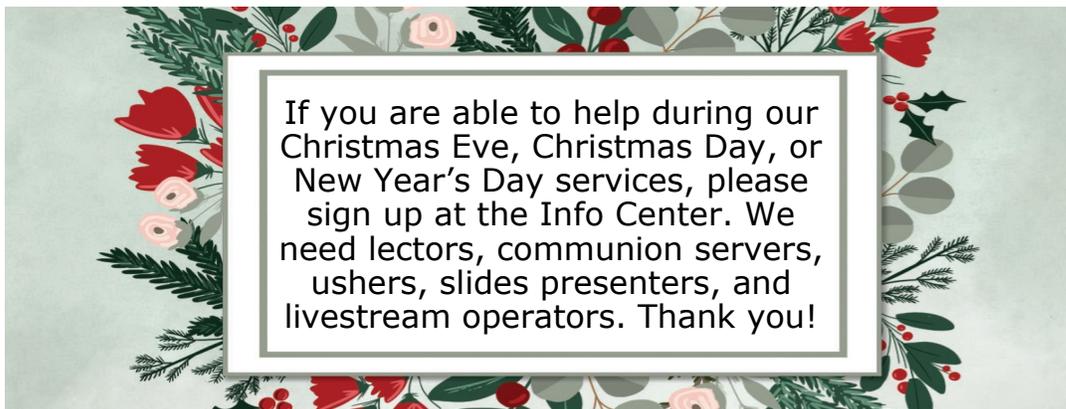
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- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM

Click [here](#) for the most current calendar.

Click [here](#) for worship.

Pastor Chuck will be out of town this weekend. For emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Bryan Schmidt, 920-460-1814.



If you are able to help during our Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day services, please sign up at the Info Center. We need lectors, communion servers, ushers, slides presenters, and livestream operators. Thank you!



HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Email or call with your request.

Healing:

- Rick Roesler - son-in-law of June Steinberg, upcoming surgeries
- Suzie Seehaver - mother of Amy Van Dreel, cancer
- Bill Krejcarek - recovering from surgery
- Patti Natzke - recovering from surgery
- Carrie Doughty - illness
- Dixie Hill - health concerns
- Jill Maus - sister-in-law of Denise Knudsen, cancer
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns
- Carole Ebert - cancer
- Larry Leatz - friend of Tom & Sue Luba, cancer
- Trista Jo Westphal - health concerns
- Bonnie Wegner - cancer
- Tina Bartelt - cancer
- Kathy Feeney Rueckert - friend of Sue Luba, medical issues
- Helen Massey - health concerns
- Jackie Janke - health concerns
- Dawn Haag - cancer
- Ginger Massey - relative of Helen Massey
- Anna Roberts - cancer
- Sam Ives - health issues

Those in the military:

- Shane Borree
- SSGT Zachary Abel



TW-ELCA will be putting together Christmas boxes for our senior members after church on Sunday, December 11th.

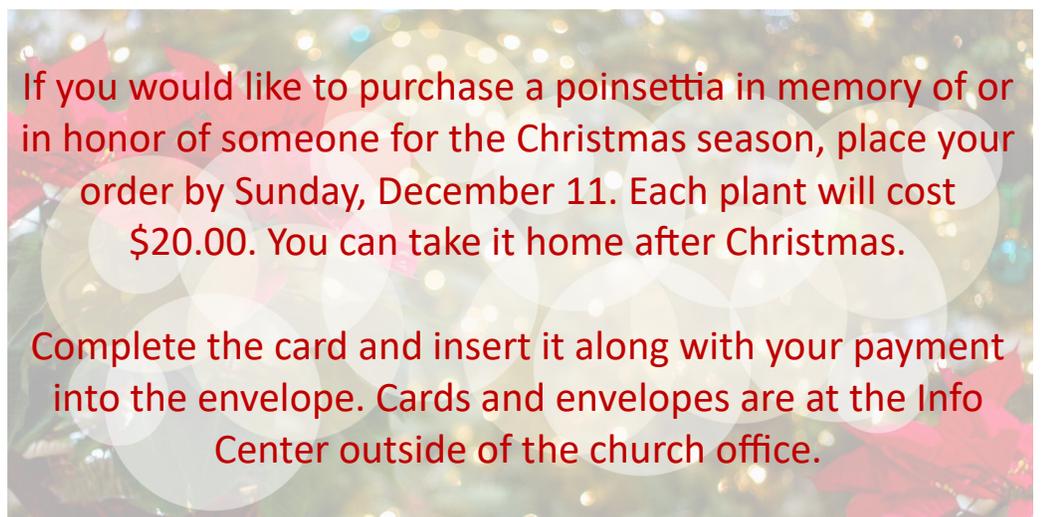
Please consider donating a dozen or two cookies or candies, helping us assemble the boxes, or helping us deliver them.

A taskforce has been established to answer questions about the possibility of using parts of our building as a much needed childcare facility. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, please see Pastor Chuck, Mark Moser, Pat Grossman, or Holly Bodway.



The Quilting Group will not meet December 22 and December 29. We will start again January 5.

All are invited to join this group which meets Thursday mornings from 10 AM - 12 noon to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone for the Christmas season, place your order by Sunday, December 11. Each plant will cost \$20.00. You can take it home after Christmas.

Complete the card and insert it along with your payment into the envelope. Cards and envelopes are at the Info Center outside of the church office.

December Joy of Giving is Project Backpack – New London

This month our Joy of Giving Offering is another way to help bring food to families who experience food insecurity within our community. As we are celebrating the coming of Jesus as our Lord and Savior, it is a most perfect time to show our joy and thankfulness to God with generosity, helping those who might be struggling to find that peace and joy in their own lives.

Project Backpack helps families feed hungry students over the weekends. It continues to be a blessing, serving schools in the New London area. Thank you for your support.



Constitution Review Folders

Folders are available on the table in the library for review of ELCA Churchwide Model Constitution vs. Trinity's current Constitution document.

Green pages are the existing Trinity Constitution. White pages are the up to date Model Constitution from ELCA Churchwide. These pages have just the "*" portions of the constitution.

Take out the green and white constitutions and compare for change, remembering that these "*" portions are not available for edit from model constitution verbiage.

These sections are the only ones we will be approving to amend at the Annual Meeting to bring our Constitution up to date.

Updates to sections that outline Trinity's ministry will be brought to the congregation in working meetings during Feb and March, with a final vote on the entire updated and synod approved Constitution in April, 2023.



Scripture Readings

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.



Say to those who are of
a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God."

Isaiah 35:4, NRSV

⁴Say to those who
are of a fearful
heart,
"Be strong, do
not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come
with vengeance,
with terrible re-
compense.
He will come
and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of
the blind shall be
opened,
and the ears of
the deaf un-
stopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for
joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalm: Psalm 146:5-10

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob
for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and
all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;
⁷who gives justice to those who are op-
pressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.
⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all genera-
tions. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

*In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Chris-
tians are called upon to cultivate patience ra-
ther than discontent.*

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the com-
ing of the Lord. The farmer waits for the pre-
cious crop from the earth, being patient with
it until it receives the early and the late rains.

⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your
hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.
⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another,
so that you may not be judged. See, the

Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out

into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



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Matthew 11:11, NRSV

Trinity Times coffee hour after church service is a great time to visit with one another.

Is this a ministry you can participate in?
We need people to help keep this fellowship opportunity going!

Weekly, we need a person to make coffee, host and clean up. We also need a few people to bring in snacks.

Please look at the sign up sheet by the church office and sign up for a week!

Serving at worship on Sunday

Ushers

Alivia Graichen, Dawn Hess

Lector

Terry Wegner

Communion Assistant

Dawn Hess

Slides

Ruby McCartney

Livestream

Mark Moser

Altar Guild

Jayne Murphy, Sue Krejcarek



Don't forget...all gifts to Trinity need to be received by December 31 to be included in the 2022 contribution records.