



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

December Monthly Announcement Sheet



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for the
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
December 25, 26, and 29

IMPORTANT DATES

Congregational meeting: December 10 we will vote for Council members and one trustee in a brief meeting after 10am worship.

Greening of the Sanctuary: December 10 after the congregational meeting

TLS Lessons and Carols: Thursday, December 14, 7pm

Blue Christmas Service: Monday, December 18 at 6:30pm; in person and online

Christmas Eve Services:

Sunday School at 8:45

Regular worship service at 10am for the 4th Sunday in Advent

No 2pm service due to time constraints that Sunday

4:30pm Children's Christmas Eve service with nativity tableau

7:00pm Special extended prelude music

7:30pm Candlelight worship service

Lay Led Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 31, 10:00am

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT WORSHIP

Join us for midweek Advent services as we "Pause, Prepare, and Ponder" in anticipation of Christ's birth. Services are held on Zoom at 6:30. It is a time for

quiet reflection and prayer, designating a special time during the week to still our hearts in the midst of the hecticness of the season.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

Thursday, December 14, 7pm. Trinity church members are welcome to join the school community for this beloved event that serves to ring in the Christmas season.

EPIPHANY EVENT

Sunday, January 7, 2024

We will gather in the social hall during the Sunday school hour for family friendly treats and activities centered around Epiphany and our 125th anniversary theme, "Let your light shine today, tomorrow, and always."

WELCOME OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT!

We are grateful to announce that Sharon Mathison will be starting in the office on Monday, December 4 as our new administrative assistant. Sharon is looking forward to getting to know all of you and working together with the congregation in the office.

CHOIR AND BELLS

No bell rehearsal on December 3 or 31

No choir rehearsal December 20 or 27

Choir rehearsal after Blue Christmas

December 18 from 7:30-8:30

125TH THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the members of the 125th anniversary committee for a wonderful celebration on Friday evening. The members of the committee have worked on this project throughout the year and we are so grateful for their time, dedication, and gifts.

CANNED GOODS FOR THRIVE

When you go to the grocery store, please remember our neighbors being helped by Thrive. All canned goods, as well as personal care items, can be left in the basket provided in the narthex. These items will be given to THRIVE to disperse to those in our community who are in need. **Please do not leave clothing and items, other than listed above, for the homeless. THRIVE will not take them.** They would need to be taken to LINK, who will accept them.

125TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Sandy Cobb and Judy Hunt have created a beautiful 15 year supplement for the 110th anniversary photo and story book. If you would like to see a copy, it is available in the office. Limited copies of softbound books are available for \$35. Prices may increase when this supply is gone.

FLOWER SIGN UPS

Just a reminder that if you would like to sign up for the flowers on a given Sunday, you may use the sign up chart posted on the bulletin board outside the Sacristy kitchen, or you may email the church office directly.

RED FOOD BOX

Keep the food and water coming, PLEASE! Our neighborhood has been steadily using our resources. Boxes of raisins have brought ants recently, so please choose packages of meat and bottles of water which are always greatly appreciated.

As we prepare to transition to a new administrative assistant, please consider helping Carol Bessom fill the red box. In the past, she and Anne have chosen to fill the box on Tuesdays. That might change when a new admin asst. is hired. The box can be filled any day of the week and we would love to have folks help do that. It's very easy to do and takes only a few minutes.

YOUTH CORNER

December 10: Decorating and caroling after worship and a brief congregational meeting

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CHOIR AND BELLS!

Choir **rehearsals** are held Wednesday evenings at **7:00 p.m.** Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to join us! We also have a number of festival services, so if you're unsure if you can commit to being in the choir full-time, these can be a great opportunity for a short-term commitment.

TRINITY RINGERS

Trinity Ringers rehearse every Sunday after worship service. All are welcome to join.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

RIC continues to meet monthly, using the RIC Toolkit provided on the Reconciling in Christ website. Meetings are open to anyone interested. Ministry Moments continue monthly as well. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to speak to one of the core team members, or submit your thoughts to the RIC@trinitynn.com email, use the online form or drop your comment in one of the boxes placed around the church. Your comments can be anonymous if you wish. The next meeting has not yet been set.

CARDS FOR HOMEBOUND

We are still sending the cards for homebound members. If you find cards in the Narthex, please feel free to sign them and share a happy message. We will mail them to our members who can't be with us in person.

THANK YOU FROM ANNE OBARA

My Dearest Trinity Family,

My heart is so full of love for all of you. I am so grateful for the surprise reception for my retirement. It means the world to me and I cannot begin to say "Thank you" enough for this send off. I also appreciate the sentiments, hugs, lovely cards, gifts and wonderful check from all of you. It goes without saying that I will miss serving in this capacity for our church, but I will cherish every

moment that I spent acting as your Administrative Assistant and caring for all our members. I will miss working with my staff members, yet I have already had some great fun coming in for lunches on Tuesdays. We have shared lots of stories and laughter which makes me feel like I have never left. I continue to hold all of you in my heart and keep this retirement reception and your love as a special memory forever. Thank you for loving me and showing it over and over again each time I see you.

Most sincerely,

Anne Obara

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December 2023 Crucifer/ Acolyte Schedule

DATE	SERVICE	CRUCIFER	ACOLYTES	(CA) Communion Assistant (TB) Torchbearer (BB) Bible Bearer (KI) Kite (CC) Clergy Cross (TH) Thurifer
December 3 Advent I 125th Anniversary	10:00	Shawn Murphy	Luke Harry Samantha Harry	Drew Rummel (TB) Karina Stevens(TB) Mark Madler(CC)
December 10 Advent I1	10:00	Karina Stevens	Elena Stevens Elliott Jay	
December 17 Advent III	10:00	Carter Recuperero	Emma Recuperero Karina Stevens	
December 24 Advent IV Christmas	10:00	Emma Recuperero	Carter Recuperero	
	4:30	Karina Stevens	Elena Stevens	
	7:30	Shawn Murphy	Luke Harry Samantha Harry	Drew Rummel (TB) Elliott Jay(TB) Abbi Wessler (BB) Nathan Rummel (CC)
December 31 Christmas I Name of	10:00	Mark Madler	Samantha Harry Luke Harry	Drew Rummel (TB) Karina Stevens (TB)