



**SERVICE  
TIMES**

SATURDAY 6:00 P.M. / SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:45 A.M.  
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# MESSAGE BOARD

December 6-7, 2025

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## VOTERS MEETING THIS SUNDAY

The December Voters meeting is scheduled for THIS SUNDAY (December 7) at 9:30 a.m. in the Walther Room. All members are encouraged to attend.

## TRINITY WOMEN'S GROUP CHRISTMAS EVENT

All women of Trinity are invited to attend at 2:00 p.m. TODAY. Organizers have planned a special program featuring a dramatic reading by Mary Farley as Mary, mother of Jesus. Music will be provided by Nathan Anders and refreshments will be served. Please call Beth Stauffer with questions.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS WEEK

- **Adult Bible Study:** THERE WILL BE NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK so that parishioners can attend the December Voters Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Walther Room. The Adult Bible Study will resume the following Sunday.
- **High School Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday in the SH Room. Led by DCE Scott Rauch, Eric Hipple and Trista Crady.
- **Women's Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. in the Berean Room. Led by Cori Wong and focused on the book "Everyday Joys" by Tama Fortner.
- **Jubilation At Church:** This week will be Opening Celebration, Snack Pack project, Story Review and then playtime. Contact DCE Scott Rauch if you would like to receive a Jubilation at Home packet for your family.
- **Wednesday Bible Study:** "Cross and Crown - Paul's letters to the Corinthian Church" - 7:30-8:30 a.m. on Google Meet (find the link on the Trinity website calendar). DCE Scott Rauch will lead the group through 1st & 2nd Corinthians from the perspective of the foolish wisdom of Christ's cross into the crown of His victorious resurrection. Come and join in for a good start to a Wednesday morning.

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The 2-Minute Drill / Online Giving  
Jubilation for families / And more

## TRINITY STAFF

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**Mark J. Nelson**, Pastor / Ext. 204

**Matthew B. Synnott**, Pastor / Ext. 205

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**Pat Magarity** Interim Fin. Manager/Ext. 206

**Kerri Blicharz**, Comm. Coordinator

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN CARE

Dick LeCrone      Ken Erdman

Nicholas Farley      Alan Stahl

Chris Pasold      Mark King

Bill Wagner      Jon Reick

## IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

### Those Serving In The Armed Forces

Aslan Fountain (grandson of Ralph Reichert)

Jeremy Thrane (grandson of Phyllis Basquin)

Tyler Peifer (grandson-in-law to Kathy Knapp)

Madison Raistrick (granddaughter of Donna Winkler) ~ Cameron Engquist

### Trinity Shut-Ins

Marlene Cook ~ Shirley Selke ~ Max Wessler

Carol Hinton ~ Alice Clark ~ Annette Smith

Flo Burns ~ Dinah Turner ~ Emma Ott

Don & Barbara Cullen ~ Phyllis Basquin

Don & Pat Hagar ~ Ruth Anderson

Elva Head

### December Anniversaries

20 Years

Chuck and Sharon Mason (10)

## OCTOBER 2025 STATEMENT

**Income:** \$83,390

**Oct. Gain:** \$11,632

**Expenses:** \$71,758

**YTD:** -\$137,862

## TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

If you wish to donate to the Trinity Food Pantry, contact Diana Martino or Scott Rauch with questions. For January, which must be at Trinity by January 11, they are asking for chili mix packets (mild), kidney beans, and crackers (not saltines). In November, the Trinity Food Pantry served 31 people.

The food pantry has an ongoing need for the following items: Ramen Noodles, Soup, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Boxed Macaroni & Cheese

## DECEMBER MITE WEEKEND/GRANTS

The LWML CID mite goal for 2025-2026 is \$110,000 with \$82,500 for District grants and \$27,500 for National grants. Our next LWML mite collection will be Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 13-14. The following is our featured grant for December.

*LWML CID MISSION GRANT #3* - CID Dollars for Mission - \$25,000. The LCMS CID "Dollars for Missions" project supports new church starts, mission-focused augmentations of existing ministries and established CID missions. Every year, the CID Board of Directors chooses one project at a time to fund up to a targeted amount.

## TWM BIBLE STUDY

Trinity Women in Mission Bible Study will at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 11. Cindy Rieker will be leading the group using a study from the Lutheran Women's Quarterly. All women of Trinity are invited to join in fellowship,, study, and prayer. Hope to see you there.

## Coming Up December 13-14

*Third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete)*

**Readings:** Is. 40:1-1/I Cor. 4:1-5/Matt. 11:2-11

**Preacher:** Pastor Mark J. Nelson

## END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM TRINITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As we approach the end of the year, we will provide weekly updates to the congregation verbally and in the bulletin on the estimated amount needed for Trinity to meet our 2025 expenses.

As of December 7, our estimated amount needed to meet 2025 expenses = **\$173,054**.

As St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8).

- We thank God for His abundant grace to us through His Son in all things.
- We thank our households for their generous giving to support our Trinity ministry.
- We humbly ask our households to prayerfully consider their contribution levels and whether they would be able to include an extra amount to help Trinity meet its expenses before year-end.
- We ask you to pray with us: Gracious Father in Heaven, You abundantly provide all that we need. Grant us the blessings and joys that come from being cheerful givers like You. Guide our leaders to be good stewards of the offerings You provide through our families for Your Word & Sacrament ministry at Trinity. And bless us that we may abound in every good work through our Lord Jesus Christ. In His name. Amen.

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## WEEKLY TRINITY PRAYER SHEET

### **Submitting Prayer Requests:**

*Call, text or email Pastor Nelson (309) 453-7231; [pastornelson@trinitypeoria.com](mailto:pastornelson@trinitypeoria.com)*

## SIGN UP TO RECEIVE TRINITY MESSAGE BOARD BY EMAIL

If you or someone you know would like to receive the new Message Board by email, just contact Kerri in the church office 309-676-4609 or email [tlc@trinitypeoria.com](mailto:tlc@trinitypeoria.com).

We can get the names added to the list.

You can also call the office to receive a paper copy of the Message Board if you do not have digital access.

# ADVENT AT TRINITY



## **Wednesdays, Dec. 10**

Noon: Advent Service

5:30 p.m. : Dinner in the Gym

6:45 p.m. : Advent Service

## **Lessons and Carols — Dec. 17**

A Service of Lessons and Carols is set for Dec. 17, beginning at 7 p.m. An Advent dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. that evening.

Last week, Pastor Nelson looked at the use of evergreens in our Christmas preparations. This week, Pastor Synnott will look at another form of decoration – Lights. From candles to twinkling LEDs, these luminous decorations help us prepare for the coming of Jesus during Advent, a season of preparation. This week, we will consider how lights point us to the coming of Christ and the glory he brings.

## **ADVENT BAKED TREAT DONATIONS**

For our Advent dinners, we would greatly appreciate donations of baked treats. Just bring them when you arrive, and the dinner team will make sure they are placed on the dessert table.

## **SH REFUGE KING JESUS PARTY**

We're gathering at the Holloways on Sunday, December 7, 5:30-8:00 p.m. A night of games, food (Avanti's gondolas, snacks, drinks and dessert items), devotion with caroling and the Christmas Crazy Gift Time (plan to bring an inexpensive item from your room/home/something weird)! Plan now to be there and friends always invited! Sign up if you are coming with Scott.

## **PEORIA YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

There will be a Peoria Youth Christmas Party from 5:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19 at Trinity for all JH & SH Youth & Friends (plus our friends from Christ, Mt. Calvary & Redeemer are coming!) - Just \$5 for a fun evening including dinner, playtime & games, devotional worship! Sign-up by Wednesday, December 17 with Pastor Matt/DCE Scott or through the QR code at right.







**Christmas Concerts:**

December 11 at 6:30:  
Band & Orchestra

December 12 at 6:30:  
All Choirs & Classroom Music




Calling All 5th-8th Graders! 🎵  
Concordia Lutheran School  
invites Trinity members to join  
**Hans Christian Andersen Jr.!**

**Auditions: Friday, December 15**

Performances: March 20, 21, & 22

For more information or to sign up,  
please contact Nancy Gregg at  
n Gregg@concordiapeoria.com  
or 309-357-8400

**PLAYTIME PALS**  
**AT CONCORDIA**

**DETAILS**

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. on these dates:

**December 5th**  
January 9th & 23rd  
February 6th & 20th  
March 6th

**FREE**

Beat the chilly weather with some play time for Kinder age and under in a clean, safe environment!

Park on the west side of the building & follow the signs.

**DEC 5TH-7TH**

**GIRLS VARSITY  
TOURNAMENT**  
[AT] METRO EAST  
LUTHERAN

**DEC 13TH**

**BOYS BASKETBALL  
VS. OUR SAVIOR**  
[AT] CONCORDIA  
JV [AT] 10  
VARSITY [AT] 11



**CONSIDER CONCORDIA**



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THROUGH DECEMBER

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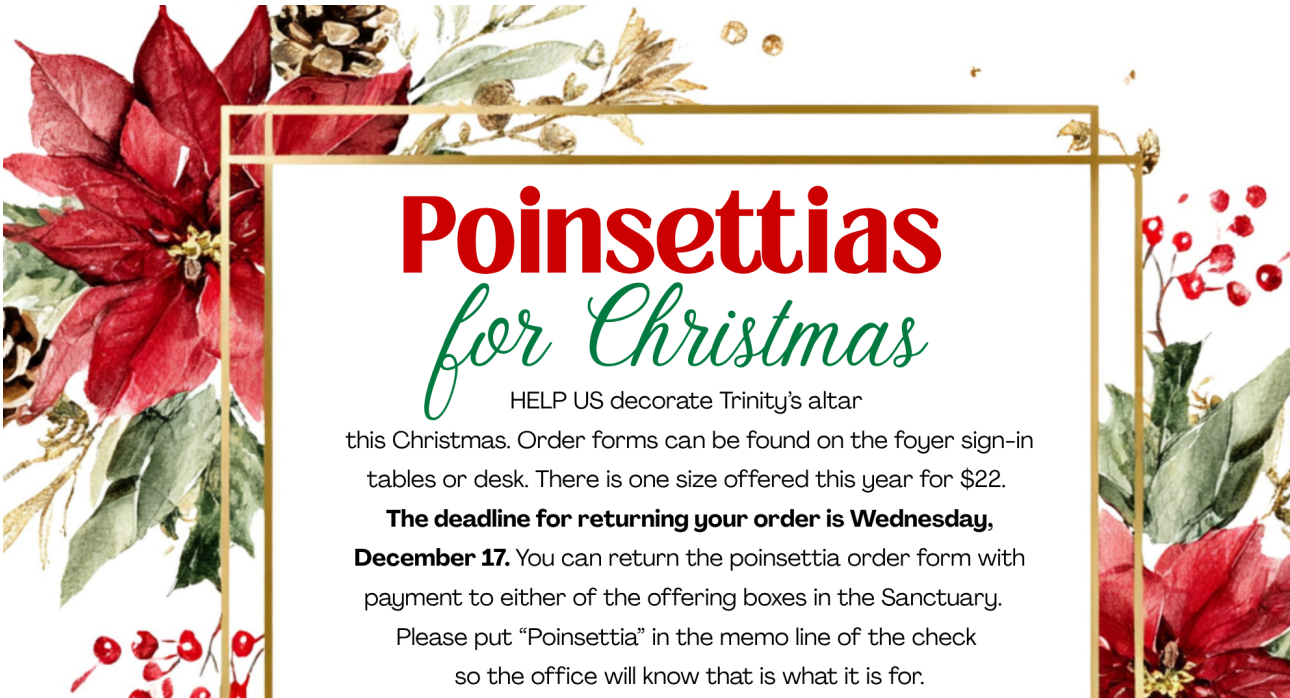
**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL STAFF**

Eric Hipple, Fine Arts Director / David Askew, teacher/ Marriah Pummill, teacher

Destiny King, teacher's aide / Mary Farley, teacher's aide

Pam McClure, Food Service Coordinator / Jenny Carmean, Food Service

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**Poinsettias**  
*for Christmas*

HELP US decorate Trinity's altar  
this Christmas. Order forms can be found on the foyer sign-in  
tables or desk. There is one size offered this year for \$22.

**The deadline for returning your order is Wednesday,  
December 17.** You can return the poinsettia order form with  
payment to either of the offering boxes in the Sanctuary.

Please put "Poinsettia" in the memo line of the check  
so the office will know that is what it is for.

# 2025 December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Of persons active in the worship life of Trinity

## December 2

Sue Neff  
Baylor Townsend

## December 3

Lily Robison  
David Timm  
Amanda West

## December 5

Larry Haste  
Elijah Thomas

## December 6

Zach Christian  
Erin Williams

## December 7

Jacob Mol

## December 8

Dottie Askew  
Trisha Noack  
Emma Ott  
Molly Verplaetse

## December 10

Bob Brown

## December 11

Dave Balkema

## December 12

Lily Chamberlain Lau

## December 14

Ava McClure

## December 15

Simon French

## December 16

Sarah Simons  
Mike Sutherland

## December 18

Jerry Brune  
David Jenkins  
Evan Scherer

## December 19

Marilyn Boyle

## December 20

Michael Brown  
Delores Draggist-Pemberton  
Matthew Seipold

## December 21

Braden King  
Ron Stotts

## December 23

Nicole Edmonds

## December 25

Pat Stover

Rachel Todd

## December 26

Marilyn Baggett

## December 27

Simon Bettenjausen  
Caine Brock  
Carter Brock

## December 28

Brien Brock  
Shelby Helmick  
Lynn Isbell

## December 31

Kim Vietti

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

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