



**SERVICE  
TIMES**

SATURDAY 6:00 P.M. / SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:45 A.M.  
LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE 8 A.M. AT [TRINITYPEORIA.COM](http://TRINITYPEORIA.COM)

# MESSAGE BOARD

December 20-21, 2025

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## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trinity will celebrate Christmas with the following worship schedule:  
5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Carol Service and 11:00 p.m.  
Candlelight Communion Service on Christmas Eve. Worship on  
Christmas Day will be at 10:00 a.m. For those who cannot attend in  
person, the 7:00 Christmas Eve Service will be live-streamed at  
[trinitypeoria.com](http://trinitypeoria.com). Please note: As in the past several years, the 5:00  
and 7:00 p.m. services will follow the same order of worship. The  
11:00 p.m. service is different and will include Holy Communion.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS WEEK

*Christian Education Hour will be on a break next weekend, returning January 4, 2026.*

- **Adult Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday in the Walther Room. Led by Pastor Nelson, concentrating on Psalms 1-50 using the Concordia Commentary by Timothy E. Saleska. All are welcome.
- **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 the Family Encourager Christmas Party. You will not want to miss this special party with treats and a cool scavenger hunt. Contact DCE Scott Rauch if you would like to receive a Jubilation at Home packet for your family. There will be Sunday Jubilation on Dec. 28.
- **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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## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN CARE

Dick LeCrone      Ken Erdman

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## 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)

## KEEP US UPDATED

If you have a new address, email address or telephone number, please notify the church office, either by phone (309-676-4609) or email: [tlc@trinitypeoria.com](mailto:tlc@trinitypeoria.com).

## 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 December, the Trinity Food Pantry served 28 people. **They are also requesting calendars, if anyone has extras that they will not be needing for the coming year.**

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

## NEW FLOWER CHART IS OUT

The 2026 flower chart is now available! When you sign up, we ask that you fill out an Altar Flower Form for the best way you wish to receive a reminder when the time comes, along with more vital information. These forms are located by the flower chart and are to be filled out and turned in to the folder below the flower chart. Please contact Peter Wykert (708-837-0296) if you have any questions.

## IT'S TIME TO TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS!

Trinity's Christmas decorations will be on taken down on Sunday, January 4, during and after the 10:45 a.m. service. Please consider helping as you are able! For more information, contact Cantor Peter at (708) 837-0296 or email [peterwykert@trinitypeoria.com](mailto:peterwykert@trinitypeoria.com).

## Coming Up December 27-28

*The First Sunday after Christmas*

**Readings:** Is. 11:1-5; Gal. 4:1-7; Luke 2:22-40

**Preacher:** Pastor Mark J. Nelson



# Have a Blessed Christmas!

We thank God for all of you at Trinity and the gifts and blessings you have shared with us for Christmas. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, but most importantly thank God for the ministry and Life Together that we share in Jesus.

*Pastor Mark & Jane Nelson ~ Pastor Matt & Anna Synnott  
DCE Scott and Joan Rauch ~ Cantor Peter and Aleah Wykert  
Scott and Kerri Blicharz*



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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.






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

**PLAYTIME PALS  
AT CONCORDIA**

**DETAILS**

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





**CONSIDER CONCORDIA**

 +  **MATCHING GIFTS**

**1TO1 & match**  
**UP TO \$10,000**  
**THROUGH DECEMBER**

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<https://www.concordiapeoria.com/donate/>

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

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

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#### 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 21, our estimated amount needed to meet 2025 expenses = **\$117,658**.

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.





LESSONS AND  
CAROLS SERVICE  
2025



# TRINITY CHILI COOK-OFF



Sunday, January 25 / Noon -1:00 p.m.

Get your recipes ready! Information on how to enter is coming soon.