

THE PARISH CALLER

Trinity Lutheran Church

December 24, 2023

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The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is the preaching, teaching, baptizing and Sharing the love of Christ in our church, our community and our world.

SS & Bible Class meets every Sunday @ 8:45 am

Trinity Choir and Men's Glee practice meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays: Trinity Choir @6pm

Men's Glee @7pm (during Advent 8pm)

Trinity Ringers practice meets every Wednesday at 5pm

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Teen focused Bible Study and Fun Activities—4th Sunday of the Month—6-8pm

The Mt. Vernon Ladies Bible Study will meet at 1:30pm. the second and fourth Tuesday at Betty Sawyers home starting in November. Contact the church office for information.

Ladies Afternoon Bible Study will meet at 1:30pm the second and third Monday in the Chapel.



Prayer Chain If you wish to be added or removed or information has changed, A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY NEEDS TO CALL BOTH the CHURCH OFFICE and **MARGE HARRIS @ 236-1935 or CONNIECHAPMAN @ 827-0952**

If you are in need of a ride to and from a doctor appointment or need to pick up a prescription, you may call these people to help you.

Betty Sawyer 417-825-5697



The Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

December 24 "Community and Conversation"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

This Christmas Eve, God wants to be found in the human community gathered in the name of Jesus and in the conversation connected with Him. (John 1:1)

The Lutheran Hour may be heard on the following radio stations each Sunday: KKOW-AM, (860) Pittsburg, KS at 9:30 am, KLFC-FM (88.1) Branson, MO at 9:30 am; KRUM (100.5) Rogers, AR 12:30 pm; KNEO-FM, (91.7) Neosho, MO at 1 pm

Radio broadcast of Trinity Lutheran Church services may be heard on radio station KKBL (95.9) and the radio KKBL website and app. The live stream broadcast can also be heard at www.trinity1874.com using your computer, tablet or smart phone.

Attendance December 17, 2023 184

YTD Sunday Average 157

Birthday's

24-Trentin Rickman

25-Jerra Baker

25-Imogene Knaust

26-Karsen Rhea

26-Joshua Spree

27-Walter Brown

28-William Mueller

29-Stacie Presley

29-Eric Vought

30-Glen Moennig

30-Susan Stark

30-Cynthia Voskamp

Anniversaries

27-Mitch & Lauren Choate

27-Phillip & Margaret Kleiboeker-26

29-Jeremy & Kim Jelinek

30-Chris & Emily Baker-29



Assisting in the Service December 31st, 2023

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| Preacher: | Pastor Jake Sletten |
| Liturgist: | Lay Minister Bruce Sletten |
| Elder: | Bob Senninger |
| Assisting Elder: | Phillip Kleiboeker |
| Ushers: | Jerry Krueger |
| Acolytes: | MJ Sletten |
| Sound: | Drew Meier |
| Broadcaster: | Carole Kleiboeker |
| Communion Set up: | Gloria Krueger |
| Communion Wash: | Gloria Krueger |

Advent Services

December 20th - - - 11am and 7pm

7pm-Sound: Darron Schoen

7pm-Acolyte: Grace Broderick

12/24 - Christmas Eve Worship Service @10am

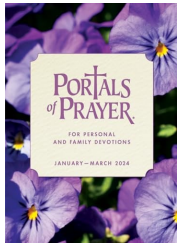
12/24 - Christmas Eve Evening Service
(children's program) @ 6pm

12/25 - Christmas Day Service @ 10am



Women's Ministries:

It's that time of the year to sign-up to help with Communion Ware for 2024. Be sure to add your name to the Communion Ware Schedule – the sign-up sheets (calendars) are in the Narthex. ***There are still spots open that need to be filled for both Communion Setup and Communion Clean Up.***



January -- March 2024
Portals of Prayer are Here!
If you are on the list to receive a Portals of Prayer, it will be in your mailbox.

Plans are coming together for the 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Our celebration theme
"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
will be carried throughout all events.

In addition to September 8, 2024, Sunday celebration worship service and Sunday dinner, there will be a music concert at our church on Saturday night, September 7, 2024. The title for the evening concert is "150 years - An Evening of Music and Celebration".



If you have musical talent that you would like to share, please contact Betty Sawyer. Everyone is invited to participate. We will hear all choirs, duets, solos - vocal and instrumental. There will be two congregation hymns included as well, and we will want to sing your favorites. A list of hymns will soon be available for all members to select their choices. The top two hymns will be sung by the congregation at the concert. For more information about the concert, contact Betty Sawyer.

Also included in the celebration weekend will be ancestral walks and connections to the family tree for the three founding families of our church. This is going to be a great celebration.

**There will be no
Sunday School or Bible Class on
December 24th or 31st.**

2024 Offering Envelopes

the boxes are in the Narthex in alphabetical order. If you would like offering envelopes, please let the church office know.



Dorcas Ladies Aid has Christmas cards and other cards for sale in the church office.

Portals of Prayer and Lutheran Witness—

Please let the Church Office know if you would like to order Portals of Prayer by January 8th, this order will cover the next 4 quarters between April 2024 to March 2025.

I am also taking orders for the Lutheran Witness for 2024 - I'll need this order by February 1st.

Portals of Prayer (pocket size): \$8.60
Portals of Prayer (large print): \$20.50
Lutheran Witness: \$20.65

Thank you church family for the generous donations given to the LWML Food Ingathering at Thanksgiving.

Twelve food baskets including a variety of fresh, frozen and non-perishable items were distributed to area families totaling 34 people.



Also, a big thank you to the many volunteers who prepped, shopped, sorted and distributed!

Thank you to everyone for the *Thank You* prayers, cards, phone calls, kind words and other acts of kindness for me during my recent open heart surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Jake for his hospital and home visits. Toni and I feel very blessed to be a part of such a special church family and community of believers.

~God's Blessings, Glenn and Toni Obermann~