

Weekly Bulletin - Trinity Lutheran Church of Freistadt!

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TRINITY'S WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN

December 5 – 11, 2020

If you have information or news pertaining to Trinity's ministries, please submit those articles to office@trinityfreistadt.com or call the office at 262-242-2045. Deadline for all submissions is **12:00 Noon on Wednesdays**.

A Message from Pastor Carl

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” – Colossians 3:24

Perhaps you remember a sermon series from a couple years ago called “Daily Grind”. That series kept coming back to a simple concept. Your daily grind is service to Jesus. When you put food on the table for your family, you serve the Lord Christ. When you fix the leaky pipe for that frustrated homeowner, you serve the Lord Christ. When you pick up the toys for your toddler you serve the Lord Christ. When you respond to a customer with joy, you serve the Lord Christ. When you help a patient take his first steps after surgery, you serve the Lord Christ. Whatever you do, as you serve others, you serve the Lord Christ.

In this week's note, I want to acknowledge two individuals who have been quietly serving the Lord Christ for a number of years: Ron Wolf and Craig Tews. Craig has been Trinity's head usher for decades. Ron coordinated all of our worship assistants from the very beginning of that effort. Both were doing lots of scheduling, coordinating, and communicating behind the scenes, week after week, year after year to help ensure that things went smoothly for all those who came to worship. Neither was appreciated enough, but both served quietly and cheerfully regardless. They knew that they were not just serving the people who came to worship. They were serving the Lord Christ, and I thank the Lord Christ for their service, and for many, many others who have likewise been

quietly ensuring that we can keep our focus on Jesus during worship without worrying about whether communion elements are on the altar, or the pews have been cleaned, or the projection will appear on the wall.

All of these individuals have been serving the Lord Christ – not because their service is taking place at church, but because they are serving people whom Jesus loves, and as we serve one another, we serve Jesus. As we love one another, we love Jesus. And so whatever you do, work at it with all your heart. You are serving Jesus!

And if you are willing and able to serve Jesus by serving fellow members of your congregation, this is a great time to get involved. Ron and Craig have both determined that the time to retire from their leadership roles has come, and so there have been some changes to how our ushers, worship assistants, and projection assistants will be scheduled. The servants who help out in each of our worship services will be coordinated by an individual who focuses particularly on that service: Ryan Campbell (5pm), Brian Vorpagel (8am), Randy Pipkorn (9:20 and special services), and Fred and Cindy Mollwitz (10:45am).

We are grateful to each of them and to everyone else who is helping out with services, and we could certainly use more help. Ready to jump in? Please talk to the appropriate coordinator or to one of the pastors for more information about each of these ways to serve Jesus by serving His people.

This Week at Trinity

Saturday 12/5

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:30 am MORE Youth Advent Bible Study

5:00 pm Anchored Worship | Sanctuary

Sunday 12/6

Food Drive Collection Day

8:00 am Anchored Worship | Sanctuary

9:20 am Anchored Worship | Sanctuary

10:45 am Connected Worship | Gym

12:00 pm Parent Meeting | Gathering Room

Monday 12/7

Tuesday 12/8

7:30 am Men's Bible Study

6:30 pm PTL Meeting | Western Conference Room

Wednesday 12/9

4:30 pm Advent Prayer Service

Advent Worship in the Home | Dec 9

Thursday 12/10

Friday 12/11

Coming Up

12/16 Advent Prayer Service | 4:30 pm

DECEMBER 24th
Worship in the sanctuary

1:00 PM: Masks Required: This service is reserved for those considered "high risk" during this time of Covid.

2:00 PM: Masks Suggested

3:00 PM: Masks Suggested

Candlelight Worship

4:00 PM: Masks Suggested

5:00 PM: Masks Required: This service is reserved for those considered "high risk" during this time of Covid.

6:00 PM-Masks Suggested

Sanctuary services will be approximately 35 minutes in length and **registration is required** at www.trinityfreistadt.com.

DECEMBER 24th
Christmas by the Fire

4:00 PM — 7:00 PM
Come and go as you wish

Follow the luminaries to the fire pit located on Trinity's Historical Grounds. Grab a cup of hot chocolate and gather around the fire to sing Christmas carols and hear periodic readings of the Christmas story. You may come & go as you wish.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and for walking on the frozen ground. Hand warmers will be available.

Park in the main parking lot
NO parking allowed on the Road or by Historical Buildings

DECEMBER 25th **8:30 AM & 10:00 AM**
Worship in the Sanctuary— Registration/Masks Suggested

REGISTER HERE for CHRISTMAS EVE (12/24) SERVICES!

Green registration link services are reserved for those considered "HIGH RISK" during this time of Covid; Masks are required during these two services.

1:00 pm

2:00 pm

3:00 pm

4:00 pm

5:00 pm

6:00 pm

REGISTER HERE for CHRISTMAS DAY (12/25) SERVICES!

12/25 | 8:30 am

12/25 | 10:00 am

Note: “**No pews available**” via the links indicate that the church is at capacity. We thank you for your patience and flexibility. We invite you to participate in our Worship in the Home services.

News & Information

Christmas School Offering

The challenges of 2020 caused our plans for a School Gala to be put on hold until 2021; but opportunities for our community to support our efforts remain. And so, we humbly ask for you to consider us this Christmas season in our first online giving campaign.

Visit, our OneCause online portal, where you’ll see some of our key targets and needs – nearly all of them student-centered. There are opportunities to help plan for our future, provide much-needed equipment on-site, give the gift of experiences to our 8th-grade class, as they prepare for their trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky, or give to our general fund.

Check out the video below, and please prayerfully consider how you can help support our mission of developing a passion for learning and heart for Christ in all of our students. God Bless, and Merry Christmas!



Watch Video At: <https://youtu.be/nVHqXXWwhyA>

GIVING TREE

The annual “Giving Tree” will be in the Gathering Room starting on Thanksgiving.

On this tree are little snowmen ornaments, (brightly colored by Trinity students), and each snowman has the name, age, clothing size, and a wish list of a person with whom you can share the blessings God has given you.

We have included the names of children from Benediction, Benediction-Hmong congregation, Benediction-French African congregation, and the mothers and their children at A Place of Refuge.

IMPORTANT DETAIL– Before taking your tag home with you, please record which tag(s) you have taken by placing your name and phone number on the line that corresponds with the number on the tag. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!!!!** Information about gifts on tags that get lost can then be traced so that no child is left without a gift.

**DECORATING THE ALTAR
FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia plant in memory, celebration, or honor of someone, please fill out this form and return it to the church office along with payment no later than **Monday, December 7th**. Each plant is \$17 and will be used to decorate Trinity’s altar for our Christmas services.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

plants _____ **Total Enclosed \$** _____

Given in memory of: _____

Given in celebration of: _____

Given in honor of: _____

Please make your checks payable to:
Trinity Lutheran

After wrapping gifts, securely tape the original snowman to the gift and **return** to the Gathering Room **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, December 13th at Noon**. Gifts will be delivered to their recipients the following week.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you are not currently attending church, in person, but would like to participate in the Giving Tree please call the church office at 262-242-2045 and we will be happy to retrieve a tag for you, give you all of the pertinent information, and arrange for you to drop off the gifts during office hours.



We thank our Trinity family for the many prayers and words of love and support that we have received at the passing of Bob.

Carla Heiden, Teri, Todd, and Rick



LWML UPDATES

The latest edition of the LWML Quarterly is ready to be picked up from your church mailbox. It contains registration information for the convention in Kentucky June 2021. December 6th is Mite Box Sunday. Don't forget your mites! We are hoping to fill the remaining grants before March 31, 2021.



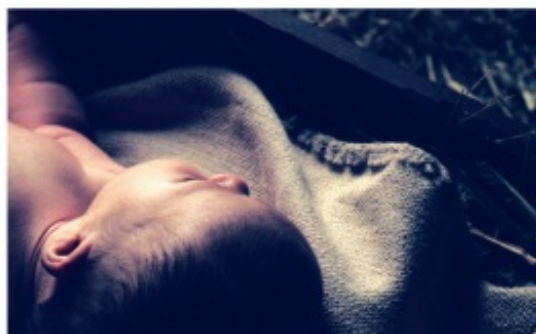
ADVENT DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

If you would like to receive a copy of this devotional please notify the church office at 262-242-2045 or by emailing: lscheck@trinityfreistadt.com.

SCRIP ORDERS

Last day for scrip orders will be December 14th. Scrip will resume January 4th. Please have all orders in by 8:00am. Contact Jen Traska at 262-424-2667 if you have any questions. Thanks!

God with Us



SCHEDLER CENTER

Share the good news of Christ's birth during the Christmas season! Christmas cards are now available for purchase in the Schedler Bookstore (located in the church basement). Payment can be made at the self-serve checkout on the green counter in the Bookstore.

Also available in the Bookstore are Advent calendars, devotionals, wreaths, and candles. As your family counts the days to Christmas, you can focus on the real reason we celebrate this most wonderful, most amazing day. The first Sunday in Advent is December 6th.



Blessings Upon Blessings

Trinity's annual food drive supporting Mission of Christ was a success thanks to your donations.

Your generosity and prayers make a difference in the lives of many!

By putting God's words literally into practice, you will find the life God has made for you! #redletterchallenge

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES



The 3K-8th grade children's Christmas services will be premier on Saturday, December 12th, 2020. A link will be made available on our home page and it will be shared via social media. The children worked very hard to share with you the message of our Savior's birth. We hope you enjoy them!

**Saturday, December 5th
from 9 am-11 am
in Cafeteria.**

Pre-sales or discounts are not available.

Pizzas will be sold on a first come first serve basis only.

Pizzas and prices are as follows:

- Cheese \$6.50
- Sausage \$7.00
- Pepperoni \$7.00

- Sausage and Pepperoni \$7.50
- Sausage, Mushroom and Onion \$7.75
- The Works \$8.50



Birthday and Anniversaries

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

A printed copy of this calendar is available for those members who do not have internet capability. Please stop by the office for your copy.

Ask | Seek | Knock

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. – Matthew 7:7-8

Please take a moment to pray for the following:

For Missionaries:

- David & Rachel Baker in Mongolia
- Justin & Jordan Logston serving in Belize

Our military, serving our country:

- Sarah Geidel (Reserves)
- Rebecca Guild (serving in San Diego)
- Akan Udoeyop (serving in Germany)
- Madison Kessel Lyon (serving in Germany)
- Nicholas Zanow (Charleston, South Carolina)
- Kurt Degner (WI National Guard)
- Mark Liedtke (Fort Lewis, Washington)
- Jessica Jones (being deployed to Kuwait)
- Joseph Siefert (serving in Spain)

Continued Healing, Comfort & Protection:

- Ellen Atwater (recovering from a broken shoulder)
- Glen Jones (diagnosed with lymphoma)
- Al Dobberfuhl (thanks for successful eye surgery)
- Buz Severin (medical tests)
- Yvonne Heinzl (cancer)
- Christine Geidel (battling cancer)
- Marian Vorpapel (hospice)
- Elaine Vorpapel (medical tests)
- Shawna Geidel (battling cancer)
- Families of: Marian Vorpapel, Doris Kroeninger
- (celebrating their entrance to eternal life with their Savior)
- Healthcare workers & First Responders (Covid)

Do you know of others for whom we should be praying?

Let us know by sending an email to trinity@trinityfreistadt.com.

Office Hours | Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm