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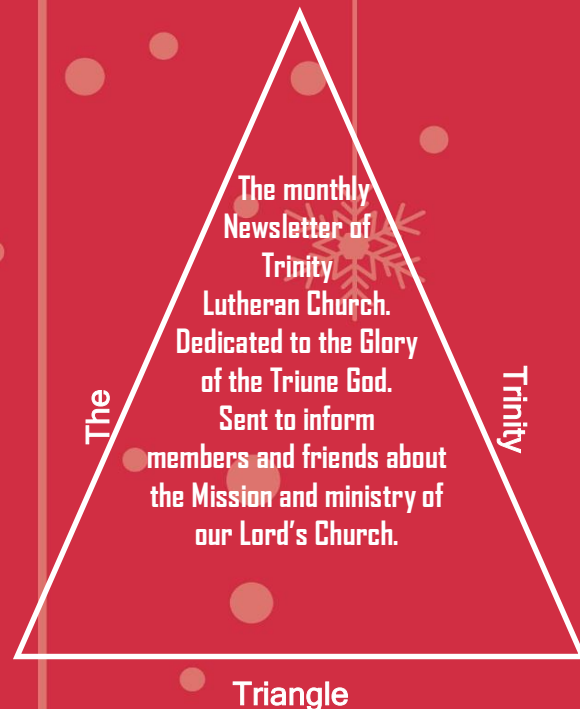
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DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

December Worship Schedule

- 1 Advent Worship - 6:30pm
- 5 Family Worship with Holy Communion - 8 & 10:30am
- 8 Advent Worship - 6:30pm
- 12 Family Worship - 8 & 10:30am
- 15 Advent Worship - 6:30pm
- 19 Children's Christmas Program - 1:30pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Family Worship - 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 25 Christmas Day with Holy Communion - 9:30am
- 26 Family Worship - 8 & 10:30am
- 31 Family Worship with Holy Communion - 5:30pm



Joy to the World the Lord Has Come

Merry Christmas and a blessed New year



The Elder's Corner

Once again we have reached the time of year we sing many joyous hymns telling of our Saviors birth, which I thoroughly enjoy. Also at this festive time, we have various worship opportunities. During Advent we have Wednesday services and also Christmas Eve as well as Christmas day. We pray that you take advantage of these many opportunities to join us in worship with all the joyous hymns reminding us of Christ's beginning of his earthly ministry, which led to the most amazing gift of all, His death and resurrection for our eternal life.

As told in Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign, behold the virgin shall conceive and bare a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." And the best news of all declared in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal Life."

Dear Lord, thank you for humbling yourself to be born of a virgin, to come suffer and die for our sins that we may be able live with you eternally.

Christian Women's Fellowship

Christian Women's Fellowship met on Monday, November 8th.

The LWML Mission Grant Story was Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children Lutheran Heritage Foundation. \$100,000.00

Love packets were put together for our college students. Members of CWF donated the items.

There will be a food drive on November 21, 24, 25. The food will be delivered to St. Marks after our Thanksgiving Worship Services.

An election was held and Shelley was elected to be our new Treasurer and Kathy was elected to be our new Vice President.

The Prayer Calendar is written by members of Christian Women's Fellowship.

1. Pray for parents having problems with their children coming to church.
2. Pray for adults who are not attending church.
3. Pray for the military.
4. Pray for the Elders of the congregation.
5. Pray for Pastor Steele and all Pastors preaching for us.
6. Pray for parents to have patience with their children.
7. Pray for Sunday school teachers.
8. Pray for the sick and shut ins.
9. Pray for Missionaries around the world.
10. Pray for the confirmation kids.
11. Pray for people with addictions.
12. Go to church and pray for your faith to grow.
- 1.3 Pray for your neighbors.
14. Pray that you have patience when you are out shopping.
15. Go to advent services and prepare your heart for Christmas.
16. Pray for soldiers who are fighting for your freedom.
17. Pray for the call committee as they go through this process.
18. Spend time with your family. Thank God for them.
19. Go to church and pray for your faith.
20. Pray for college kids to make the right choices.
21. Pray for someone that needs your help.
22. Pray for all people who are struggling financially.
23. Pray for all people that need some help and won't ask.
24. Put Christ in Christmas.
25. Enjoy your family Christmas day.
26. Don't forget to go to church it is Sunday.
27. Thank God for all the joy.
28. Pray for patience while your children are home.
29. Pray for someone who is struggling.
30. Pray for family and friends.
31. Pray and thank God for all the blessings through the year.





Preschool News



The Trinity Pre-school wish tree is in the narthex. If you would like to purchase a gift for the pre-school, please take a star off of the tree and purchase the gift that is on the star. **Please wrap your gift and put it under the tree with the star attached. Thank you!**



Friends playing at the rice table.



Noah's Ark Party



Our Little Pilgrims

LHS HighLites

Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is Good.

I get the privilege of interacting daily with high school kids. I also get the pleasure of watching them interact with each other daily during lunch. Most days I chuckle or laugh at something that a student has either said or done, maybe even both.

Watching high school students can be fun and entertaining. Most of the time, it is almost like watching toddlers walking, talking, and interacting in teenage bodies. There is great parallel between toddlers and teenagers in their conversation topics, overdramatic reactions, clothing choices, and the materialistic things they “just have to have”. Most of all, teenagers want to feel loved and appreciated, a part of a group and needed.

Adults are not much different than teenagers. How many of us adults also feel like we are running around trying to keep up with the Jones family? How many of us have put away the Bible and God’s Word to instead chase the riches of this world? How many of us have put away common sense in order to fit in with a particular group? How many of us have put ourselves or our pride in front instead of the needs of another person? I will be the first to say I do this more often than I want to admit. I am a sinner and fall into the devil’s temptations and snares often. I need God’s constant and perpetual forgiveness.

How true it is that no matter what this world throws at me, Jesus’ love endures through the trials and beyond. It covers me with the assurance that I am never alone. It wraps me in Christ’s love and forgiveness in those times I sin and fall short of God’s expectations.

Through God’s great love, we have been given immeasurable blessings. How fitting it is that we just celebrated Thanksgiving. Maybe you had a cornucopia sitting on your table or displayed somewhere prominent in your house. Just as that

cornucopia was overflowing with a bountiful harvest, we too have been blessed beyond measure with bountiful and overflowing gifts from God. Everything we have is a blessing bestowed upon us by God. He gives us everything we need in the proper time, to sustain our bodies and this life: Food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land and animals, etc. We do not have to try to keep up with the Jones family because it is no use. God will provide for us in the proper time, in His time. We instead need to turn our focus from earthly riches and focus on our eternal riches: Life with God the Father in heaven. We daily need to confess our sins, ask for forgiveness, and then give Him unending praise and adoration.

May we constantly give thanks and praise to God for all the bountiful and overflowing blessing: God has graciously bestowed on us each day.

Thank you for being a blessing to Sheboygan Lutheran High School. Daily, LHS strives to be a blessing to you, the church, and world as we continue *“Preparing Christian Leaders - One Student at a Time”*.

I am thankful to be able to lead the students, staff, and school community of Sheboygan Lutheran High School in daily praise, prayer, and adoration along with reading and studying of God’s Word. There is no better place that I would rather be than here in Sheboygan.

In Christ,
Derek Bult, LHS Principal



Student Leaders of the Month

have been chosen based on their service, behavior, leadership, attitude, and academic achievements.

Senior – Marcus Larsen

Immaculate Conception Catholic - Sheboygan

Junior – Lexi Fredericks

Bethlehem Lutheran - Sheboygan

Sophomore – Faith Pape

Trinity Lutheran Sheboygan - Downtown

Freshman – Andrew Krueger

Bethlehem Lutheran - Sheboygan

A Lutheran High Christmas

EV'RY VOICE IN CONCERT RING



LHS Music Department presents their Christmas Concert Weekend

EV'RY VOICE IN CONCERT RING

Performance dates are Saturday, December 18 @ 7 pm and
Sunday, December 19 @ 2pm

Tickets are free but you still must reserve your seat for the concert.

Tickets are electronic only and can be reserved online at
Lutheranhigh.com/FineArtsCenter/Events or by visiting brushfire.lutheranhigh.com.

LIVE! at the LHS Worship & Fine Arts Center

'Rooted & Rising' Concert Series

The Sheboygan Community is welcome to attend one
or all concerts in this new event series!

Wisconsin Music Ventures in conjunction with LHS
presents

A Wisconsin Emerging Artist Series - artists who call
WI and the upper mid-west their home. Check out
the variety of music genres and get your tickets
online. Next up:

Stas Venglevski & Carmen Nickerson

With special guest, Andy Braun Branches Band

Saturday, Dec. 4, @ 7pm

**Artist information and tickets can be found
on the**

LHS website under the Fine Arts Center tab.



Flowers

December 5

The white poinsettia on the altar is given from Christian Women's Fellowship for Advent.

The altar flowers for this week are from Susie Sixel in memory of Jeff Sixel. May the Lord give comfort to the Sixel Family.

The tall pedestal flowers are given with love, from Mom, Dad, Karly and Chloe, for Mikena Grunewald's sweet 16th birthday. Happy birthday Mikena. God's blessings to you.

Traveling Bulletins

Susie Sixel

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls.

Peter and Kathy Franz

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rockford Illinois.

Donations

We will again be collecting personal hygiene, cleaning products, and baby items for the Department of Health and Human Services of Sheboygan County. There is a great need again this year and their program would not succeed without the generosity of churches and organizations. Trinity has been a big contributor in past years and hopefully will continue that tradition. Examples of items needed - hair products including brushes and hair ties. - dental items, deodorants, shaving items, feminine hygiene supplies, as well as cleaning and laundry supplies. Baby items especially diapers and formula. We will start collecting on November 28th thru December 12th. The items will be picked up on Dec. 13th. Let's fill the boxes that will be in the narthex and help give families a special Christmas. Note - there is a special need for gift cards for teens transitioning out of foster care, for example. -gas, grocery, Target, Kohl's, etc.

Scrip

Don't forget to use scrip cards for all your holiday shopping- we have many to choose from - you can use them to purchase items or give them as gifts. Just a reminder- if you want to order cards not in stock or you have a large order, the last day to order cards will be December 12th so we can get them to you by December 19th.

Special Voters Meeting to approve the 2022 Budget

A Special voters meeting to approve the 2022 budget will be held on Wednesday, December 15th following Worship. A cemetery committee meeting will follow the voters meeting.

Christmas & New Year's Eve Worship Times

Our Christmas Worship times this year will be at **4:30 & 6:30pm**. Christmas Day will be at **9:30am**. New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion is at **5:30pm**.

Christmas Cards

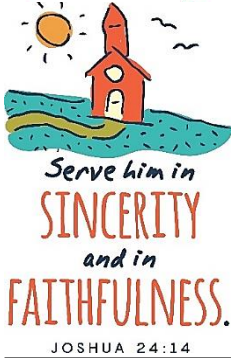
Sunday school is selling Christmas Cards. They are on the table in the narthex next to the preschool wish tree. They are beautiful and very reasonably priced. Please put your payment in the box that is on the table.

Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 19th at 1:30pm. Rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 18th at 10:00am. If your child is not going to be participating, please contact Toni in the office or let their Sunday school teacher know.

Special Offering

Deaf Ministry – The South Wisconsin District serves the deaf community in Delevan and other locations throughout the SWD.



Acolytes

Acolytes...Please e-mail the office if you are going to the 6:30pm worship service on Christmas Eve and or the New Year's Eve worship service at 5:30pm.

December Acolyte

1	6:30pm	Addison Lallensack
5	8:00am	Allison Schobert, Kaitlyn Koenig
	10:30am	Ethan Fenn, Sam Parnitzke
8	6:30pm	Dylan Elias
12	8:00am	Greyson Reiss, Matthew Koenig
	10:30am	Annika Liermann, Joey Senkbeil
15	6:30pm	Chloe Grunewald
19	8:00am	Dylan Elias, Evan Erdmann
	10:30am	Matthew Schukow, Ethan Fenn
24	4:30pm	Greyson Reiss, Chloe Grunewald
	6:30pm	TBD
25	9:30am	Matthew Koenig, Macey Schueler
26	8:00am	Dale and Donna Bitter
	10:30am	Vince and Kathy Shircel
31	5:30pm	TBD

GREETERS SCHEDULE

December Greeters

1	6:30pm	Dick and Sharon Horness
5	8:00am	Jack and Sue Kober,
	10:30am	Mark and Karen Plocar
8	6:30pm	Dick and Lee Schoessow
12	8:00am	Richard Boje
	10:30am	Nathan and Jennie Cassity
15	6:30pm	Kathy Schmid
19	8:00am	Dave and Robie Scharinger
	10:30am	Joshua Schorer
24	4:30pm	TBD
	6:30pm	Mark and Angie Schorer
25	9:30am	Larry and Kris Bender
31	5:30pm	TBD



December BIRTHDAYS

Dec 1
Jerry Brandt
Dec 2
Tanya Zander
Dec 4
Dennis Grunewald
Rene Landwehr
Dec 6
Gary Reinemann
Dec 7
Bob Peter
Alex Webster
Dec 8
Mikena Grunewald
Dec 9
Steve Schobert
Dec 11
Viki Grunewald
Dec 12
Janelle Liermann
Dec 13
Mariah Horn
Richard Horness
Todd Lindekugel
Dec 14
Jim Post
Dec 15
Margaret Born
Dec 16
Linda Plocar
Dec 17
Victoria Stelter
Dec 18
Todd Berglund
Arwin Herzog
Roger Liefing
Elissa Passehl
Eric Stelter
Michael Wiltzius
Dec 19
Parker Born
Eli Erdmann
Ron Marks
Dec 20
Linda Hopf
Leah Parnitzke
Lucy Roediger
Dec 21
John Born
Harrison Reiss
Dec 23
Kimberly Allen
Dec 27
Valeta Burkhardt
Dec 28
Jamie Hansen
Gordon Heffernan
Claire McCraw
Dec 29
Kevin Neese



Dec 1
Brian and Theresa Baumann (7)
Dec 10
John and Sue Born (33)
Dec 12
Steve and Sara Schobert (23)
Dec 15
Joe and Viki Grunewald (20)
Dec 20
Tanya Zander and Jared (17)
Dec 22
Debbie Henschel and Randy Henschel (20)
Mike and Rita Winter (48)
Dec 28
Todd and Teri Bender (14)
Dec 29
Joshua Schlegel and Amanda (14)
Dec 31
Mark and Angie Schorer (22)

Birthdays continued...

Dec 30
Sandy Marthenze
Dec 30
Greyson Reiss
Dec 30
Owen Timm
Dec 31
Bradley Born
Debbie Grunewald
Arima Seifert



The flower/Bulletin/Newsletter sponsor charts for 2022, will be on the bulletin in the narthex December 12th.

Prices are on the charts.
Sponsor for a birthday, anniversary, in thanks for your many blessings, to beautify church or in memory of a loved one.



Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30am Preschool 3:55 & 5:00 Confirmation 5-6:15 Advent Meal 6:30pm Advent Worship <i>Elders meet following worship</i>	2 8:30am Preschool 7:15pm Dartball Tigers @ Colts	3	4
	5 8:00 & 10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Christmas Caroling Sunday School	6 8:30am Preschool	7 8:30am Preschool 6:00pm Men's Club Christmas Party	8 8:30am Preschool 3:55 Confirmation 5:00pm Confirmation 5-6:15 Advent Meal 6:30pm Advent Worship <i>Council meet following worship</i>	9 8:30am Preschool 6:00pm Sunday School Meeting 7:15pm Dartball Bombers @ Tigers	10
12 8:00 & 10:30am Family Worship 9:15am Bible Class & Sunday school	13 8:30am Preschool 6:30pm CWF	14 8:30am Preschool 6:00pm Education Meeting 6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:30pm Council Meeting	15 8:30am Preschool 3:55 Confirmation 5:00pm Confirmation 5-6:15 Advent Meal 6:30pm Advent Worship <i>Budget Voters Meeting following Worship</i> <i>Cemetery Meeting following the budget meeting</i>	16 8:30am Preschool 7:15pm Dart Ball Eagles @ Tigers	17	18 10:30am Christmas Program Rehearsal
19 8:00 & 10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Bible Class & Sunday school 1:30pm Children's Christmas Program	20 8:30am Preschool	21 8:30am Preschool	22 8:30am Preschool No Confirmation	23 8:30am Preschool	24 4:30 & 6:30pm Christmas Eve Family Worship 	25 9:30am Christmas Day Family Worship with Holy Communion
26 8:00 & 10:30am Family Worship 9:15am Bible Class & Sunday school	27 Preschool Christmas Break this week.	28	29 No Confirmation	30	31 5:30pm New Year's Eve Family Worship with Holy Communion	1 - 2022 A Happy & Healthy New Year to Everyone.

