

DECEMBER 2022



THE TRINITY TRIANGLE





Pastor Noah Fremer's Message

There is a popular saying that Christmas is the season of joy. That is not wrong. Joy, though, is *complicated*.

For those who work retail, and anyone in the service industry, this is a season of tremendous busy-ness. Joy seems hard to find when your hours keep changing, when the calls keep coming, when the pressures of family ratchet up until there isn't enough hours in the day to keep everyone happy. There is so much to do for this holiday that joy seems like a luxury that only our children seem to experience. Why not? They have a week's break.

For others, this is a season with too many reminders. It is quite common to lose family and friends on Christmas, to bury our loved ones in the midst of the dark and the snows. Christmas can be a reminder of grief. We miss those we have lost most of all around these times. Joy is hard to see when death gets in the way. Even if no one has died, there are always the bad Christmases. I've had my share. I could rattle off the years for you. This holiday comes by every year, and the bad years can scream awfully loud some days.

None of that changes the saying. Christmas is the season of joy. If, deep inside, you doubt this, or you resent it, because too much is going wrong, you've lost too much, you have too much to do, I feel it too. But none of that changes the truth. Christmas is the season of joy.

Find it. That is my challenge to you. Find that joy. It is there somewhere, it's not hiding from you. You can do it. Perhaps you can take refuge in the truth of Christmas, that we are celebrating the birth of our Christ who will save us (who has saved us!) from sin and death. That little baby in a little hay isn't just a nice cute picture. That baby is the reason we don't have to fear death. That baby is the reason your bad memories don't have to haunt you. That baby will grow into a man who will take away your sins, who will give you a new start.

Seek that joy. Find it in family, if you have any. Find it in friends, if you have any. Find it in the comfort of your home, the beauty of the snows, the fellowship of your church. Find it in Christ, knowing that this baby is God, and He's got everything that is you. All your pains. All your pleasures. Your destiny. Your future. Your world. Big burden for a little guy. Not so big for the Creator of the Universe. It's there. God will show you the way.



PRESCHOOL

We ended our Old Testament stories with "Joshua and the Walls of Jericho" and "The Friendship of David and Jonathan." We will be hearing about the birth of Jesus in December. Winter arrived almost overnight, so we have been playing in the snow. We learned about animals and birds that hibernate and migrate in winter.

And we have been talking about all of God's wonderful blessings that we are thankful for.






Elders Corner for December 2022

What if you woke up today with only the things that you thanked God for yesterday? I'm quite certain many of us would be greatly disappointed. Several of our members were able to attend a trip to the Fireside and be entertained with a performance of "White Christmas". The repeating theme throughout the play was "when you are restless and can't sleep, count your blessings, not sheep." We just celebrated Thanksgiving a few days ago. All that we reap are blessings from God. We all had a great opportunity to gather with family and friends. That alone is one of our most cherished blessings we have been granted by the grace of God. Proverbs 10:22 states; 'The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, without painful toil for it.' Wealth is purely a gift from God, not a product of human attainment. Nothing we have is by our own merit. We could go on and on about all the blessings each of us have been given; health, family, friends, food, clothing, being allowed to worship openly, and we can pray anytime we want to. We need to take time and think about these blessings as our days go by. Give thanks even for the ones that have been so easily overlooked due to our busy lifestyles. Psalm 107:1 reminds us; 'Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; and his mercy endures forever.'

As we go about the coming weeks, we see all the Christmas reminders in stores, songs on the radio, messages online, decorated front yards and parades. We are eternally thankful that God sent his Son on Christmas Day to be our Savior. He took all our sins and carried them to the cross so we don't have to go through the same type of suffering and death. In Luke 1:30-32 we read, But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." Luke 2:9-12 verifies the birth; An angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." We are already preparing with our advent services to celebrate the birth of our Lord in a few weeks. What a joy to get together and worship with our congregation members and guests!

***Dear Heavenly Father, help us to prepare for the birth of your Son, our Savior.
Graciously provide comfort and understanding for us during this Christmas season.
In Jesus name we pray, Amen.***



Welcome our new Church
and Preschool Secretary,
Mary Fremer.
Mary will begin on
January 1st, 2023



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!



Christmas Cards are
for sale in the
narthex. Sunday
school sells them at
a very reasonable
cost. Please put your
payment in the
payment box on the
table.





BIRTHDAY

Dec 1 Jerry Brandt
 Dec 1 Morgan Zunker
 Dec 2 Tanya Zander
 Dec 4 Dennis Grunewald
 Dec 4 Rene Landwehr
 Dec 4 Rylee Jo Yinko
 Dec 7 Bob Peter
 Dec 8 Miken Grunewald
 Dec 9 Steve Schobert
 Dec 11 Viki Grunewald
 Dec 12 Janelle Liermann
 Dec 13 Mariah Grunewald
 Dec 13 Richard Horness
 Dec 13 Todd Lindekugel
 Dec 14 James Post
 Dec 15 Margaret Born
 Dec 16 Linda Plocar
 Dec 17 Victoria Stelter
 Dec 18 Todd Berglund
 Dec 18 Arwin Herzog
 Dec 18 Roger Lieftring
 Dec 18 Eric Stelter
 Dec 18 Michael Wiltzius
 Dec 19 Parker Born
 Dec 19 Eli Erdmann
 Dec 19 Ron Marks
 Dec 20 Linda Hopf
 Dec 20 Leah Parnitzke
 Dec 20 Lucy Roediger
 Dec 21 John Born
 Dec 21 Harrison Reiss
 Dec 23 Kimberly Allen

Dec 27 Valeta Burkhardt
 Dec 28 Jamie Hansen
 Dec 28 Gordon Heffernan
 Dec 28 Claire McCraw
 Dec 29 Logan Fremer
 Dec 29 Kevin Neese
 Dec 30 Noah Bender
 Dec 30 Sandy Marthenze
 Dec 30 Greyson Reiss
 Dec 30 Owen Timm
 Dec 31 Bradley Born
 Dec 31 Debbie Grunewald

December ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 1 Brian and Theresa Baumann (8)
 Dec 10 John and Sue Born (34)
 Dec 12 Steve and Sara Schobert (24)
 Dec 15 Joe and Viki Grunewald (21)
 Dec 20 Tanya Zander and Jared (18)
 Dec 22 Debbie Henschel and Randy Henschel (21)
 Dec 22 Mike and Rita Winter (49)
 Dec 31 Mark and Angie Schorer (23)

Traveling Bulletins

Marianne and Al Opgenorth , Grace Lutheran - Menominee Falls, WI
 Susie Sixel - Sheboygan Falls, WI - St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 Kathy Schmid, Village Lutheran Church, LaDue Missouri

The December Newsletter and the December 11th bulletin is sponsored by Dick Horness in honor of his birthday on December 13th. Happy Birthday Dick. God's Blessings to you.

The December 4th Altar flowers are for MiKena Grunewald's 17th birthday. Love Mom, Dad, Karly, Chloe. Happy Birthday MiKena. May God bless your special day.

The December 11th Altar flowers are in honor of Margaret Born's Birthday. Happy Birthday Margaret. God's many blessings to you.

The December 11th Tall Pedestal Flowers are given from Connie Mallmann in memory of her Mother and Father.

The December 18th flowers are given by Susie Sixel in memory of her husband Jeff.

The December 25th altar flowers are from grandma for Claire McCraw's birthday. Happy Birthday Claire. May God bless your special day.

December 14th Voters Meeting to approve the budget.

Following the Evening Advent Worship Service

The Sunday school Christmas Program is on December 18th at 10:30am. Our 10:30am worship service will be the Children's Christmas Program.

Rehearsal
Dec. 17th: 10-11am

Christmas and New Year's Eve Worship Schedule

Dec. 24th: 4:30 & 6:30pm
Dec. 25th: 9:30am
December 31: 4:30pm

Scrip News - The last day to special order scrip cards will be Sunday, December 11. You can pick them up on December 18th. This will also be the last day for buying cards for 3 weeks since December 25th and January 1 will be on Sundays. You can use scrip for all your shopping needs. Groceries, gas, restaurants, etc. They also make good gifts for those difficult to shop for. Any Questions, please ask the sellers. Remember, the church gets money back for every card you buy.

Sharing blessings - this year we are again collecting items for Sheboygan County Health and Human Services. We will be collecting the first 2 weeks in December. The items will be picked up on December 13th. As in previous years, we have collected personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies. Those items include hair products, lotions, deodorants, toothpaste, shaving supplies, feminine hygiene products, etc. Cleaning and kitchen items include laundry products, dish soap, Kleenex, Saran wrap, foil and more. We will also be collecting baby items- diapers, wipes, blankets, clothes, etc. There is always a need for teen items as they tend to be forgotten. Always welcome are gift (scrip) cards if you prefer that to shopping. Please donate only NEW unwrapped items.

There will be large marked boxes in the narthex for your donations.

Trinity has always been a large contributor to this mission and we are praying that you open your hearts to those in need. Any questions, contact Susie Sixel or Robie Scharinger.

CWF met Monday November 14, 2022, with President Mary Lou Neumann presiding. Kathy had opening devotions "Give Thanks to the Lord."

For November the LWML Mission Grant Story was "Building Relationships Which Spreading the Gospel in Belize-\$100,000. Denita had the Federwitz Prayer.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUSINESS MEETING:

Love Packets were put together by each member putting in tasty food and drink items and other treats for our Church's 10 College students to enjoy. The Love Packets should be picked up after one of our Thanksgiving services.

CWF will again be having the "Thanksgiving Food Drive" the Sunday before Thanksgiving November 20 and Thanksgiving Eve November 23 or Thanksgiving Day 24. The food items will be taken and donated to St. Marks Food pantry.

We had election of new officers: Denita will be our new President and Mary Lou will be our new Secretary. They will hold a two-year term.

The deadline to apply for "The Love of Christ Scholarships Fund", to provide financial assistance to attend district LWML events is December 1, 2022.

CWF will put a White Poinsettia on the altar for Advent.

Thank yous were shared to our Secret Sister.

We sang "Come ye Thankful People Come" for Shelley Birthday.

December meeting will be our Christmas Potluck Supper and we will reveal ourselves to our 2022 Secret Sister with a gift. A New Secret Sister name will be drawn for 2023. We said the Lord's Prayer for closing devotion.

Before our meeting Dale & Linda had a presentation and slide show of their trip this last June to Germany for the Oberammergau Passion Play and then on to the Holy land where they saw the Sea of Galilee, Church of the Nativity, Room of the Last Supper, Jerusalem, The Dead Sea, The way of the Cross, Church of Holy Sepulcher, and many other sites. Their presentation was enjoyed by all.

1. Praise God for the blessings of a new month.
2. Pray for the sick and shut-ins.
3. Pray for the Elders of our church.
4. Prepare yourself for receiving the Lord's Supper.
5. Thank God for the freedom of religion.
6. Pray for the Men's Club.
7. Attend the Advent Worship Service.
8. Thank God for Preschool. Bless the children, their families and teacher.
9. Pray for all missionaries serving around the world.
10. Pray for our Government.
11. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.
12. Bless the fellowship at the Christian Women's Fellowship Christmas Party.
13. Pray for your neighbors.
14. Invite someone to go with you to Advent worship.
15. Pray for Concordia University students and teachers.
16. Thank God for the year's crops from fields and gardens.
17. Pray for our Nation.
18. Pray for Sunday school children. May they be filled with the knowledge of God's Word.
19. Pray for the Sheboygan Hispanic Ministry.
20. Praise God for time, talents, treasures.
21. Pray for our Confirmation classes.
22. Pray for our Military Service Men and Women to keep them safe.
23. Pray for safe traveling.
24. Attend Christmas Eve Family Worship.
25. Go tell it on the mountain. Share the news of the Saviors birth with all that you meet today.
26. Pray for Lutheran's for Life.
27. Pray the Lord Guides your way.
28. Pray for strength to overcome temptations.
29. Pray for Lutheran High school, Teachers and Families.
30. Pray the food pantries stay stocked.
31. Thank God for all the blessings you have been given this past year.

The prayer calendar is written by Members of Christian Women's Fellowship.

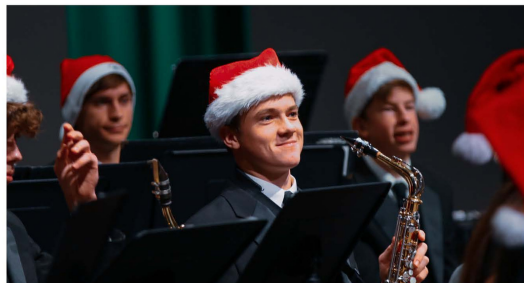
LHS Hallway Happenings

A Lutheran High Christmas

Join the LHS music department as we celebrate the birth of our Savior through the gift of music.

Saturday, December 17 | 7 pm

Sunday, December 18 | 2 pm



The concert is free and open to the public. Reserve your seats online at lutheranhigh.com beginning November 30.

Open House & Freshman Registration

Do you know a current 8th grader who could benefit from a high school experience at LHS? Encourage them to learn more at our next Open House! Contact Derek Bult at bult@lutheranhigh.com with information.

Thursday, January 26 | 5-7 pm

Tour the facility, meet with leaders and teachers, and register for the 2023-2024 school year.

Neat Repeats Is On the Move

Lutheran High's resale store is in the process of relocating. It will be moving just a touch to the right of its current location in Plymouth. Watch for opportunities to assist with the move in upcoming months, and be sure to support the store as you tackle your Christmas lists!

For hours, volunteer opportunities & more visit:
NeatRepeatsThriftShop.com

Student Leaders of the Month

November 2022

The following students have been recognized for their service, behavior, leadership, attitude & academic achievements.

SENIOR: Beth Milatz

Bethlehem Lutheran - Sheboygan

JUNIOR: Peyton Roethel

Trinity Lutheran - Sheboygan

SOPHOMORE: Gabriella Fredericks

Bethlehem Lutheran - Sheboygan

FRESHMAN: Owen Adameak

Bethlehem Lutheran - Sheboygan

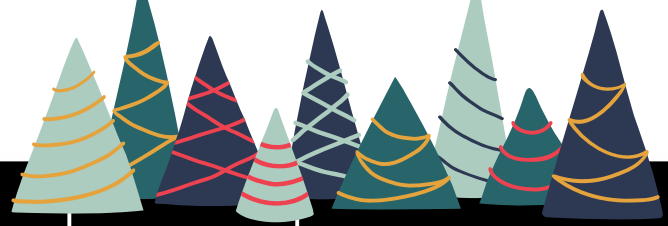
Return to State

Congratulations to the 2022 Boys Soccer Team on their outstanding season! The co-op team of Sheboygan Lutheran / Sheboygan Christian had a regular season record of 18-1-1, clinched conference, regional & sectional championship titles, and finished as runners up at the WIAA Division 4 state championship. To God be the glory!



"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."
Luke 14:11

Those serving at our worship services in December



Date	Time	Acolytes	Greeters		
4	8:00am 10:30am	Andie Koenig, Matthew Koenig Rylan Bahr, Matthew Schukow	Betty Butler Kathy Schmid	Scott Timm	December 4 Rita Milbrath, Susie Sixel December 5-18 Ann Parnitzke, Patsy Sixel December 19-January 1 Kristin Reiss Robie Scharinger
7	6:30pm	Emily Harris	Alan Bramstedt, Joshua Schorer	Lance Liermann	December Ushers Team 3, Team 6
11	8:00am 10:30am	Emmet Kunze, Greyson Reiss Emily Harris, Chloe Grunewald	Peter and Kathy Franz Mark and Angie Schorer	Craig Lallensack	December Elders Scott Plocar Jim Post
14	6:30pm	Bryce Peter	Janice Lieftring Larry and Kris Bender	Lance Liermann	
18	8:00am 10:30am	Cooper Schmidt, Brody Timm Bryce Peter, Joey Senkbeil	Jack and Sue Kober Barb Wolfert	Jim Post	
24	4:30pm 6:30pm	Brody Timm, Macey Schueler If someone is able to acolyte, please let the office know.	Jean Hiebing Dale and Linda Hopf	Craig Lallensack	
25	9:30am	Joey Senkbeil, Rylan Bahr	Richard Boje	Lance Liermann	
31	4:30pm	Kaitlyn Koenig	Judy Luecke	Volunteer	

Thank you

You all know how I am about **MY** mistakes so I had to add this to my last newsletter. I am my worst critic. I thought about putting some of my mistakes as a blooper page in this newsletter, but truthfully would need much more space. 😊😊

I just wanted to say thank you to my church family for allowing me to be the Secretary for the last 10 1/2 years. Your kindness has been so appreciated. There has never been a day I dreaded coming to work. It has been an honor, and I thank the Lord he chose me to do this job. Where else can you go to work and freely pray or read the Bible? The best benefit ever.

God's Blessings to our new Secretary, Mary Fremer.

She is so sweet and kind. You will love her.

Many thanks and God's many Blessings to you all. Toni



Sunday

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

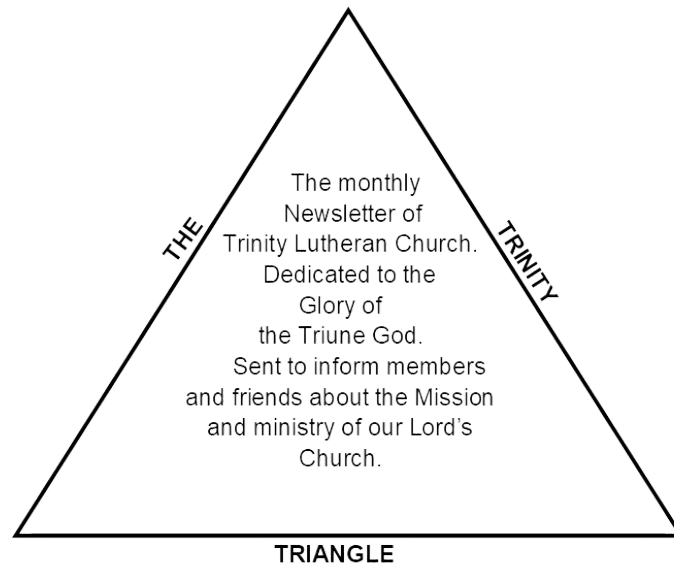
<p>4 ⁺ 8 & 10:30am Worship with H/C 9:15am Bible Study & Sunday school</p>	<p>5 ⁺ 8:30am Preschool 10:00am Hands for Hope Meeting Quilters</p>	<p>6 8:30am Preschool 6:00pm Men's Club Christmas Party</p>	<p>7 8:30am Preschool 10:30am & 6:30pm Advent Worship 4-6:15pm Confirmation <i>Advent Meals after morning worship and 5-6:15pm.</i></p>	<p>8 8:30am Preschool</p>	<p>9 8:30am Preschool</p>	<p>10 </p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am Bible Study & Sunday school</p>	<p>12 8:30am Preschool 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Christian Women's</p>	<p>13 8:30am Preschool</p>	<p>14 8:30am Preschool 10:30am & 6:30pm Advent Worship 4-6:15pm Confirmation <i>Advent Meals after morning worship and 5-6:15pm.</i> <i>Budget Voters Meeting will follow the Evening Worship Service.</i></p>	<p>15 8:30am Preschool</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 10:00-11am Christmas Program Rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8:00am Worship with H/C 9:15am Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30am Worship – No Communion. The Christmas Program will be the 10:30am Worship Service.</p>	<p>19 8:30am Preschool 1:00pm Quilters</p>	<p>20 8:30am Preschool 6:00pm Education Meeting 6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>21 8:30am Preschool 4-6pm Confirmation</p>	<p>22 8:30am Preschool</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 4:30 & 6:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship </p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 9:30am Christmas Day Worship with H/C </p>	<p>26 No Preschool Christmas Break</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 No Confirmation</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 4:30pm New Year's Eve Worship with H/C</p>	<p>31</p>

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST is asking for your help. Love INC, Sheboygan County, has over 200 volunteers and 41 Christian churches along with community agencies helping neighbors in need. We do not judge and we believe you are important to God. We help provide for physical needs and help you with the underlying conditions that might be causing your current situations.

Currently we need feminine hygiene products such as tampons and pads for our Personal Care Kit. Also, new, standard size towels.

Because we are growing, we are in need of volunteers. Opportunities for furniture pickup or delivery in our Furniture Ministry, Intake Specialist who answer calls for help and give/get pertinent information, Neighbor Liaisons who call on neighbors after receiving help to see how they are doing.

For more information go to our website www.loveincsheboygancounty.org or call 920-783-6701. You may also get in contact with me at barbjwolf@yahoo.com



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