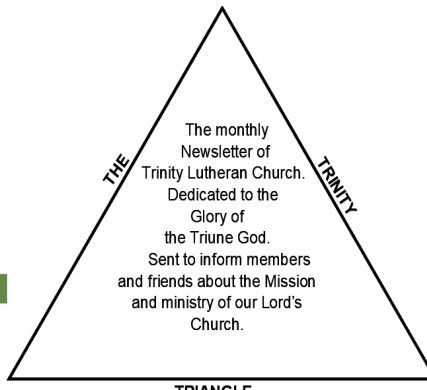


Trinity Triangle

DECEMBER 2023



December Special Offering:

Concordia University Wisconsin

C.U.W. in Mequon is owned and operated by the LCMS and it provides a Christian Education for students preparing for occupations in many walks of life.

Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool

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Worship Schedule



Worship: 8:00am & 10:30am
Sunday School and Adult Bible
Class: 9:15am



SPECIAL DATES:

December 17: Children's Christmas Program during the 10:30AM Service

December 24: No Morning Worship or Sunday School. Service Times: 4:30PM & 6:30PM

December 25: Christmas Day Worship 9:00AM



Advent Worship Services

Wednesdays at 10:30AM and 6:30PM

December 6th

December 13th

December 20th

Advent meals will be offered on Wednesdays after the morning worship service and also from 5-6:15pm. A free will offering will be accepted during the meals.



Annual Report and Directory.

Please get your committee information and any photos to me for the Annual Report by December 13th. (Financials can be submitted when they're available.)

Also, if you have moved or have a new phone number, please let me know for the directory. Thank you!

-Mary.

Piles of Rock

Just after the Israelites crossed over the Jordan to conquer the Canaanites, God commanded them to pile up rocks. River rocks. **Joshua 4:4-7:** **“Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. ⁵And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, ⁶that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ ⁷then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”**

The rocks had a point. They were to be a monument, a reminder, a spur to tell a story to children. In Joshua's time, the crossing of the Jordan was to make it very clear to the Israelites that God was with them, that God was with *Joshua*, just like God was with Moses. In later times, they would give Israelites something to use to tell their children the story.

We still pile rocks. We build. We weave. We sing. We carve. God has given our hands the gift of craft, of beauty. We create symbols to beautify our church, we carve them and fix them with reminders. The cross as a reminder of Jesus' suffering for us. The altar as a reminder of sacrifice. The stained glass contains pictures and scenes from the Bible, teaching our eyes. We write the names of Gospel writers and saints into our churches. We fill our buildings with songs about God and His work. I have stood in many churches. I have read their constitutions, I have seen their cornerstones, I have read dedications. All of them say some variation of “we do this for the glory of God.” And they do.

But why? What does God care for buildings made of stone, or carved wood, or colored glass? He is the Creator of the universe, He owns all. Well, Joshua reminds us of what God's glory is. God glories in keeping promises and reminding people about those promises. God glories in us remembering what He has done for us. Everything you see in church is a reminder, a touchstone, a thing to help you remember what all this is about: Jesus saving us from our sins.

That is why these things please Him. That is why your artwork, your industry, your dedication, your banners, and glass, and songs, and prayers, and everything else pleases Him. You do it to show His promises. It doesn't have to be fancy. For the Israelites, it was rocks, undressed, straight from the river Jordan. That's all it took to make God smile, because He commanded the Israelites to commemorate, to remember, and to tell the story.

Look around your church. See something you haven't seen before. If you've seen it all, try to see it with fresh eyes. If you're stuck at home, look at your religious art. Your little family cross, or your paintings. If you don't have any of those, look at your Bible. Remember that all of this teaches something, all of it means something, and that we build it to remember Jesus and God's enduring promises.

Not bad for piles of rock.

-Pastor Fremer

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

Fall Leaf Fun!



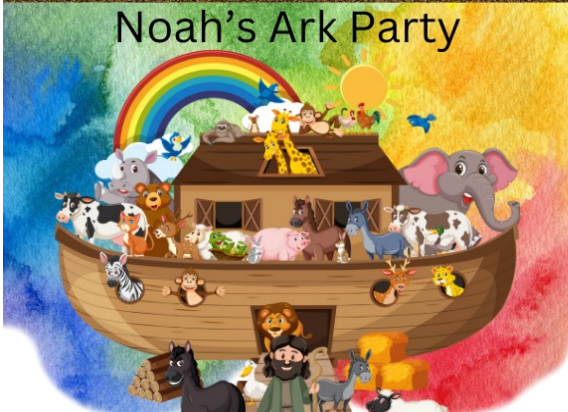
The
Trinity
Preschool
wish tree is

in the narthex. If you would like to
purchase a gift for the preschool, 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!



Noah's Ark Party



Water Table Experiments!



Christian Women's Fellowship

- CWF met Monday, November 13, 2023, with president Denita Krause presiding, she welcomed our visitors.
- Morgan had our opening devotion. "Prayer & Thanksgiving together" Colossians 4: 2
- Sang "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" for Shelley's birthday.
- Secretary/Treasurer reports not read, as they were sent by email for review. No additions or corrections, and both were approved.
- LWML grant was sent by email. Grant No. 2, "Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota. \$100,000
- New Business: Discussed charity donations for Christmas Gift & Dimes Project.
- Read letter from Alvina Federwitz about her children and where offerings go for LBT.
- Winter Get Away, February 2&3, at Milwaukee Marriott West.
- Denita handed out assignments for 2024.
- Old Business: Denita told about Zone 9, Fall Rally, Saturday October 21, 2023.
- Reviewed CWF Constitution. Voted to put Article 9 under Treasurer section.
- Discussed putting Fall decorations on the windows sooner, on the first Sunday of November.
- Love Packets were put together for 7 college students, will be picked up at our Thanksgiving Services.
- December 11 meeting will be our Christmas Potluck Supper. Each member brings a matching plate, cup, and saucer. We will reveal ourselves to our 2023 Secret Sisters with a gift that evening. A new Secret Sister name will be drawn for 2024. Would also like you to tell of a Christmas memory.
- We will be decorating for Advent & Christmas, Tuesday November 28th, at 9:00 am.
- Set up table for food collection in back of church, for November 19, 22, 23, & 26. The food items will be taken to St. Marks Food Pantry after decorating the church.
- Read the LWML Pledge together.
- Janice had our closing devotion, "Veterans Day"
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.
- CWF will put a white poinsettia on the altar for Advent.

December

Prayer Calendar

-Submitted by CWF-

1
Pray for
parents to bring
their children
to church.

2
Pray for our
pastor and his
family.

3
Pray for our
elders and their
families.

4
Pray for
schoolteachers.

5
Pray for the
Government.

6
Pray for the
shut-ins in the
congregation.

7
Pray for your
neighbors and
friends.

8
Pray for family
problems to be
resolved.

9
Pray you have
Advent in your
heart.

10
Go to Church
and Bible
Class.

11
Pray for the
sick.

12
Pray for your
children and
grandchildren.

13
Come to Advent
services.

14
Pray you have
a meaningful
Christmas.

15
Pray for
Sunday School
teachers.

16
Pray for the
Armed
Services.

17
Come to the
Children's
Christmas
Program.

18
Pray for the
teens to come
back to
church.

19
Pray for the
young couples.

20
Come to the
Last Advent
Service.

21
Take time to
enjoy the
season.

22
The season
isn't about gifts;
pray you keep
this in mind.

23
Pray you
keep the spirit
of Christmas in
your heart.

24
Go to the
Christmas Eve
Church Service.

25
Spend time
with family and
thank God for
the day.

26
While you clean
up, remember
family in your
prayers.

27
Leave all your
troubles
to God.

28
Pray for the
people at war.

29
Pray for a
peaceful year.

30
Pray for other
countries.

31
May everyone
have a Happy
New Year!

Elder's Corner

Well, another year is quickly coming to an end. Everyone is settling in for the cold weather and getting their houses and yards ready for upcoming snow. A lot of people probably started their Christmas shopping already or might even be done. Most of us are planning family get-togethers, big meals, and when we are going to open all the gifts that have been bought. One thing we can't forget is the "REASON FOR THE SEASON". Our savior was born on Christmas Day. With the help from God, Jesus Christ was born to save all our lives from sin. ~ John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Yes, it is nice to get gifts from family and friends, but we cannot forget the biggest gift of all. Jesus Christ was born to live with us to circulate God's word and at the end, to die and save all of our lives from sin. Isaiah 9:6 says, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." I think we all know how the story goes but there are many church services that are available to renew our spirit in God's word. We will have extra advent services, our normal church services and children's program before the big day of His birth, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Luke 2:11 says "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." All these programs help remind us of what the reason for the season is all about.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Christmas Caroling

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

MEET AT: 1:00PM

RETURN TO CHURCH APPROX: 5:30PM

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Hygiene products for men, women, and teens
Household paper products
Laundry/cleaning supplies
Baby items: Diapers
Formula
Blankets
etc

DECEMBER 3-10

SCRIP CARDS ARE ALSO WELCOME



Check out the Christmas cards for sale in the narthex. Sunday school sells them at a very reasonable cost. Please put your payment in the box on the table. Checks can be made out to Trinity Lutheran Sunday School.



We will again be offering Poinsettias to purchase. Your options are red, pink, or marble (white with red marking) and they cost \$11 each. They are 6.5" and will have four to six blooms. Please let Connie (Dan) Bitter know by Friday, December 9th how many you would like. Payments should be made with the order - cash or checks made out to Trinity Altar Guild. You can take them with you after the Christmas Eve late service. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Bitter at (920) 226-0803. (They are very low on white, so we won't be offering those this year.)



Scrip cards are such an easy way to do your Christmas shopping. We have many cards in stock and there are 100s of cards that can be ordered. The last day to special order cards will be **December 10th**. You can pick them up on the 17th. That will be the last selling day until January 7th. Remember you are supporting your church by buying scrip!

HANDS FOR HOPE

Christmas

CRAFT SALE

Located in the narthex. Prices are as marked and bags are provided under the tables. Thank you for your support!






DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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 9 Steve Schobert
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 Clayton Milbrath
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 Addison Goosen
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
Dec 31 Arima Seifert



Dec 1 Brian and Theresa Baumann (9)
Dec 10 John and Sue Born (35)
Dec 12 Steve and Sara Schobert (25)
Dec 20 Tanya Zander and Jared (19)
Dec 22 Debbie and Randy Henschel (22)
Dec 22 Mike and Rita Winter (50)
Dec 29 Melissa and Derek Schukow (16)
Dec 31 Mark and Angie Schorer (24)



ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

DECEMBER 3

SUSAN SIXEL IN MEMORY OF HUSBAND JEFFREY

DECEMBER 17

MARGARET BORN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY FROM HER FAMILY

DECEMBER 24

MIKE AND RITA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER 31

CLAIRE MCCRAW'S BIRTHDAY

(WHITE POINSETTIA IN FRONT OF CHURCH IS FROM CWF)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>
Dec 3	8:00am 10:30am	Emmett Kunze and Cooper Schmidt Emily Harris	Betty Butler Nathan and Jennie Cassity	Lance Liermann
Dec 6	10:30am 6:30pm	Andie Koenig and Macey Schuler	Al Bramstedt Kathy Schmid	Mark Schorer
Dec 10	8:00am 10:30am	Andie Koenig and Avery Sachse Bryce Peter and Ethan Fenn	Peter and Kathy Franz Josh Schorer	Scott Timm
Dec 13	10:30am 6:30pm	Brody Timm and Owen Timm	Janice Lieftring Mark and Angie Schorer	Lance Liermann
Dec 17	8:00am 10:30am	Emmett Kunze and Cooper Schmidt Emily Harris	Jack and Sue Kober Larry and Kris Bender	Josh Schorer
Dec 20	10:30am 6:30pm	Ethan Fenn	Jean Heibing Barb Wolfert	
Dec 24	4:30pm 6:30pm	Brody Timm and Owen Timm Bryce Peter and Rylan Bahr	Rich Boje Dale and Linda Hopf	Craig Lallensack
Dec 25	9:00am	Andie Koenig and Macey Schuler	Scott and Linda Plocar	Lance Liermann
Dec 31	8:00am 10:30am	Emmett Kunze Ethan Fenn	Dave and Robie Scharinger Judy Luecke	Mark Schorer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Dec 6</u>	Team 1
Nov 20-Dec 3	Wendy Forward and Debbie Henschel	8:00am	Team 5	Scott Plocar	Dec 13	Team 6
Dec 4-Dec 17	Janice Lieftring and Kathy Shircel	10:30am	Team 2	Jim Post	Dec 20	
Dec 18-Dec 31	Connie Bitter and Linda Plocar					



Living Nativity



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Howards Grove

Continuing to share the GOOD NEWS ! This is our 21st year! Come! Celebrate the birth of Jesus! In celebration of the Good News of Jesus' birth, our congregation has been busy preparing for our live-outdoor presentation of the Nativity. God blessed us 21 years ago to begin this event and now 21 years later, we continue that blessing! The presentation is always the first weekend in December and is scheduled for Friday, December 1st, Saturday, December 2nd, Sunday, December 3rd and runs every 20 minutes. Times for Friday and Saturday are 6:00pm to 9:00pm and the time for Sunday is 4:00pm to 7:00pm. In addition, we will feature signed presentations for the hearing impaired on December 2nd at 6:00pm, 7:00pm and 8:00 pm. Admission is free and so are parking and refreshments. All guests are invited to come into our gym, decorated as the town of Bethlehem at night, to warm up and enjoy hot chocolate, warm cider, cookies and listen to musical entertainment. We also feature a special display of interesting Nativity sets owned by members of St. Paul's. You will find the display in the commons. This year, the construction on our PreK & Kindergarten addition to our school has been completed and we have relocated the stable back to its usual area. It still is an easy journey to the stable and Bethlehem (gym).

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
441 Millersville Avenue
Howards Grove, WI 53083
(920) 565-3780
www.stpaulshowardsgrove.org

Friday, December 1st - 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, December 2nd - 6-9 p.m.

Sunday, December 3rd - 4-7 p.m.

Signed Presentations for the Hearing Impaired

Saturday, December 2nd at 6, 7, & 8 p.m.

Deutscher Weihnachtsgottesdienst

German Christmas Service

Preacher: Rev. Don
Hougard, Benediction-
Milwaukee

Join us for a time of fellowship complete with cider, hot chocolate, Christmas cookies, and Stollen after the service. Bring your relatives, your friends and your neighbors to help us keep our German traditions of holiday, family, and church alive.

December 10th 2:00 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church
824 Wisconsin Ave.
Downtown Sheboygan





Upcoming Sales:

11/28-12/2 Toys, Games & Puzzles 50% Off
12/5-12/9 Purses, Duffels & Luggage 50% Off
12/12 30% Off Everything in the Store
12/13-12/16 Christmas Items 50% Off

Store Hours:

Tuesday thru Friday: 9:30am-5:00pm

Saturdays: 9:30am-4:00pm

Sundays and Mondays - Closed



Long-term Substitute Needed: Trinity Lutheran School in Sheboygan is in need of a long-term substitute for third grade starting January 2nd and going through the end of the school year (May 23rd). If you know of someone who can help fill this position, please contact Principal Jenna Roeske in the school office (920-458-8248) or via email (roeske@trinitysheboygan.org) as soon as possible.

Traveling Bulletins

Karen Plocar: Trinity Lutheran-Kiel, WI

Mark Plocar: Tabor Lutheran Church-Mountain, WI

Jerry Brandt: City Church-Sheboygan, WI

Tim and Shelley Gessler: Faith Lutheran Church-Appleton, WI

Peter and Kathy Franz: St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church-Rockford, IL

Susie Sixel: St. Paul Lutheran Church-Sheboygan Falls, WI

Dan Born: Ascension Lutheran Church-Minocqua, WI



LOST AND FOUND:

A child-sized pair of glasses were left on our playground. Please contact the office at (920) 565-3669 or secretary@trinityhowardsgrove.org.

DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

3
8:00AM Worship with Communion
9:15AM Sunday School/Bible Class
10:30AM Worship with Communion

10
8:00AM Worship
9:15AM Sunday School/Bible Class
10:30AM Worship

17
8:00AM Worship with Communion
9:15AM Sunday School/Bible Class
10:30AM Sunday School Christmas Program

24
4:30PM Worship
NO Sunday School/Bible Class
6:30PM Worship

31
8:00AM Worship
NO Sunday School/Bible Class
10:30AM Worship

4
8:30AM Preschool
1:00PM Quilting

11
8:30AM Preschool
1:00PM Quilting
6:30PM Christian Women's Fellowship Christmas Potluck

18
8:30AM Preschool
1:00PM Quilting

25
NO PRESCHOOL
9:00AM Worship with Communion

5
8:30AM Preschool
6:00PM Men's Club Christmas Dinner

12
8:30AM Preschool

19
8:30AM Preschool
6:00PM Education Committee
6:30PM Elder's Meeting
7:30PM Council Meeting

26
NO PRESCHOOL


After the 10:30AM Service and from 5:00-6:15PM.

6
8:30AM Preschool
10:30AM Advent Worship
4:00PM Confirmation
6:30PM Advent Worship
7:15PM Elder's Meeting

13
8:30AM Preschool
10:30AM Advent Worship
4:00PM Confirmation
6:30PM Advent Worship
7:15PM Budget Meeting (Council Chairpersons)

20
8:30AM Preschool
10:30AM Advent Worship
4:00PM Confirmation
6:30PM Advent Worship

27
NO PRESCHOOL
NO CONFIRMATION

1

8

7
8:30AM Preschool
7:15PM Dartball Mustangs @ Tigers

14
8:30AM Preschool
7:15PM Dartball Tigers @ Eagles

21
8:30AM Preschool

28
NO PRESCHOOL
CLASS RESUMES
JANUARY 3

2
Christmas Caroling
1:00PM-5:30PM

16
10:00AM-11:00AM Christmas Program Practice

23

30