



HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!

News for the week of January 5, 2025

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

- **Lauren Merkle**, undergoing tests
- **Brandon & Sydni Adler** upon the birth of a healthy baby
- **Lisa** (friend of Trinity), suffering terminal cancer
- **The family of Ron Allen**, called to eternal life Dec. 28
- **The family of Roger Heiden** (brother of Mary Lou Opfermann), called to eternal life Dec. 29

FAITH, FAMILY AND FUN – SESSION 2 Our Wednesday night gatherings resume January 8 – please join us for dinner (5p) and a new slate of studies for youth and adults of all ages (5:45p). Children ages 3-10 are invited to attend class with **Children's Ministry** Lead Stacey Wigman in the Faith's Odyssey Classroom, **middle school youth** (grades 6-8) may join Tracey Hackbarth for their own time of learning and fellowship in the Art/Music Room, Pastor Duerr will work through the **confirmation** curriculum with parents of middle and high school students in Meeting Room 2, Tammie Lansingh and Debbie Dushane will lead a "**Pray Boldly**" prayer group in Meeting Room 1, families registered for the **Financial Peace University** program will join Ashley Sulfaro in the chapel, women are welcome to attend Bonnie Mann and Alison Beeker's **women's Bible study** in Graceful Grounds, and all those wishing to deepen or refresh their understanding of what we believe, teach, and confess are encouraged to join Pastor Carrier for **Lutheran Theology** in the gym. Questions? Please contact the office (734-242-2308). Hope to see you on Wednesday!



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY The cost of everything keeps going up, and programs like Financial Peace are helping families counter rising costs by using their money wisely. Beginning January 8th at 5:45pm, Ashley Sulfaro will teach a 9-week Financial Peace University course. This is a program designed to help families manage their God-given financial resources to best care for their families and community. This is one of our class offerings in January for Faith, Family and Fun – join us for a meal (starting at 5pm) and, if you have children, let them enjoy our children's ministry study and activities (5:45p) while you take your own class. To make the Financial Peace program more affordable for families, Trinity has purchased 10 copies of the course at a reduced price (\$60; regular program cost is \$154). We'll sell these 10 kits at cost to the first 10 people who sign up for the class. Please call Sirena in the office (734-242-2308) to purchase your copy. If you don't receive one of our kits and still desire to take the class, we'd love to have you – we'll provide information on purchasing your own copy online. At Trinity, we believe that managing all our resources (time, talents, and treasures) is important, and we want to help equip you to find financial peace. – Pastor Duerr

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING Could you lend a hand? We're in need of volunteers to help take down and store Christmas decorations in the church on Saturday, Jan. 11, beginning at 9:30am. For more information, please contact Shelly Vorrath, or call the office.

WinGS The January WinGS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 12:30pm in Graceful Grounds. Bring a sack lunch and come enjoy Christian fellowship! All ladies of the congregation are welcome. In preparation for next Tuesday's gathering, women are encouraged to gather items to benefit CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) children in Monroe (most are between 0-8 years old). Suggested donations include books, games, coloring supplies and books, STEAM-based (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) educational activity kits, hats, mittens, gloves, or any other gender-neutral gifts.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you attend the 10:30am service on Sunday mornings and have a few minutes to spare afterwards, we'd greatly appreciate your help! We're in need of volunteers to set up tables and chairs for Trinity's Sunday night family meal. Don't attend the 10:30a service, but still desire to support this community outreach program? Volunteers are also needed to greet attendees and serve as security hosts, lead a Bible study, help with food prep, and clean up after the meal. Please contact Pastor Carrier, Rich Hackbarth, or the office with questions.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE The 2025 Michigan District Theological Conference is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 1, at Our Savior Lutheran in Lansing. This year's theme is "We Are Not Alone: Engaging Your Community Together", and keynote speakers include Rev. Jeff Cloeter, Dr. Rachel Ferguson, Rev. Dr. Joel Okamoto, and Rev. Isaiah Turner. General registration is \$35 (student price is \$25) and includes a boxed lunch, or you may register to view the livestream at no cost. Visit michigandistrict.org/theological25 for more information or to register online.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT In need of medical equipment, or seeking a place to donate gently used items? Erie VFW Post Commander Thomas Sancrant collects, refurbishes, and distributes medical equipment of all kinds (free of charge). Contact Thomas at 734-755-0956 or post3925@vfwmi.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor/memory of someone, contact Shelly Vorrath at (734) 621-3548 or email: 1wyldkingdom@comcast.net. The sign-up board is posted on the wall near the rear of the sanctuary. If you sign up on the flower board, please include your phone number and email address.



THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

(Please contact the church office for more information)

Sunday, 1/5: Worship @ 8:30a – HC (*usher team A-2*)
Bible Study @ 9:30am in Graceful Grounds
Worship @ 10:30a (*usher team D-1*)
Trinity Family Meal @ 6p

Monday, 1/6: *School Resumes*
Stephen Ministry @ 6:30p in Graceful Gr.

Tuesday, 1/7: Stephen Ministry @ 6:30p in Graceful Gr.
Choir @ 7p in the chapel

Wednesday, 1/8: Agape @ 9a & 11:30a in Graceful Grounds
Faith, Family and Fun @ 5p in the gym

Saturday, 1/11: Bible Study @ 9a in Graceful Grounds
Braille @ 9a in the church basement
Worship @ 6p (*usher team C-3*)

12/24 attendance: 3:00p – 154 6:00p – 258 11:00p – 131

12/28 & 12/29 attendance: 6:00p – 63 8:30a – 71 10:30a – 66

THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

Readings for this weekend's services include 1 Kings 3:4-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Luke 2:40-52

In him we have redemption
through his blood,
the forgiveness of sins,
in accordance with the
riches of God's grace that he
lavished on us.

Ephesians 1:7-8a



How to Watch / Worship / Join Us!

Weekend Worship –

- In Trinity Sanctuary - Times: Sat. 6 p.m. and Sun. 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Facebook LIVE - Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (or later on our website)

Blessings from all of us at Trinity!

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