



**HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!**  
News for the week of December 1, 2024

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

- **Robert Berns**, hospitalized this week
- **Gregory Lansingh**, preparing for the removal of a cancerous polyp
- **The family of Rev. Jeffrey Walsh**, called to eternal life Nov. 21

**GUEST PASTOR** We welcome Rev. John Schinkel, pastor emeritus, to Trinity this weekend. Please keep Pastor Schinkel in your prayers as he prepares to visit.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** Pocket, digest, and large print copies of the January-March edition of *Portals of Prayer* are available on the information tables in the church. Please take one! Daily readings include a Bible passage, meditation, and prayer. A collection of specific prayers is also included. If you're looking for a simple way to begin your day with God's Word, encourage family members, or share your faith with a friend, this devotional is a great resource!



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE** Board president Jim Vallade shares the following: The Trinity Lutheran Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, October 15. The preliminary unaudited year-to-date financial statements as of 9/30/24 were presented and reflected the following: Year-to-Date Revenues -\$995,413; Year-to-Date Expenses -\$667,384; Year-to-Date Surplus -\$328,029. The Board approved the annual audit. The Board approved Staff Tuition Fund grants and Staff Housing allowances. The Board approved the addition of a part-time custodial position. The Board discussed the ongoing policy and procedure review. The Board approved the agenda for the upcoming voters' meeting. The nominating committee recommended Tom Morgan as a new Board member. This is a replacement for Ashley Sulfaro who is retiring from the Board. Cathy Toburen and Don French agreed to continue serving on the Board. The congregation will be asked to approve these candidates at the upcoming voters' meeting.

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES** Offering envelopes are available on a table in the narthex. Please pick up your box this weekend.

**ISRAEL TOUR SURVEY** Pastor Duerr is seeking input on a possible June 2025 Israel tour. To share your thoughts, please [click here](#).

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** The altar guild will again offer poinsettias for purchase to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Plants may be ordered in memory or honor of a loved one or special occasion. Order forms are available in the church or office, and **forms and payment are due by Monday, December 9**. Red and white poinsettias will be available for \$16.00 each and may be taken home after the 11:00pm service on Christmas Eve or picked up after December 25.



*Student Christmas Programs*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 6:00PM ✨ GRADES 3-5  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 6:00PM ✨ PS/PK  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 6:00PM ✨ GRADES 6-8  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 6:00PM ✨ GRADES K-2



**WinGS**

December 10 @ 12:30 pm  
Graceful Grounds



**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS** It's time to subscribe (or re-subscribe) to *The Lutheran Witness* at a discounted rate. *The Lutheran Witness* is the official periodical of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is published 11 times a year. It provides Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Orders must be submitted to Trinity's church office by **December 5, 2024** to take advantage of a discounted District rate of \$21.20/year. (Individual subscriptions ordered directly from CPH are \$24.99/year.) Payment for subscriptions should be made directly to Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact the office (734-242-2308).

**REMODELING LOAN UPDATE** After October's loan payment to First Merchants Bank, the balance on Trinity's loan is \$47,533. Of the \$403,760 pledged for debt elimination, \$115,625 remains outstanding.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED – PANERA BREAD TEAM** Looking for a way to support Trinity's Sunday night Family Meal? A volunteer is needed to pick up loaves from Panera Bread on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month**. Bread is available for pickup at closing time (currently 9pm) and could be delivered to the Fellowship Hall kitchen on Sunday morning. The Panera Bread team consists of five members, so if you are unable to serve on an assigned Saturday, another volunteer may be able to help. Interested? Have questions? Please contact Cathy Toburen at 734.693.3577 or [cathyt131@att.net](mailto:cathyt131@att.net).

**ALTAR FLOWERS** This weekend's altar flowers are given by John & Levonne Hilken. 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](mailto: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, 12/1:** Worship @ 8:30a – HC (*usher team C-1*)  
 Bible Study @ 9:30am in Graceful Grounds  
 Worship @ 10:30a (*usher team A-4*)  
 Trinity Family Meal @ 6p

**Monday, 12/2:** Stephen Ministry @ 6:30p in Graceful Gr.

**Tuesday, 12/3:** Advent by Candlelight @ 6:30p in the gym  
 Stephen Ministry @ 6:30p in Graceful Gr.

**Wednesday, 12/4:** Agape @ 9a & 11:30a in Graceful Grounds  
 Midweek Advent Service @ 6p  
*3-5 Grade Program*

**Saturday, 12/7:** Braille @ 9a in the church basement  
 Bible Study @ 9a in Graceful Grounds  
 Worship @ 6p (*usher team C-3*)  
*PS/PK Program*

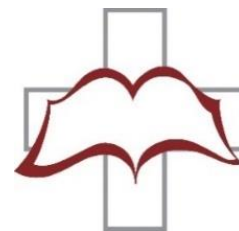
11/23 & 11/24 attendance: 6:00p –78 8:30a –100 10:30a –80

### THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

*Readings for this weekend's services include Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 & Luke 21:25-36*

“In those days and at that time I will make a righteous branch sprout from David's line; He will do what is just and right in the land.”

Jeremiah 33:15



### 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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