



Trinity Lutheran Church and School
 To save the lost and to strengthen the saved ~ Matthew 28:18-20
Church Announcements For The Week of December 1, 2019



First Sunday in Advent
 8:30 a.m. Divine service pg. 184 setting 3 HC
 Opening Hymn 516; Sermon #332; H/C 335, 342; Hymn: #341
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship HC



Check out the Holiday Worship Schedule on the back page of these announcements

For the Holy Spirit ~ Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



These Advent devotional booklets from the Lutheran Hour are in the church narthex.

11:00 a.m. Baptism
 Brandon Matthew Kurtz, infant son of Brian and Charlene (Halek) Kurtz, is being baptized today. Sponsors are Brian and Kerry Halek.
Through water and the word, Brandon, has become a child of God and is sealed as Christ's own forever.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT TRINITY:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this congregation in the belief and confidence that in this Sacrament, Christ is truly present, giving us His body and blood, in, with and under the forms of bread and wine (**1 Corinthians 10:16, Mark 14:22-24**). As Christians (and specifically as Missouri Synod Lutherans), we believe that it is through Jesus Christ alone that we have the hope of eternal life. We believe that we are sinners in need of forgiveness and that in the Lord's Supper, God gives that forgiveness, strengthens our faith, and strengthens our union with Him and each other (**Romans 3:23, Matthew 26:26-28**). As Christians, we also believe that as we come to the Lord's Supper, we are making a commitment to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit (**2 Timothy 2:19, Romans 8:6**).

GUESTS AND VISITORS: Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or confirmed, or who hold to a doctrinal position differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor (**1 Corinthians 11:27-29**). At Trinity we practice Close Communion as adopted by our Synod in Convention.

ALCOHOL CONTENT IN WINE: The "red" wine in the chalice and in the outer rings of the communion cup tray contains alcohol. The "white" wine in the center of the tray is de-alcoholized wine (alcohol nearly 100% removed). You may use the red or white wine in the tray but please remember that the chalice has only "red" wine with normal alcohol content.

Q: Typical question asked by visitors: Can only LCMS members take communion at Trinity Burr Ridge?
A: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has never understood or applied the historic practice of close[d] Communion in such a way as to mean that only LCMS members are permitted to commune at LCMS altars. The official position of the Synod is that not only are members of other Lutheran churches with whom we are in altar and pulpit fellowship invited to commune with us, but also that in certain extraordinary cases of pastoral care and in emergencies members of churches not in fellowship with us may be given Communion. The Synod stated, for example, in 1986 "that pastors and congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod continue to abide by the practice of close Communion, which includes the necessity of exercising responsible pastoral care in extraordinary situations and circumstances" (**1986 Res. 3-08 "To Maintain Practice of Close Communion"**). Please see www.lcms.org for more information.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers Available Upon Request ~ Please request from Pastor Bob at least 10 minutes before the service.

Church News

Fit For Life New Member Class

Ever wonder...

What it means to be a genuine Christian? If going to church is really necessary? Whether or not there truly is life after death? Can a person ever be certain he/she is saved? Maybe you have some questions about our church and want to know more about what we really believe and teach? Or maybe you want to know what you have to do to become members. Well - the answers to those questions and many others can be found in our 12 Week Fit for Life Class. There is no cost (except your precious time) or obligation to join our church; however, this class does serve as a membership class for those desiring to become members.

Contact Pastor Bob at rgeaschel@tlbr.org or office: 708-839-1200 or cell: 708-846-4170. All classes are held in the Church Library.

Reviewing the basics of the Christian Faith
Thursday Evening 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

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| Class 3 | December 5 |
| Class 4 | December 12 |
| Class 5 | December 19 |
| Class 6 | January 9 |
| Class 7 | January 16 |
| Class 8 | January 23 |
| Class 9 | January 30 |
| Class 10 | February 6 |
| Class 11 | February 13 |
| Class 12 | February 20 |



Trinity Lutheran Church apparel: Check out the website to order <https://jmtapparel.com/product-category/burridge/?products-per-page=12>

Long sleeve polos, hoodies, pullovers, polos, t-shirts
Priced \$15 - \$27 (shhhhh, think Xmas gifts)

(go to tlbr.org and find Nov 3 announcements, cut and paste website add.)

If you have taken altar flowers home and kept the coffee cans the flowers were in, please return those coffee cans to the church ASAP.

Those cans are reused.

We are running extremely low.
The Altar Guild



Dear community of saints at Trinity, you will notice the "I Serve At Trinity" sheets that are set up on tables in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider serving in at least one area of our church. If you are physically unable to serve in one of the areas like Trustee or Altar Guild, consider joining our church prayer ministry. For more information, please see Pastor Bob Geaschel, Mr. Rob Grady, Principal Andy DeWitt, Mr. Howard Eggert, Pastor Mark Bussert, Mrs. Jan Baranek or anyone currently serving in one of the ministry areas listed at the tables. We need your help at this time... - Pastor Bob Geaschel



Board of Evangelism ~ Group Forum on Witnessing Experiences next meeting is **Dec 1st at 6:30 p.m.** located in the Church Library. **Fellowship Gathering after the 11:00 a.m. service on Dec 29th,** Bagels and Cream Cheese will be supplied. Please bring Christmas cookies/treats to share. Don't forget to view the Handout Booklets by the elevator ~ Real Grace for a Joyful Life. Great booklets for friends and family related to their special circumstances.

Tonight



The Ladies Aid Annual Cookie sale will be on **Saturday, December 7th** after the 6:30 service and again on **Sunday, December 8th.** There will be someone available to collect cookies on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 9-10 a.m. or by 6 p.m. to allow time to package cookies before service ends. The sale takes place in the church narthex.

**COOKIES
FOR
SALE**



Dear friends, our **wheel-chair lift will be dedicated between services**, before the start of adult Bible class, on **Sunday, December 1.** We would like to thank those who donated (individuals, memorials and organizations) to the wheel-chair lift fund (FYI, we are at a negative \$-3,000.00 balance right now... so more donations are needed). We especially thank Nancy Montelbano and Loretta Forsner for promoting and "*leading the charge*" in the project. We also thank our Trustees and their helpers including: Randy Ball, Steve Voelz, Alan Gasparas, Bob Bordak, Bob Sass, Steve Gehrt, and Sue Voelz who cleaned up after them all.

Extended Collection Time Human Care Ministry is collecting for the Veterans at the VA hospital until **December 10:** Men's XL and XXL T-shirts and underwear, Ladies' L and XL underwear.

A plastic bin for donations will be placed in the Narthex on Sunday.
Thank You



To All Advent Tea Table Hostesses: Your tables cannot be setup until after the late service on Sunday, December 8th.

Church News

BIBLE STUDIES

All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.

Sunday Morning

Adult and Youth Bible Studies – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. The Adult Study is held in the Church Library using the “Joyfully Lutheran” curriculum. Small Group TLC meets in the lower level of school, “Community” is the study. Sunday School is held in the church lower level for Three-Year-Olds through Grade 8. High School Youth Bible Class meets in the school conference room.

Tuesday Morning/Evening

Pastor Bob’s study of the Gospel of Mark. December dates: **December 3rd 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. December 10th at 10:30 a.m. and December 17th at 6:30 a.m.**

Tuesday Evening

We are studying Lifelight “Bible Feasts” in the school conference room at 7:00 p.m. This class meets weekly and is facilitated by Rob Grady.

Wednesday Morning

Men’s Bible Class meets weekly at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Facilitated by Roy Carr (630-323-3688) Studying Francis Chan’s book “Forgotten God”. Come when you can. Extra study guides available.

Wednesday Morning TLC

We will begin our study on Ephesians 1 and 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the church library. We meet the second, fourth Wednesday and fifth Wednesday if there is one. **Meeting Dec 4 and 18**

Thursday Afternoon

Ladies Bible Class meets weekly at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Susie Carr (630-323-3688). Studying The Forgotten God by Francis Chan.



Thursday Evening TLC

We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in the school conference room at 4:30 p.m. **Meeting Dec 12** Studying the topic “Angels”. Come and join us! If you have questions, contact Sharon Wendte (630-455-1775).

Friday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group meets in members homes at 7:00 p.m. and is led by Cliff Gustafson. (815-372-9937).



Today’s lesson, “A King Forever,” looks forward to our forever King, Jesus. God sends Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, with the reminder, “The Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7). God rejects each of Jesse’s sons, so Samuel sends for the youngest, David, whom God has chosen to become the greatest king of Israel. Surviving Saul’s insane jealousy, David becomes king and establishes Jerusalem as his stronghold. As a family, talk about how God used David to unite His people and how Jesus will unite all believers.

Hope Lutheran Church, (6455 Joliet Road, Countyside) LWML would like to invite the ladies of Trinity to our LWML Christmas party and December meeting on **Saturday, December 14**. It will begin at 1:00 p.m. and we will have a potluck of appetizers and desserts. We will play games. If you are attending, please bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for the game. We will also pack items for our shut-ins which is sponsored with a Thrivent grant. Please call the church if you are attending so we can plan appropriately for the potluck by December 7th. If you have any questions,



MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO 2020: Join area Lutherans at the March for Life Chicago on **SATURDAY, January 11, 2020**. A March For Life Chicago convention kicks off the day and a short walk around Daley Plaza begins with a lineup of inspirational speakers affirming the value of life and underscoring the importance of continuing to speak out for life. LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison is participating. To take the NID-sponsored bus, meet at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1101 Kimberly Way, Lisle 60532 for pre-event worship at 9 a.m. Bus departs at 9:45 a.m. and returns at 4:45 p.m. Suggested Donation: \$20. Bus reservations **MUST** be made by January 7 at 630.234.1491 or kbwrk123@gmail.com and participants must download a free convention fast past. Also, Rev. Harrison is giving the opening prayer at the March For Life Chicago Banquet on Saturday evening. Info at: marchforlife-chicago.org.

Church News

Historic St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Soup Kitchen, 2108 W. 21st Street, Chicago

Our homeless have told us they feel like they are the 2nd congregation of St. Matthew, singing and praising God. They listen when we read the Bible to them and are happy to participate in our devotions.

It is true, we have two congregations, Praise God!! **If you would like to help serve food, the next opportunity is December 10th. Meet at the church office at 11:00 a.m.**



COME AND JOIN THE BELL AND/OR SANCTUARY CHOIRS!!!



The Bell Choir plays in church, at the 8:30 a.m. services only, about once a month, and we have weekly rehearsals. The Bell Choir rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings in the church narthex from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. The ability to read music is not required, but helpful, and anyone high school age and beyond is most welcome to join us!



The Sanctuary Choir sings in church, at the 8:30 a.m. services only, and also has Wednesday evening rehearsals, in the church balcony, from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. We sing in unison, 2-part and 4-part harmony formats, and all voice parts are needed and welcome! We sing anthems from the 16th Century right up to the present, and, WE HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

DVDs of our worship services are available in the church library. They are free to check out for one week. You may copy the library DVD at your home or work for no charge. Shut-Ins & College students can receive **free copies** by request through the **church office**. If you would like to purchase a copy of a DVD at \$3.00, please email a request to the church office.

The Caring Network moms are in need of new or gently used winter clothing items. They are out of newborn sizes in particular but can use anything up to 3T for girls and boys. I gave away the last two handmade blankets last weekend to moms due this month and next month so are completely out for the moms due in January and February. Also, out of little hats and booties. Praying for knitters and blanket makers if anyone is looking for a fun fellowship project for youth or for home bound or anyone else that like to knit. The moms are often very scared, and it brings them great comfort to know that others care about them and pray for them. Thanks so much. I can supply materials if needed or your donations are always so appreciated. Blessings of the season - (Deaconess Intern) Lori Trinche



Urgent Need



The 2020 ALTAR FLOWER sign up Board will be on the wall in the narthex, to the right of the kitchen, as always. Sign up for ALTAR FLOWERS is on a first come first serve basis. This year the price of the weekly flowers will be increased to \$50 We will continue to use Heather and Vine Florist in Indian Head Park, as we feel they have been doing a very nice job with the altar flower arrangements. Please also be aware that December is NOT a sign up month, as ALTAR GUILD provides poinsettias for the altar throughout December.

New

GIFT GIVING TREE ~ The gift giving tree is setup in the Narthex. We again are sharing God's Blessings with those less fortunate than we are, by purchasing gifts for children from the San Pablo Lutheran Church in Aurora, Illinois. This project is in conjunction with our School's Needy Family Food Baskets. Hopefully, these families can celebrate Jesus' birth and have a Blessed Christmas with some gifts and a nice dinner.

Please take an ornament from the tree. The ornaments will list a gender and age. Our school's 7th graders will be delivering the food baskets and all the gifts. Please have all gifts **wrapped**, attach the ornament and bring them in the Church narthex by **Sunday, December 15th**.



School News

Trinity church and school are environmentally friendly for we recycle ink cartridges, used markers and batteries. We also collect box tops for education. The collection boxes are located under the flower chart in the church narthex and boxes are at school.



Christmas Shopping with Gift Cards

The School TRIP program. The gift card orders will go in on **Sunday, Dec 8 and Dec 15** and they will be available a week later. Paper copy forms are available in the school lobby and in the church narthex by the flower chart. Drop off the order forms in the school office.

For questions, please call Michele Geaschel 708-839-1444. Trip ordering is also available online, where there are hundreds more merchants and monetary increments.

Sales will be between services until Christmas.

Community News

SENIOR LUNCH N' MORE: Hope Lutheran Church at 6455 Joliet Rd. in Countryside and Aging Care Connections is hosting a Senior Luncheon on **Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 12pm.** Come and join us for Lunch, Fellowship and Entertainment by bandleader Steve Cooper. Steve will present "Big Band Memories," a show of rare films and videos of the Big Band era. A nutritious lunch (See flyer for menu) will be provided by Salerno's Pizzeria and Sports Bar for a suggested donation of \$2.50. Seating is limited! *Reservations are required and are being taken starting November 19 through 12 pm on Tuesday, December 10. Please call *708-354-1323 and indicate that you are reserving a space at Hope Lutheran Church.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church's Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale is December 7th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 212 S. Nolton Avenue, Willow Springs. Come out to see your favorite Crafters and Vendors. Cross stitched ornaments, Tupperware, handmade jewelry, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, Boutique Clothing, reversible table runners, tree skirts, adult bibs, holiday homemade treasures, knitted baby things and women's outerwear, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Scentsy Candles, fabric canvas art, wooden signs, holiday wreaths, snowflakes



"Believe" presented by The Singing Men of Oak Brook on **Saturday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m.**
Timothy Christian School Auditorium, 188 W. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst ~ Tickets are \$15
www.singingmenoakbrook.org Call: 708-466-3126

Carolfest featuring Handel's "**Messiah**" Concert at Christ Church, Oak Brook.
On **Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**
The Concert features a 140-voice Festival Choir, a 100-voice Chancel Choir, a 40 piece professional orchestra and phenomenal professional soloists.
The Kids of the Kingdom Choir performs at the 3:00p.m. concert only.



Concordia University Chicago, 7400 Augusta Street, River Forest, will present its annual Service of Lessons and Carols, **Saturday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 p.m.** This service, which includes Scripture, choral music and congregational singing, has become a traditional part of the Christmas preparation for hundreds of people in the Chicago area. Also, you may watch this year's Lessons and Carols on the web at CUCChicago.edu/live on December 8 at 6:40

The Downers Grove Choral Society presents "**Holiday Baroque**" featuring the 60th anniversary performance of Handel's "Messiah" (Part I), as well as works by Vivaldi, Rutter and Corelli.

There will be a pre-concert discussion at 3:15 p.m., followed by the 4 p.m. concert.

ADMISSION INFO: Advance Ticket Purchase: General Admission: \$20 | Seniors (65+) \$15 | Students \$10, General Admission: \$22 | Seniors: (65+) \$17 | Students (13+) \$12

Contact: 630-515-0030

INDIVIDUAL DATES & TIMES* **Sunday, Dec 8, 2019 at 04:00 p.m. - 06:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: Immanuel Lutheran Church 5211 Carpenter, Downers Grove, IL



West Towns Chorus, Chicagoland's premier men's four-part harmony a capella chorus. Presents Countdown to Christmas. Choice of 3 shows on 2 weekends. **Sat. Dec. 7 at 2 p.m., Sat. Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. and Sat. Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.** With Special Guests: Midwest Crossroad Chorus, Affinity Strings and Chicago Bronze (an English Handbell Ensemble) Great new Location, easy parking. Living Water Community Church, 190 Lily Cache Lane, Bolingbrook, For Tickets or more information, go to:

http://westtowns.org/shows_events/ Group sales call 630-201-5544 Advanced Tickets \$25; \$28 at the door, Students w/ID: \$17, Children 12 & under: \$15. All seats are General Admission.

You are cordially invited to a Women's Candlelight Advent Program ~ "See This Wonder in the Making", **Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m.**, Zion Fellowship Hall, 204 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale, Dessert ~ Music ~ Devotions Come, relax, and enjoy good fellowship with other women before the rush of the Holiday Season gets to you! There is no cost or offering taken. Please RSVP to: Debbie in the Zion church office at 630-323-0384, or email at dsajdak117@gmail.com



Flagg Creek Heritage Society ~ "An Old-Fashioned Victorian Christmas" **Sunday, Dec 8, 2 - 4 p.m.**
Historic Robert Vial House, 7425 S. Wolf Road. Our historic home will be all decked out for Christmas!

Costumed docents will be on hand for tours of the house.

Refreshments will be served. For info call Alice Latham 708-927-1092



Those Serving This Weekend.....

Saturday Preacher.....Pastor Luther Albrecht
Sunday Preacher.....Pastor Robert Geaschel
Organist.....Howard Eggert
Contemporary Worship Leader.....Jake Pallisard
Saturday Night Reader.....Poppi Sass
Saturday Night Guitarist.....Jason Lyons

Altar Guild ~ Nancy Alex, Lisa Haak and Dorothy Supeter, Betty Rediehs, Ruth Hess

Usher Group 3: 8:30 a.m. ~ Steve Voelz, Keith Wendte, Jason Hansen

*Usher Group 1: 11:00 a.m. ~ Richard Thorburn Jr., Gerald Tiedt,
Gene Weisbecker, Frank Mika Jr.*

Communion Assistants: Saturday ~ 6:30 p.m. : Mark Fischer

Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.: Greg LaFlame and Neil Hammes

8:30 a.m.: Ryan Farago and John Collins

11:00 a.m.: David Ernst and Alex Vasquez

Greeters: Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.: Jeanne Arturi and Dorothy Anderson

11:00 a.m.: Todd and Christine Suddreth

Sunday Advent 1 Dec 1

8:30 a.m. Divine Service HC
 9:45 a.m. Bible Class (CL) and SS (TFH)
 11:00 a.m. Cont. Worship ~ Kurtz Baptism
 12 - 2 p.m. Altar Guild Tree Set-Up
 6:30 p.m. Witnessing Forum (CL)

Monday Dec 2

6:30 p.m. Elders (CL)
 7:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball (G)

Tuesday Dec 3

10:30 a.m. Pastor Bob's Bible Study (CL)
 6:30 p.m. Pastor Bob's Bible Study (CL)
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir (N)
 7:00 p.m. Basketball (G)
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (CR)
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (CH)

Wednesday Dec 4

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Class (CL)
 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Advent Midweek Service
 10:45 a.m. TLC (CL)
 4:45 p.m. Public School Confirmation (CL)

Wednesday (Continued) Dec 4

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (TFH)

Thursday Dec 5

1:00 p.m. Ladies BC (OP)
 6:30 p.m. Praise Band (CH)
 6:45 p.m. Fit for Life ~ Membership Class (CL)

Friday Dec 6

Saturday Dec 7

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Polish School
 8:30 a.m. Trustees
 6:30 p.m. Celebration Service HC ~ Cookie Sale

Biblical Questions and Answers

Q. Who was the most constipated person in the bible? Solomon – he was on the throne for 40 years....A. Nope, it was Satan, bound for a thousand years.

Q. Who was the best female financier in the Bible?
A. Pharaoh's daughter – she went to the Bank of the Nile and withdrew a Prophet

Q. Why did God make man before woman...
A. Because he didn't want any advice on how to do it.



We Invite You To View Our Website WEEKLY: www.TLBR.org
 For All Your Trinity Informational Needs! Announcements & Sermons,
 Weekly Events & Highlights, Announcements, Our Ministries,
 Bible Studies, and More!

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Prayers

Our Members who are homebound...

*Jon and Jackie Laatz, Jan Osysko,
Arnie Mueller, Darlene Ciolek*

Our Members who are in assisted living or nursing homes...

Joyce Rabas, Lorraine Buczko, Laurie Verba



Our Members who are celebrating their baptismal birthdays the week of December 1



*Sandra Jaklic, William Cook, Edward Prendiville, Iris Kozik,
Terah Thomas, Melvin Marwitz, Brooke Randolph, Ryan Randolph,
Brian Rediehs, Jaden Rochkind, Nancy Alex, Nicole Fleming,
Lisa Reinhart, Brian Bruns, Timothy Collins, Deborah Prosser,
Pamela Sneath, Charlene Kurtz, Jessica Lakics, Frank Neitzel,
Angelica Rossi, Kelly Collins, Angela Felton, Olivia Hawbaker,
Wanda Kiefer, Cheryl Kohutynski, Scott Reinhart, Richard Thorburn Jr.*

Our Members who are celebrating wedding anniversaries the week of December 1

*Brian and Linda Polacek; Ron and Dorothy Supeter
William and Rebecca Cook, Jr.*



Our Members or Friends of Our Members In The Military....



Peter Davidovitch (El Paso, TX) US Army Pilot, godson of Bill & Judy Jung

Thomas Logan ~nephew of Cathy LaFlame

Sarah Mears ~ National Guard

Jeremy Marwitz (US) ~ Grandson of Lee Marwitz

Chaplain Mike Sneath (Tennessee)

Michael Grimes (Ft. Carson, CO) member, son of Janet Grimes

*Chaplain Mike Moreno ~ Naval Reserves, serving at Lutheran Family Services of Iowa
nephew of Bessie Kuske*

Adam Koshiol ~ ARNG-2006-2012, Air Force National Guard, son of Kim Valentino

Riley Gentile ~ US Army Paratrooper in Italy, cousin of Sharleen VanDahm

*Lt. Col. Timothy Luther Albrecht and Lt. Col. Angie M. Albrecht, MD ~ Stationed at Ramstein AFB ~
son and daughter-in-law of Pastor and Janet Albrecht*



December 1 "Here is why Christmas matters ... '[H]e too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death ...' (Hebrews 2:14a). Imagine that. He needed a human body so it could be nailed to a cross. He needed human blood so it could be poured out as a sin offering for the world. For you. And it all started in Bethlehem. What can you say to that but 'glory to God in the highest!'" *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*



*Week of November 24
Weekend Worship
Attendance ~ 302
Communion ~ 118*



*Planning a Baptism or a Wedding at Trinity?
A Meeting with Pastor Geaschel is required before
every Baptism & Wedding. Please call the church
office to schedule your appointment with Pastor Bob.*


Prayers

Weekly Prayers



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

CANCER PATIENTS:



Sheryl III ~ Req. by Sandi Bulthuis, Ted Bulthuis Jr. ~ Jake Bulthuis
Amy Sojka, Debbie Hotwagner ~ Req. by Barb Rossi, Bob Bordak,
Peter Trinche ~ Req. by Lori Trinche, Julie Nurbahi, Daughter of Rev. Albrecht,
Lukas Voelz, great grandson of Helen Voelz, Richard Stonys
Gay Roby and Beth Johnson, Req. by Jan Miller, Judy Daly, Req. by David Bottger
Joseph Ritson ~ Req. by Ava Franco, Roberta Kleyweg,
Elaine Rice ~ Req. by Susan Villarreal, Margie Hammes ~ Req. Neil Hammes,
Linda Lahey ~ Req. by Nancy Montelbano, Lauren Fields ~ Michelle Bouchard
Donna Sloot-Cius ~ Req. by Teena Bottger

Rachel & Hope Salverredy, Nanci Saucier, Scott Browne, LeAnn Ballielt

The Week of December 1

Leann Ballielt ~ Prayers for healing after a car accident ~ Req. by Marilyn Todd
Prayers for safe travels for those returning home after Thanksgiving
Camille Zale ~ Prayers for healing from a broke hip ~ Req. by Nancy Montelbano
Adam Kabel ~ Prayers for healing from a serious infection ~ Req. Cathy LaFlame
Charles Goyer ~ Prayers for healing after a bad fall ~ Brother of Janet Albrecht

November 24

Noelle DeVille and Chuck Roubal ~ Prayers of blessings on their marriage
John Gergets ~ Prayers for healing after a stroke
Greg Hillman ~ Prayers for healing
George Welsh ~ Prayers for healing from cancer
Adam ~ Prayers for healing from an infection ~ Req. by Cathy LaFlame
Judy Daly ~ Prayers for healing from cancer ~ Req. by David Bottger (his sister)
Lauren Fields ~ Prayers for healing from cancer ~ Req. by Michelle Bouchard

November 17

Levi ~ Prayers for continued healing and strength ~ Trinity 2nd Grader
Tiffany Hart ~ Prayers for healing after heart surgery ~ Betty Rediehs' daughter

November 10

Marge Calkins' Family ~ Prayers of comfort for Marge's family ~ Lori Trinche's Aunt

If you would like a prayer request continued, please email or call the church office. If you have a Private Prayer Request (NOT announced during the worship service) for our Prayer Circle Group please email or call the church office 708-839-1200 or csecretary@tlbr.org Thank you, Nancy



To Prepare For Next Week's Worship Service,
Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; ; Matthew 3:1-12



This week on KFuo.org, we wish you a blessed Advent! Hear the Coffee Hour Choir demonstrate how to simply go Christmas Caroling this season (12/4 at 9:00 a.m. CT), begin the book of 1 Thessalonians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in chapel service from the LCMS International Center (weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!



Hear God's Word for you through Worship Anew! Worship Anew celebrates the new life that all people have in Jesus with a weekly 30 minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through scripture readings, favorite church hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth.
Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Chicago's CW Station WPWR Channel 50
Sunday 10:30am ~ (TLN) Comcast 138 (TCT) DirecTV 377



\$6 Per Person

Includes

All You Can Eat

Pancakes with Toppings,
Sausage,
Milk, Coffee, OJ

Pictures with Santa
Children's Crafts
Rudolph's Reindeer
Games & Activities
Holiday DJ

For more Information
Call Lavonne Campbell at
630-920-1969



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Gower West School,
Hinsdale High School Key Club



The Willowbrook/Burr Ridge
Kiwanis Club
presents
**Pancake
Breakfast
With Santa**
Saturday, December 7
8am – 11:30am
\$6 per person at the Door
Gower West School
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Christmas ideas for your family.

Enjoying Small Gifts ~ My children enjoy their gifts on Christmas Day, but I also wanted them to appreciate the lip glass or Matchbox car that was in their stockings. Instead of overlooking them. So my husband and I came up with the 10 days of Christmas. On Christmas Day, our children open their larger packages, but only open one stocking gift. The following nine days, they can choose an additional stocking gift after dinner. One rule: No feeling, squeezing or smelling still-wrapped gifts. It worked well. A small present that would have been tossed aside on Christmas Day was sincerely appreciated on day six.

Shaking up Gift-Giving ~ My husband and I really wanted our children to experience the joy of giving. Instead of us buying all the gifts, we took the money we would've spent on the children and divided it up between them to spend on each other. With a little help and guidance, they picked out and purchase fits for each of their siblings. My husband and I Added some small items that we used to fill their stockings.
Instead of December being spent thinking about what they wanted to receive, they were excitedly thinking about what they wanted to give. Christmas morning was so beautiful as they each took turns presenting the gifts they had handpicked for their siblings.

Making a List ~ When I go shopping with my children, I let them know, "We are not getting things for ourselves today." But I do want to acknowledge their interest in those items.
Perhaps one will say, "I love this race car! Can I get it?"
Instead of shrugging it off and telling my son or daughter to put it back, I admire the race car with my child and take a picture so when it comes time for Christmas or birthday gifts, I have a list of ideas. And the act of recognizing the child's feelings and interests make him or her feel validated.

Names of Jesus ~ We cut out stars from cardstock paper and wrote "Jesus is...." on each one. Then we wrote words that described Jesus, such as "Savior," "Emmanuel" and "Prince of Peace." For our family devotions that night, we talked about the different names of Jesus. Creating these stars to decorate our kitchen cabinets was a great way to engage my kids in remembering the character of Jesus



Holiday Worship Schedule and Other Import Dates

Our Advent Worship Services are
December 4, 11, and 18 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
The services will focus on different Chrismons.

Chrismons are Christmas decorations
that depict Christmas symbols such as

- Advent #1 ~ The Bell,
- Advent #2 ~ Open Bible
- Advent #3 ~ The Magi



School Christmas Program ~ 1:30 p.m. December 15 in the school gym.

The Title is “Cake: Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment”

It is finally Christmas break and the kids are out of school! Now the real fun begins....except the teacher gave homework! But along the way, a group project becomes much more to a group of kids than they could have ever imagined. Join along as they embark on an exciting experiment that will change the way they experience Christmas forever. God’s kindness proves God’s love for us and is at the root of every detail of the Christmas story!

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Services ~
4:30 p.m. Contemporary HC, 6:30 p.m. (HC) and 10 p.m. Traditional.
Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day ~ 10:00 a.m. HC

