

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, Dec. 3	8:30 & 11 am..... SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:45 am..... Adult & Kids SS Classes / Parish Hall
Monday, Dec. 4	6:30 pm..... Community Ministry Mtg / Conf Rm All Day Private Event / Parish Hall
Tuesday, Dec. 5	9:30 am..... Prayer Shawl Ministry / Conf Rm 6:30 pm..... Soup Dinner & Small Catechism Study / Parish Hall
Wednesday, Dec. 6	10:00 am..... Community Ministry Gift Bag Assembly / Parish Hall 7:00 pm..... Festival Choir Practice / Sanctuary
Thursday, Dec. 7	7:00 pm..... Membership Committee Mtg / Ayoub House
Friday, Dec. 8	
Saturday, Dec. 9	
Sunday, Dec. 10	8:30 & 11:00 am..... SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:45 am..... Adult & Kids SS Classes / Parish Hall

LEADERSHIP / STAFF

Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton	ELCA Bishop
Rev. Kurt F. Kusserow	SWPA Synod Bishop
Rev. Larry E. Kemp (.....)	Pastor
Amanda Gentzel	Interim Organist
Linda Slatt (office@trinitywexford.org)	Office Administrator
Rick Hurt (.....)	Council President
Ray Ojerholm	Council Vice President
Katie Bunn	Council Secretary
Bonnie Kriberney	Treasurer

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SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 am.
OFFICE HOURS: TUE. to THUR. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm



General & Designated Giving: e-Giving is available for one-time or recurring gifts through your smartphone (scan QR code to left) or from the Giving section of our church website. Offerings can also be mailed to the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday, December 17th
8:30 & 11 am

Holy Night of Miracles
~ A Christmas Cantata ~

One miraculous night in Bethlehem changed the course of human history forever. Foretold by Old Testament prophets, the Messiah entered the world and, even more importantly, the hearts of people from all walks of life with a message of hope and love. This holy night is distinctively captured in this musical recounting of Jesus' birth. Blending familiar carols with original Christmas anthems, this work is a timely reminder that the hope born on that first Christmas night is still needed today and ultimately found in the miraculous Child born in Bethlehem. Heart-warming music with inspiring narration make this piece a moving worship experience for Trinity this year!

Join us as we bid goodbye and farewell to our dear Amy Kapp...

farewell! goodluck

Light refreshments will be served following both services in the church basement so that all will have an opportunity to provide well wishes to Amy Kapp as she finishes out her 16 years of music ministry with Trinity as our Music Director on December 17th.

O Come, All Ye Faithful



Saturday, December 16th @ 4:30 & 5:30 pm

Bring your neighbors, friends and family...

And journey with us through the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. Live outdoor performance approx. 20 minutes followed by light refreshments in the fellowship hall after each show.

Adopt a Family Gift Cards In conjunction with Trinity's **Adopt-A-Family for Christmas** program we are still collecting gift cards such as grocery, gas, Walmart, Target, etc. for families associated with Trinity experiencing a health crisis or other hardship circumstances. Please let **Mir Peterson** know if you want to contribute. You can also contribute in the weekly offering by marking cash or check donations with "Adopt A Family Gift Cards" in the memo line. Bonnie Kriberney, our treasurer, will keep Mir updated on what is contributed so that shopping can be done to secure what is needed. All gift cards need to be collected by **December 10th**. Thank you!

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Christmas Morning at Men's Shelter We are looking for food and sweatshirt donations as well as volunteers to help serve breakfast on Christmas morning. Please refer to the weekly emailer for sign-up or use these QR codes. This is a great family service opportunity. Those who would like to car-pool together will meet in front of the Parish Hall at 7:00 AM for a 7:05 departure. Those who prefer to meet at the shelter should plan to arrive at 7:30 AM. We should return to Wexford by 10:00 AM. Please contact Wendy Hall at [REDACTED] or

[REDACTED] with questions or to sign-up.

Sweatshirts should be unwrapped and placed in collection boxes in narthex and Parish Hall by **Sunday, December 17th**. Thirteen (13) sweatshirts were purchased using funds from a Thrivent Action Team project. We are looking for 17 more to ensure each resident at the shelter receives a warm sweatshirt.

Don't have time to shop? Write out a check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with Men's Shelter Christmas on the memo line and we'll use the money to fill in what we need. Checks can be placed in the offering plate or delivered to the

Food Donation Sign-Ups



Volunteer Sign-Ups



Sweatshirt Donation Sign-Ups



Poinsettia Orders ~ LAST WEEK TO ORDER POINSETTIAS ~Trinity is now accepting orders for poinsettias to decorate the altar on Christmas Eve. The price is \$8.50 for a 6-inch potted plant. Color choices are red, white, marbled or pink. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 10. See pink order forms in the narthex.

Year End Giving Statements ~A message from the Financial Secretary~

If your donation to Trinity is a Qualified Charitable Donation from an IRA, please denote "IRA donation" on the memo line of your check. Please contact Joanne.Scherer@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Organist Job Opportunity Trinity is looking for a part-time organist beginning January 2024. Primary duties include:

- Two services at 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday mornings
- Playing any special Holy Week, Easter and Christmas services
- Availability for weddings/funerals as needed
- Willingness to be a cantor is preferred
- Familiarity with the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book or willingness to learn.

Full Job description available upon request. Please contact Miriam Buresh, mhburesh@comcast.net.

Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve

Sunday, Dec. 24

Combined Worship Service @ 10 am
Christmas Eve Services @ 6 & 8 pm

Sunday, Dec. 31

Epiphany of Our Lord Services
@ 8:30 & 11 am

TLC Membership Directory An updated TLC Membership Directory as of Nov 29, 2023 is available in the narthex and entryway of the Parish Hall. **Please note, this is for internal purposes only.** Please review your information we have on file in our Membership Records. If you notice you have a change of address, email, or phone number, please contact our Membership Secretary, Karen Ojerholm at [REDACTED]. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flower arrangements on the altar today have generously been given **by a member of Trinity**

Winter Devotionals Have Arrived

Copies of both the **Word in Season** (Jan. - Mar. 2024) and **The Upper Room** (Jan. - Feb. 2024) devotionals are now available in both the narthex of the church and Parish Hall entryway. Limited copies while supplies last.

Also, copies of the **Portals of Prayer** (Jan. - Mar. 2024) personal prayer booklets have arrived. Limited copies while supplies last also found in the same places.

WEEKLY LEADERSHIP

SUNDAY December 3 - 8:30 & 11 am

Altar Guild: Nancy Smith / Betsey Novosel

Card Minister: Sue Abbott

Greeter(s): Joe & Patty Hess (8:30) / Charlotte Luedke (11)

Lector: Patty Hess (8:30) / Karen Ojerholm (11)

Communion Assistants: Martha Jane Parasida (8:30) / Mary Schmitz (11)

Children's Message: Pastor Larry Kemp

Head Usher: Mir Peterson (8:30) / Jim Block (11)

Assisting Minister: Scott Peterson (8:30) / Pete Luedke (11)

SUNDAY December 10 - 8:30 & 11 am

Altar Guild: Nancy Smith / Betsey Novosel

Card Minister: Sue Abbott

Greeter(s) TBD (8:30) / Kitty Berkstresser (11)

Lector: Dave Fagan (8:30) / Elaine Ek (11)

Communion Assistants: TBD (8:30) / Kitty Berkstresser (11)

Children's Message: Pastor Larry Kemp

Head Usher: TBD (8:30) / Gordon Berkstresser (11)

Assisting Minister: TBD (8:30) / TBD (11)