

December 1, 2024 THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, December 1, 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Conference Room
Sunday, December 1, 9:00 a.m. American Sign Language (ASL) class, TLC Library
Sunday, December 1, 9:30 a.m. Livestream Service, Sanctuary
Sunday, December 1, 10:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, December 1, 11:45 a.m. TLC Orchestra Rehearsal, Music Room
Monday, December 2, 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, Zoom
Monday, December 2, 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting, Social Room
Tuesday, December 3, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Social Room
Tuesday, December 3, 11:30 a.m. Handbell Practice, Sanctuary
Wednesday, December 4, 7:15 a.m. Prayer Group, TLC Library
Wednesday, December 4, 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group, Zoom
Wednesday, December 4, 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. Midweek Advent Service, Sanctuary



Welcome!

Trinity Lutheran Church is "a place of grace with a call for all to continue the work of Jesus!" We are committed to seeing Christ in everyone. We celebrate our human family's diversity of race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, education, physical and mental abilities. We are united in Christ and our growth is nurtured by embracing our differences. As a place of grace with a call for all, we invite all people to grow with us toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect.

Name Tags: Please reach out to Church Office if a new tag is needed.

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If you would like to sponsor **Altar Flowers** or the **Radio Broadcast** in honor or

memory of someone special please follow the QR code or



contact the office for a list of available dates. Thank you for your help!

Safety Notice:

If ever needed, our **AED** (Defibrillator) is located on the north wall across from the courtyard. **First Aid kits** are in left drawers of the office copier room, both kitchens, in the sanctuary entrance usher closet, and in the basement Nursery.

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9:30 a.m. Livestream
www.tlclawrence.org
and 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLWN
1320 AM and 101.7 FM



Are you someone who likes numbers and is looking for a great opportunity to serve the church? Our Treasurer position is opening at the end of December when Rick Ehret retires. The 3 main responsibilities are reviewing monthly financial statements, providing oversight to Megan's financial accountabilities, and budget management. For questions about this role, please ask Rick Ehret, Dave Elson, or Beth Llewellyn.

Advent Schedule:

Midweek Advent Services on Dec. 4, 11, and 18 at 6:30 p.m., Soup suppers starting at 5:30 p.m.
Children's Christmas Program on Dec. 15 during the normal worship service
Songs of the Season/Messiah Sing-a-Long on Dec. 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Traveler's Christmas service on Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve services on Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

 Today's **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by the Sturm Family in honor of Caleb Sturm's birthday.

Justified Resistance

Carl Jung writes; "Wholly unprepared we take the step into the afternoon of life...We cannot live the afternoon of life according to the program of life's morning—what was great in the morning will be little at evening, and what in the morning was true will at evening have become a lie."

The thought may never have crossed our minds that the way elders live might be consciously different than the way we lived as adults. Would you like to step into a more conscious way of living in the fourth quarter of your life? January 7-11, 2025, here at Trinity, the Lawrence Elder Circle will be offering Coming of Age, an immersive experience for men and women who are approaching retirement or those who are already in their elder years.

Please check out lawrenceeldercircle.org for more information.

✝ FROM THE PASTOR ✝

The word "Advent" is a noun, but it is filled with verbs and motion. It is a time of looking forward at what is coming, what is unfolding, what is developing, what is coming into being. But it's not just *looking* at what is coming, but *preparing* for it as well. I'm not talking about putting up decorations and lights, but about preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ. At Advent, we *notice* things, perhaps because we pay more attention.

Perhaps you are one of those folks who sends out Christmas cards and letters, telling friends and neighbors and relatives what you've been up to, and thanking them of the news of their past year. "You are a gift of God to me," say those letters to the folks who receive them.

Perhaps you are one of those folks who is looking for snow — not feet of snow, mind you, but just enough to coat the ground and the trees, so that the beauty of nature would emerge in its winter finery. Spring has its new leaves on the trees and flowers emerging. Summer has the lush fullness of meadows and gardens blooming. Autumn has the rich colors on the trees, as the leaves change. Each season is beautiful in its own way, and each — including winter — is a gift of God to us.

Perhaps you are one of those folks who notice people who are struggling. They are part of our families, part of our community, all year long, but we seem to notice their struggles more as the weather changes. The world seems filled with calls to buy, *buy, buy!* and if we pay attention, we notice those for whom the calls only serve to remind them that their pockets are almost empty.

Our Advent theme at Trinity this year is "People, Look East" from the Advent hymn of the same name. Each week we will focus ourselves on the images used at the end of each of the four stanzas. Today, the focus is "Love, the Guest", and then at each of the three Midweek devotions, we will move to "Love, the Rose," "Love, the Star," and "Love, the Lord."

Worship on Christmas Eve is always a powerful service. But for the folks who come to worship each Sunday in Advent and to the Wednesday Advent devotions, it is that much more powerful — because we've been preparing ourselves. That's what Advent is for: preparing. And we prepare best by noticing what we've already been given.

Pastor Peter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

— Opportunities to “Reach Out”—

New York School: As the giving season approaches, please consider keeping your donations local and donate to the New York School breakfast and lunch fund! Follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/27amgmg9y> and make sure to write in New York Elementary! If you don't write our school in, we don't get the money! You can also bring cash or check to the school directly. We are so thankful for everyone in our community that helps support our school. It couldn't be more the truth to say that we couldn't do it without you!



The **Christmas Mitten Tree**, sponsored by WELCA, is being put up today! We are supporting a low-income preschool here in Lawrence. The paper mittens have the child's initial, sex, and either a clothing item and size or a toy requested. We also have mittens on the tree for their siblings. Please return them with the gifts by Sunday, December 15. Simply attach the paper mitten to a Christmas gift bag, but do not wrap the present.

Any questions, please call Karen Sanders at (785) 615-9595.

Thank you to everyone who participate in the WELCA holiday food drive. A total of \$973.00 in cash & donations were donated to Just Food Inc.

You may have noticed some changes to our website recently. We have been doing some work behind the scenes to have a more stable website and we finally made the switch! Please be aware that the website is still a work in progress, but we are happy with the work that we have done so far. Thanks to Kirsten Elson for all of her hard work during this process!

Justice Matters:

Now that we've voted on a new problem issue to work on, what now? How does Justice Matters hope to tackle such a big community issue as Youth Trauma?

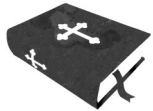


RESEARCH

Every winter, folks form committees for each issue area. Participating in a research committee allows people the opportunity to thoroughly, prayerfully understand the issue by meeting with local leaders to learn what is already being done and what the gaps are. You also get to meet with national experts who lend their expertise on how to implement best practices that will help us systemically change. For 10 years, this process has provided us with an Affordable Housing Trust Fund and a 24/7 Treatment and Recovery Center.

Do you have a passion to be a part of the team that solves one of our issues? It is a powerful, faith-led experience that will change your life, and the lives of our friends and neighbors for generations.

If interested, please join us at the Research Kick-Off Sunday December 8th 2-5pm at First United Methodist Church (946 Vermont Street).



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: regularly 10:45 - 11:45a Sundays in the Fellowship Hall

DECEMBER 1 — John the baptizer calls for preparation and repentance. This repentance has less to do with confession and more to do with change in life and perspective. The preparation and repentance are not to limit the possibilities of those who hear and follow, but to expand them to know and see more fully the wonderful future that is coming (Luke 3:1-6).

- Pr. Randy

PRAYERS NEEDED

We pray for comfort and God's peace for Faith Rohrbough at the death of her sister, Connie Rohrbough. May Connie rest in the loving arms of her Savior.

We pray for those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, for Lutheran Disaster Response, and others working to rebuild. To donate to the Lutheran Disaster Response, visit <http://www.ldr.org>

Those ill, injured, or in need of support

Members: Gary Crowe, Barbara Kurtz, Alita, Kevin, and Kelly Cooper, Joe Box, Joan Wells, Ed Lehman, Julie Crowe, Jere McElhane, Webb & Anna Hecker, Martha Rowe

Relatives or friends of members: Carolyn Taylor (daughter-in-law of Cheryl Taylor), Rich Shermoen (father of Maggie Shermoen, choir section leader), Samantha Haneke (daughter of Joe and Cathy Box), David Hickey (Former husband of Karen Hickey), Kim Mueller (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Bob Sarna), Maria (friend of Annielaurie and Bill), Lena (friend of Lynn and Jennifer Krusemark), Beverly Kiesling (sister-in-law of Kathy Buffington), Jake Hecker (son of Anna & Webb Hecker), Janet Fike (friend of Janet Ross), Susan (a visitor of Trinity), Anna Wilder (mother of Derek Wilder), Ron Arsenalt (friend of Julie Crowe), Debbie Baars Littlefield (sister of Charles Baars), Dennis Bean (brother-in-law of Annielaurie Seifert), Sedeqe (granddaughter of Karen Hickey), Karen McCarley Wallace (friend of Julie Crowe), Glynda Behrens (friend of Kathy Buffington), Joyce Lancaster (niece of Barb Bishop)

After 3 months, names will be removed from the prayer list unless you ask us to keep your name on the list.

To add prayer listing requests, request a visit or call, or to report births, hospitalizations, or deaths, contact the Church Office at 785-843-4150 or tlcoffice@tlclawrence.org.

For prayer chain requests, contact Ruth Sarna at: rsarna@sunflower.com or (785) 842-0230.

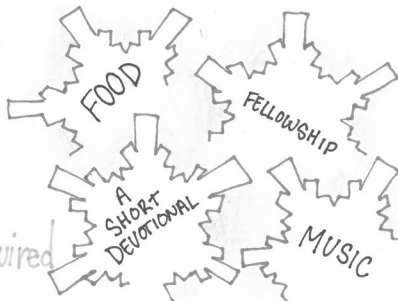


 Come Celebrate Advent with a Potluck Brunch!

December 14th
9:30am - 11:00am

@ Fellowship Hall

A Dish is NOT Required



Please Come And Join Us!

EXAMPLE FOODS

- FRUIT
- CHEESE AND CRACKERS
- PASTRIES OR BREADS
- SMALL QUICHES
- DOUGHNUTS, CREAM PUFFS, ECLAIRS, ETC.

