

Trinity **SONRISE** News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2022



Worship Services

Sunday, November 27	8:00 and 10:30 Services
Wednesday, November 30	6:00 p.m. Service
Sunday, December 4	8:00 and 10:30 Services
Wednesday, December 7	6:00 p.m. Service
Sunday, December 11	8:00 and 10:30 Services
Wednesday, December 14	6:00 p.m. Service
Sunday, December 18	8:00 and 10:30 Services



Return this Advent Season

The church will be hosting soup suppers this Advent season. We plan to have the soup suppers begin at 5:00 p.m. – before the Wednesday evening worship services. Just remember – the congregation will do the cooking. There will be sign-up sheets provided each week. Please indicate what you plan to bring. **If we don't get enough people to sign up, we will have to cancel the soup supper that week.**



**CHRISTMAS
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Saturday, December 24	3:00 p.m. Service
	5:00 p.m. Service (candlelight)

Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 25	10:30 a.m. Service
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STEWARDSHIP

Rejoice Exceedingly!

This is the Christmas season, and a small but important part of Jesus' birth is the visit of the wise men. Their visit is recorded in the second chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Following the star, inquiring at the king's palace, informed by the priests where to find the Child, they trudged with determination to Bethlehem, bringing with them the gifts they planned to present as they worshiped Him. *"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh"* (Matthew 2:10-11).

What did the wise men from the East know about this Baby or His family? Not much. Yet they came in faith, bringing gifts with them to honor Him. How far did they travel? How long was their trip? We can surmise, but what's important to know is that for them the trip with all its drudgery was worth it. *"They rejoiced exceedingly with great joy"*

How long a trip are we prepared to make this Christmas to worship the Christ Child? Are we willing to put up with inconvenience and sacrifice in order that we might come before Him with our gifts, offering them in faith, as the wise men did?

What causes our joy this Christmas season? Is it seeing the eyes of little children light up when they open their presents? That's good. Is it finding exactly the right gift for someone special? That's good too. But do we rejoice exceedingly when we see the star? Contrary to the messages we hear in the commercials and even the seasonal songs, the entire focus for Christmas should be the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

Along with doing all the wonderful things that are good to do at this time of the year, including visiting the sick and the shut-in, baking goodies for food banks, sharing financial resources with those in need, and all the shopping and caroling and everything else, let's find our joy in seeing the star. That star points us to Jesus and leads us to the Cross. May God grant us the same determination and faith that the wise men had when they traveled to honor Jesus. Let us open our treasures and worship Him with our best and most precious gifts as the Wise Men did.

As the Star of Bethlehem guided the wise men, may the light that is the Light of the world guide our thoughts, words, and actions. Merry Christmas!

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair



December Mission of the Month God's Children – Haiti

God's Children Haiti (formerly Bon Samaritan) was started by a local woman and former member of Trinity – Ann Hume. It is a non-profit, 501c3, missions-based orphanage focusing on children with special needs who would have nowhere else to turn. Children are raised in a Christian environment, taught about Christ and Christian values, loved, fed, and educated. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile organization, you can use a mission envelope that can be found in your envelope packet.

If you already support a mission, please continue to do so by designating that particular mission by name on a Mission envelope.



Wayne Fortney



Homebound:

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

Military:

Alex Anderson – Navy

Jason Cooper

Courtney Pierce (Army) Stationed in Germany

Karina Pierce (Army)



Beginning Christmas Day, December 25, 2022, the winter schedule will begin. There will be one worship service at 10:30 a.m. through March 26, 2023.



**Sundays
8:00 a.m.
and
10:30 a.m.
through December 18th**

**Bible Study
9:15 a.m.**



- Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study meets in the Sunday School wing. For more information call Ruth Golm at 989-724-5679.
- Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. – in Sunday School wing.



T.L.C.W. News

Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) meet the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

Thank you to all who baked such delicious things for the TLCW Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale. Thank you to all who purchased baked goods. We are truly blessed to have such generous support from our church family! All proceeds will be used to support TLCW missions.



Thank you to the Iosco Audubon Society for its generous donation to Trinity Lutheran Church. We appreciate your gift and your support of our church!

ADVENT IS PREPARATION FOR CHRIST'S COMING – HIS SECOND COMING! THE BABY OF BETHLEHEM WILL COME AGAIN, THIS TIME IN GLORY!

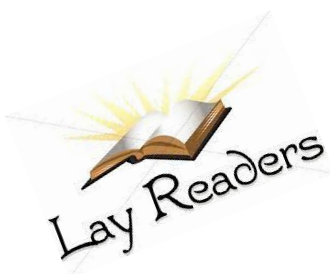
“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”

(Philippians 2:10)



Lay Readers Wanted

Volunteers are needed to read the Old Testament and the Epistle during Sunday worship services, especially at the 10:30 service. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, sign-up sheets can be found on the table in the back of the church. The lessons can be emailed to you ahead of time, so you can become familiar with them.



Trinity Bells of Glory
Concert

“Comfort and Joy”

Sunday

December 11, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Christmas Music and Other Selections

Cookies following in the Fellowship Hall

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Winter Weather is Here

For worship cancellations,
call the church office 739-9292
and check the answering machine!



We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. If you can help with this joyous task, it would certainly be appreciated!

Church Directory



Please be patient as we work on a new church directory with pictures. We are missing lots of photos of our members and friends and would appreciate a photo of you and your family for inclusion in the directory. You can email a photo to:

churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org or you can bring in a photo for us to scan.

Please check the list of names and phone numbers on the table next to the office door. Let us know if your information is incorrect. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you to members that have confirmed their information and submitted pictures. Directories will be available after the first of the year. If you haven't checked your information, please do so as soon as possible. If we do not have your birthdate, please let the office know. We hope to have new directories available for you after the first of the year.

IT'S LUTHERAN WITNESS TIME!



It's time to subscribe or renew your subscription to **LUTHERAN WITNESS** at a discounted rate. The **Lutheran Witness** is the official periodical of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It is published 11 times a year and 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. Each subscription includes the **Michigan In Touch** supplement which is automatically inserted into each issue of those who have subscriptions through the District Office renewal process.

The new subscription year doesn't begin until March 2023, but **orders need to be submitted to the church office by December 11th** to take advantage of a discounted District rate of \$12/year. (Individual subscriptions ordered directly from CPH are \$19.99/year).

Payment for subscriptions should be made directly to Trinity Lutheran Church. Late orders will be charged an additional \$2.

If you have any questions about subscriptions, e-mail the church office at churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org or call 989-739-9292.



12/16 Cindy & Randy Rourk

- 12/3 Charlie Rainey
- 12/6 Kathy Azzam
- 12/7 Greg Pancost
- 12/17 Christine Rogel
- 12/18 Dave Wagner
- 12/19 Wayne Fortney
- 12/23 Laurie David
- 12/24 Barbara Dewald
- 12/25 Adam Dettmer
- 12/26 Amanda Brown
- 12/26 Joseph Garrison
- 12/29 Jack Inman
- 12/29 Clara Pavlak
- 12/30 Jennifer Agtergael
- 12/30 Nancy Kreuzwieser

Know the Elders

The Board of Elders concerns itself with the wellbeing and spiritual life of our congregation and pastor. Pastor Azzam and your Elders are happy and eager to hear from you!

They may be reached at:

- Mitch Davis, Jr. - 989-820-1469
- David Golm – 989-724-5679
- Roger Tack - 989-293-8050
- Ron Weidenfeller - 724-7701



Meeting

**Meeting Date
To be Determined**



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QUIZ

1. A prophet foretold the birth of Jesus, but what was his name?
2. Shortly following his presentation at the temple, Jesus' life was threatened – but by whom?
3. How many days after his birth did The Magi visit Jesus, at the very earliest?

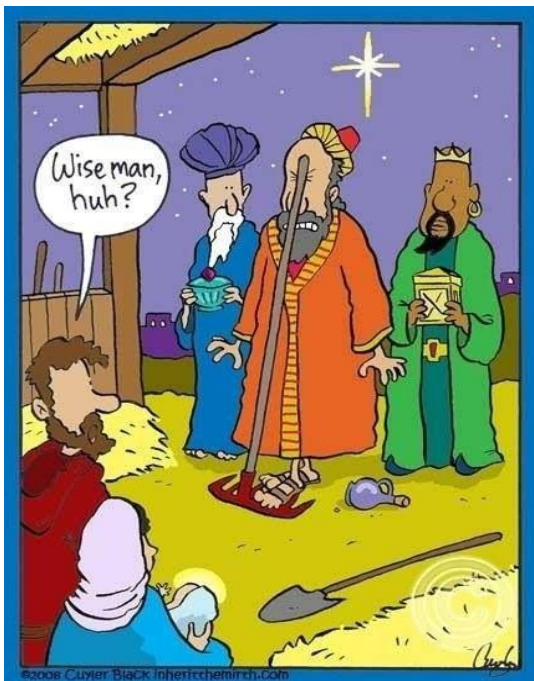


Christmas is the shortened version of “Christ’s mass”

Every Christmas in France, people serve 7 main courses and 13 desserts to celebrate the season.

Despite the tale of three wise men, the Bible never gives a number. Matthew’s Gospel refers merely to “wise men”.

HUMOR



DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the January Newsletter is December 18, 2022.



Answers to Quiz

1. Isaiah
2. Herod
3. 41