

Trinity **SONRISE** News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2023

STEWARDSHIP

Sent to Tell the Good News

The season of Advent has provided opportunity for us to reflect on God's great love for us fallen sinners that has caused Him to send His very own Son Who came for the ungodly, even for those who will never acknowledge His sacrifice and who reject His free gift of salvation. Along with the joy that we have in our Savior, especially at this time of the celebration of Jesus' birth, the knowledge that not all experience this joy brings a sorrow to us as it does to the heart of our Lord.

Just as God in His love sent His Son into this world to save the lost, so we are now sent to tell others of that love. The shepherds at Jesus' birth did not hesitate to tell others. *"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen..."* (Luke 2:20). Like the shepherds, our joy and mission are to share the good news with all people that Jesus came *"to seek and to save the lost"* (Luke 19:10). By grace, we are invited to be participants who declare to the world how God has reconciled us to Himself through His Son. God makes His appeal to unbelievers through us, and, therefore, it is imperative that we share the Gospel, which is the life-giving truth. We are to preach and teach the Word of God.

God calls us to share our faith and to let His light shine brightly. You and I have something to share that is needed by others, and that is the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ, Who came to us as a babe in a manger. In light of what Christ has done for us, we respond with a desire to serve and glorify Him. We are equipped and enabled by the Holy Spirit through His Word and Sacraments (2 Timothy 3:16-17) to be participants in His mission. We are the feet, eyes, ears, mouths, and hands who carry the message, who see the needs, who listen to the cries of those in need, who bring help to them, who tell them the message of reconciliation.

God's Word challenges us to use our time, talents, and money, so we can make an eternal difference in the lives of others. Because God is always with us, we can be faithful in our purpose to be God's participants in His mission to save all people.

May we all keep Christ as the heart of our Christmas and see Jesus as the reason for our joy. God's blessings on your Christmas worship and celebration with loved ones.

Have a blessed Christmas!





December Mission of the Month
God's Children Haiti
(Formerly Bon Samaritan)

God's Children Haiti is a non-profit, 501c3, faith-based mission dedicated to helping the country of Haiti with its five greatest needs: Faith in Jesus Christ, Health Care, Food, Housing for Children in Need, and Education. Their goal is to empower these children to become independent, self-sufficient adults who can contribute positively to their communities.

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,
Lila Wetenhall

Military: Alex Anderson
Jason Cooper

Courtney Pierce (Army) Stationed in Germany
Karina Pierce (Army)



- Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. in the Sunday School wing.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. – in the Sunday School wing.



Sunday Worship Time
One Service
9:30 a.m.

Remember there is only one Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. throughout the year.

Bible Study is at 10:45 a.m.

Lay Readers



Thank you to all who have been volunteering to serve as Lay Readers. If you would like to read the Old Testament Reading and Epistle Reading a few Sundays a year, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church. Readings for the coming week are posted in the *Shine On*.



Greeters Needed

We NEED volunteers to meet and greet people as they enter the church on Sunday mornings. If you have been looking for an opportunity to serve, volunteer to be a greeter. This is something that everyone can do and it is a great way to meet members of the congregation. A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in back of the church.

Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee



The Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee consists of: Ruth Golm, Ron Weidenfeller, Nancy Weidenfeller, Jonalee Engstrom, Karen White, Ted White, Sue Welther, Claudia Francis, and Bill Francis. The Committee finalized its recommendation for changes. These changes will be presented to the Church Council and then to the Congregation in the near future.



Stewardship Committee Chair

We are still looking for a chairperson for the Stewardship Committee. This is a position listed in the Constitution and is part of the Church Council. The Stewardship Committee is charged with the stimulation of the people to a proper stewardship of time, talents, and treasures. Please prayerfully consider serving in this position. If you are willing, please speak with Pastor Steve.



Trintiy Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) does not have enough volunteers to put on a bazaar in November. Therefore, we are planning small fundraisers throughout the year. Please support TLCW – many hands make the work much easier – we can all do a small part to share God's love.

TLCW Meetings

We would like to invite all women to our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. There will be a short meeting at the Ladies Luncheon at Taits on December 12th, therefore we will **NOT** be meeting on December 19th.

Mites

Remember to bring your loose change for the Mite box donation the first Sunday of each month.



Angel Tree

This year for its Angel Tree Project Trinity is collecting cash to send to Wellspring Lutheran Services to purchase gift cards to give to children for Christmas.

If you would like to make a cash donation, please place it in an envelope, mark it "Angel Tree," place it in the offering box or give it to Henrie or Sue Pisarski.

We will be collecting through December 13th. Thank you for your support!





A Christmas party for all the ladies of Trinity will be held at Tait's Bill of Fare on Tuesday, December 12th at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$20 per person which includes lunch, beverage and tip. See Michele Marone or Judy Michaelson for food choices. A brief meeting will be held, so there will not be a meeting on the third Tuesday of December.

Greeting Cards for Sale

TLCW is selling greeting cards for 50¢ each. Cards are available for purchase on a table in the fellowship hall and more in a rack on the display case. Just drop your money into the cash box provided.



**LET US ADORE OUR SAVIOR LIKE
THE SHEPHERDS DID – WITH OUR
PRESENCE – AND LIKE THE MAGI
DID – WITH OUR GIFTS.**

“Praise our God, all you His servants,
you who fear Him, both small and
great!” (Revelation 19:5)



HELP US
DECORATE FOR
CHRISTMAS



**Decorating the Church for Christmas
in Celebration of
our Lord Jesus Christ's Birth
will be done
Monday, December 4th at 10 a.m.**

Your help is needed!
Many hands make light work!
Snacks will be provided.



Worship Services

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| Sunday, December 3 | 9:30 a.m. Service |
| Wednesday, December 6 | 6:00 p.m. Service |
| Sunday, December 10 | 9:30 a.m. Service |
| Wednesday, December 13 | 6:00 p.m. Service |
| Sunday, December 17 | 9:30 a.m. Service |
| Wednesday, December 20 | 6:00 p.m. Service |



**You are invited to join us for
Advent Soup Suppers
Wednesdays at 5p.m.**

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| December 6 th | Hosted by TLCW |
| December 13 th | Hosted by Church Council |
| December 20 th | Hosted by the Congregation |

December 20th the congregation will be asked to bring the supper a sign-up sheet will be posted.



Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24th

There will be NO 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at 3:00 p.m.

Candlelight Worship Service at 5:00 p.m.

NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Trinity Bells of Glory

Concert

“Comfort and Joy”

Sunday

December 17, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Christmas Music and Other Selections

Cookies following in the Fellowship Hall

Trinity Lutheran Church

5625 N. US-23

Oscoda, MI



Northern Lights Parade

Saturday, December 2nd at 6 pm

Trinity will have a float in the parade.
Volunteers are needed to walk in the
Parade and hand out candy.

Candy donations are also needed.

There is a box in the Fellowship Hall for your candy donations.



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 2024, but **orders need to be submitted to the church office by December 10th** to take advantage of a discounted District rate of \$19.00/year. (Individual subscriptions ordered directly from CPH are \$24.99/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.



**CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF
THE GREATEST GIFT EVER GIVEN –
GOD COMING TO EARTH IN THE FLESH
TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS!**

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent for His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as son” (Galatians 4:4).





- 12/3 Charlie Rainey
- 12/7 Greg Pancost
- 12/17 Christine Rogel
- 12/18 Dave Wagner
- 12/19 Wayne Fortney
- 12/23 Laurie Hahn
- 12/29 Jack Inman
- 12/30 Nancy Kreuzwieser
- 12/30 Phyllis Servinski



None

2024 Offering Envelopes
 Are Available
 On the Card Table
 In the Fellowship Hall

Know the Elders

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

Their phone numbers can be found in your church directory.

Mitch Davis, Jr.

David Golm

Ron Weidenfeller

George Wright



Church Council Meeting

**Thursday
 December 14, 2023
 2:00 p.m.**



Elders Meeting

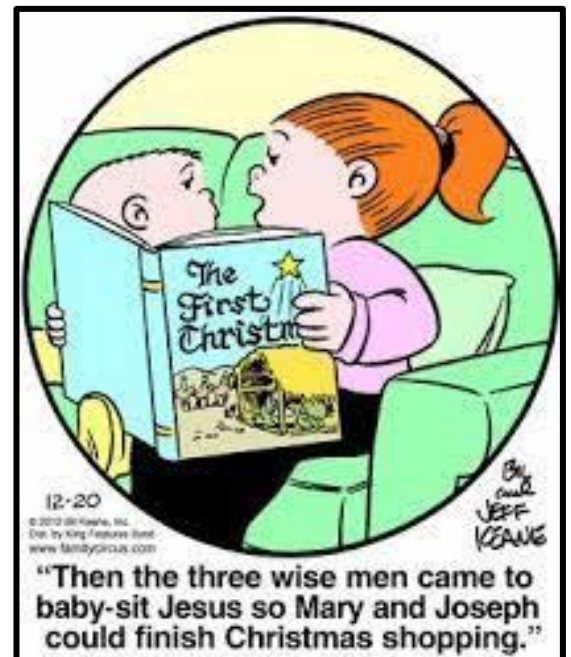
**Thursday
 December 14, 2023
 1:00 p.m.**

QUIZ



1. What are the five names of Jesus found in the Bible?
 2. Where in the Bible do we read about the birth of Jesus?
 3. What sign were the shepherds supposed to look for when searching for Jesus?
- The circulatory system is more than 60,000 miles long
 - There are parts of Africa in all four hemispheres
 - Thanks to 3D printing, NASA can basically email tools to astronauts

HUMOR



DEADLINE



The deadline to submit articles for the January Newsletter is December 17, 2023.

- Answers to Quiz**
1. Jesus, Emmanuel, Christ, the Mighty God, the Prince of Peace
 2. Luke
 3. A baby lying in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes.