

# TRINITY CONNECTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MASON CITY, IOWA



Pastor Daniel Hanson, Parish Nurse Becky Elsbernd, Britta Elsbernd, and Youth Director Dani Vogel in their Scandinavian finest at the Scandinavian Bazaar.

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## WELCOME!

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The Trinity Connection informs the members of Trinity Lutheran Church about the church's mission and people, helping them to grow in faith and commitment to Jesus Christ.



FRONT PAGE: Ready for the Scandinavian Bazaar!

There is no such thing as too many blankets. We believe this wholeheartedly at my house. Go into the living room, the basement or any bedroom and you will find stacks of quilts and throws, fleece and wool. Our family loves the blankets – all year round.



PASTOR DAN GERRIETTS  
SENIOR PASTOR

Our 2024 Advent/Christmas series at Trinity was designed to feel like a favorite blanket wrapped around you, providing warmth and comfort as you begin again. December and Advent always bring a mix of endings and beginnings. The end of a calendar year. The beginning of a new church year. The promise of Christ's birth and the new life it brings. The weight of losses and griefs, endings that seem so final. All while the world spins on.

This Advent our theme is "Words for the Beginning." This series is filled with words of blessing and hope, words we need to hear, especially as we begin again. Written by the good people at Sanctified Art, our worship and devotional pieces imagine the words that Mary would want to speak to her newborn son. What scriptures and stories would she impart to him? What lessons would she teach him as he grew? The weekly themes may feel like the lessons we teach to our children, but in reality, these are lessons we continue to learn and relearn as adults.

All of the visual art for this series looks like a quilt. Just as quilts are stitched together so may God knit these words for the beginning into a blanket of protection and warmth and hope in Christ this season.

Mary proclaimed hope in a God who was and who is making all things new in Christ. May it be so again this season!

Pastor Dan Gerriets

**The Trinity Staff would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**  
**from Pastor Dan Gerriets, Pastor Daniel Hanson, Pastor Beverly Butler, Pam Fike, Lou Ann Rossler, Becky Elsbernd, Marty Greder, Dani Vogel, Carol Dettmer, Betsy Kirby, Ashley Morrison, Michelle Murray, Dave Smith and Allison Day.**





## Season of Advent

Advent is a season of endings and beginnings. As the calendar year comes to a close, a new church year begins. Christ's birth ushers us into new ways of living and loving; and yet, the world as we know it spins madly on. In many ways, pregnant Mary was surrounded by endings—large and small, personal and political. But Mary proclaimed hope in a God who was and is making all things new. Christ's birth offered a beautiful new beginning for shepherds and Magi alike—all the while, King Herod tried to bring Christ's story to an end. When we ourselves navigate seasons filled with endings and beginnings, we need reminders. We need words that can feel like steady ground, like a path for our feet to find as we step forward into the unknown. Copies of the [Advent devotional book](#) are available at the Welcome Desk and by the church offices.

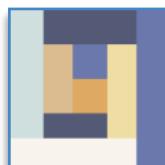


### 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Nov 30 - Dec 1

### YOU ARE A BLESSING

Luke 1:26-28

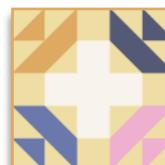


### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7-8

### WE CAN'T GO ALONE

Ruth 1



### 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14-15

### DO THE GOOD THAT IS YOURS TO DO



### 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21-22

### HOPE IS WORTH



### CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24

### LOVE KNOWS YOUR NAME



### 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 28-29

### DON'T FORGET TO LAUGH



### LUKE 2:10

### EPIPHANY

January 4-5

### THE ROAD ISN'T STRAIGHT

Matthew 2:1-12

## HOLDEN EVENING ADVENT SERVICES

*Wednesdays in December*

**December 4, 11, and 18**

**6:30 PM / Trinity Sanctuary**

A beautiful service of music, light, and prayer celebrating the wonder of Advent.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**10:30 AM / Trinity Sanctuary**

December 8, 2024 is the Sunday School Christmas Program, a very special event for all ages, featuring Sunday School students and the Santa Lucia processional. Mark your calendar for 10:30 AM on December 8.



## CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**5:00 - 7:00 PM / Fat Hill Brewing**

Join us for a sing-along at Fat Hill Brewing! Please bring an appetizer to share. **Please Note:** This is an adult event.



## YOUTH ADVENT BRUNCH FUNDRAISER

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

**9:30 AM - 11:00 AM / Trinity Fellowship Hall**

Join us on December 15th for a youth fundraiser brunch!

We will have both sweet and savory breakfast casserole, fruit, cinnamon rolls, and more! We will be collecting free will donations. Brunch will be served from 9:30-11:00 AM on Sunday morning.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

**Thursday, December 5, 2024**

**1:30 PM / Trinity Fellowship Hall**

The Annual Trinity Christmas Tea will feature speaker Betty Jean Kauffman and her Norwegian Forest Cats for a time of fellowship and learning about the breed. Offerings will go to the Northern Lights Alliance, Women and Children Shelter "New Beginnings House of Hope". Friends welcome! To learn more visit [www.vikingtails.com](http://www.vikingtails.com).



## CHRISTMAS ENSEMBLE OPEN CALL

We're getting the band together for Christmas Eve! I have chosen music and am excited to present it as a part of the 10:30 PM Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals will be on Saturdays, December 14 and December 21 at 10:00 AM. Contact the church or Kim Reisinger for more details and music. Kim Reisinger - 319-404-2474 - [kim.reisinger1@gmail.com](mailto:kim.reisinger1@gmail.com)



## ROTATING ART GALLERY

### SCANDINAVIAN ART

**November - December 2024**

In honor of the Scandinavian Bazaar, Trinity's Rotating Art Gallery features artwork of all sorts with a Scandinavian flair that have been created or collected by Trinity members. Enjoy the variety of pieces and the stories behind them.





## TRINITY'S GIVING TREE

The Ministries Committee is once again sponsoring the Salvation Army Angel Tag and YSS North Iowa Giving Tree. The tree is located near the East entrance. Please have all items returned to the church by Thursday, December 12. The tags will indicate on the back whether to wrap the gift or leave it unwrapped. Thank you for all of your support for this opportunity to brighten a child's life.

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

Please let the office know if you would like to give a gift this Christmas season in memory of a loved one. Your gifts help support a variety of missions and ministry programs here at Trinity. A list of our Memorial Funds can be found on our website under the Give Tab (click Memorials and Gifts), or a copy is available in the church office. For those who wish to honor a loved one with a Christmas Memorial, please have memorials to the church office by **Wednesday, December 18, 2024**.



## POINSETTIAS

We will decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias this Christmas season which are being purchased from the Clear Lake FFA. If you'd like to purchase a poinsettia (\$15.00) as a memorial (or in honor of a loved one), please get in touch with the church office by **Friday, December 13, 2024**. A limited number of poinsettias are available. They may be picked up on **Thursday, December 26, 2024**.

## CANDLE LIGHTING AND READERS

Help us light the Advent Wreath each weekend in December. Readings are short and simple - great for individuals or families! We also need candle lighter and readers for the Christmas Eve services. Contact the church office to sign up: 641-423-0536.



### 10:00 AM\*\*

Traditional Service  
Pastor Beverly Butler  
preaching

### 1:30 PM\*\*

Traditional Service  
Pastor Dan Gerriets  
preaching

### \*4:00 PM\*\*

Family-Friendly Service  
Pastor Daniel Hanson  
preaching

# Christmas Eve WORSHIP SERVICES



\*Family-Friendly Service

\*\*Livestreamed Service & Broadcast on KCMR 97.9 FM

\*\*Holy Communion Served

### \*5:30 PM\*\*

Family-Friendly Service  
Pastor Daniel Hanson  
preaching

### 10:00 PM\*\*

♪ Musical Prelude ♪

### \*\*10:30 PM\*\*

Traditional Candlelight Service  
Pastor Dan Gerriets  
preaching



## Trinity's Christmas Cantata: Blessed Mother

Sat. Dec. 7

at

5 PM worship

This time of year can overflow with the busyness of preparing for Christmas. It can be difficult to pause and reflect on preparing our hearts to both celebrate and appreciate the wondrous circumstances of God's coming to earth as one of us.

Join the Trinity Choir and Friends for an evening of verse and song honoring the story of Mary, his humble mother. From prophecy to fulfillment, she delivered the greatest gift the world has ever received, her son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

## Meet the New General Manager of KCMR Amy Kuns

by Michelle Murray

KCMR radio was created by Trinity Lutheran Church and went on the air on May 3, 1979. The only listener-supported, locally owned and operated radio station in Mason City, this non-commercial Christian station offers easy-listening, inspirational music, along with hourly news and weather reports. Since its beginning, there have been many changes, and a recent one took place mid-August of this year when Amy Kuns became the new General Manager of the station.

If her name sounds familiar to you, it's because she's not only from the North Iowa area, but she also was probably "in" your home nightly in the 1990s. Kuns grew up in Ventura and after graduating from Northwestern College in Roseville, MN, she came back to the area to be an unpaid intern at KIMT-TV, doing practically everything at the station except for sports and weather, and finally becoming the evening anchor, her dream job. "It was everything I wanted," Kuns said, "until it wasn't!"

It was her mom's words at that time that still resonate with her today: "Amy, dreams CHANGE!" When life changes, so do dreams. Kuns found herself as a Communication instructor at Waldorf College (now University) for a year. She loved the job and her students, but found herself missing TV, so she moved to Rochester, MN to take an anchor job at FOX 47 for the next five years.

Kuns explained that TV can be an unpredictable business. All of a sudden, her FOX 47 contract wasn't renewed, so off she went again...this time to Washington state where she took an anchor job at KEPR-TV. Two months in, the management decided "the chemistry wasn't right" between her co-anchor and her, so she was out of a job after uprooting her life and moving to the west coast. Two weeks after that, her co-anchor was also let go. "That's how brutal the TV industry is!" Kuns said.

What followed Amy's broadcasting career was something even she never saw coming. "I flailed for two decades working in various jobs from restaurants to retail and selling cars to hospitality," she said. "Nothing felt right or paid enough to support a single mom with a young son." Kuns said she felt like she couldn't afford to live. "During those two decades, I was angry with God. I kept asking, 'Why? Why is this not working out?!?'"

Her turning point came this past April when Dureen Bradshaw, church secretary at Agape Christian Family Church in Clear Lake, realized that Kuns needed some extra TLC and offered her and her son the apartment above the sanctuary. "It was a safe, peaceful place to be for the first time in two decades," Kuns said with tears in her eyes. It allowed her to focus on what she really wanted. "God spoke to me like He was sitting next to me," she explained. "I heard, 'Amy, I've got this. You're going to be okay.'"



A few months later, she found out about the KCMR position, got the job, and now lives in a nice rental home in Clear Lake with her son, Cooper.

"KCMR is a really good fit for me at this time of my life," Kuns said. She not only gets to use her knowledge of broadcasting, which was her major in college, but she also pointed out another commonality between her alma mater and the radio station. "I thrive in a small Christian environment!" she exclaimed.

The environment of this nonprofit radio station with on-air volunteers checks off all the boxes for Kuns. She raved about the staff and volunteers and the direction the station is going. "It's music-driven, not talk-driven," she explained, although she does have some ideas for future podcasts. Other ideas include moving into more contemporary Christian music to gain younger listeners... while still playing the favorites so as not to alienate the older ones.

A goal is to double the number of volunteer announcers. If someone wants to be on-air at KCMR, Kuns said no experience is necessary. "We train you!" she said. "All you need is a love of music and a love of touching people with the news of Jesus Christ and you're golden!" An average shift for a radio announcer at KCMR is 2-3 hours and can vary from one weekly shift up to two or three. This music-filled "gig" sounds perfect for a person looking to expand his or her faith journey.

In fact, Kuns pointed out being the new GM is perfect for her own faith journey as well. "I was looking for something to stretch my own Christian faith and trust in God while using my broadcasting capabilities, and this job fits the bill!" When people ask how her new job is going, her stock answer with a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye is this: "This job is everything I didn't know I wanted!!"

Welcome, Amy, to KCMR!



## NEW MEMBERS

The following people completed our **Belong and Grow** membership class, and were received at the 9 AM worship service as new members on Sunday, November 10, 2024.



### JOYCE ENNIS

I volunteer at the Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank each Tuesday. In my spare time, I enjoy reading and walking.



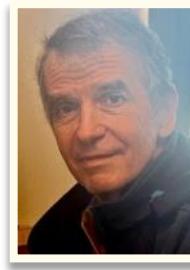
### DAVE AND CARY MOREHOUSE

Dave is a corporate pilot flying for Hormel Foods in Austin, MN. Cary is an account executive for Nursa covering the states of IA and MN. They enjoy family activities such as traveling, volunteering, and attending sporting and performing arts events.



### ROBIN FOX

I am retired now but was a surgical nurse for 45 years. I enjoy sewing, crafts, camping, boating and traveling. I love spending time with my family and grandchildren.



### JAMES (JAMIE) FULLER

I recently moved here from Nashville, TN. I am retired from the Army and served in a variety of positions. I enjoy music, art and design and follow the Cyclones, 49ers, and Dodgers.

### LARRY SCHIMKA

I moved to Mason City in March 2024 from Des Plaines, IL (a NW suburb of Chicago). I retired in 2017 as manager of strategic planning for North America at Robert Bosch, LLC. I previously volunteered as a docent at the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago and have taught a graduate level finance course at Golden Gate University since 2003. I enjoy hand coloring vintage photographs (mostly of baseball) and I currently volunteer at the Humane Society of North Iowa and sing in the River City Chorus.



### CASEY, CASSIDY, TEAGAN & LANDON HARRIS

Casey runs the collection dept. at First Security Bank & Trust, and Cassidy is a realtor with Century 21 Preferred. Cassidy also volunteers at her daughter's school and their family enjoys camping and fishing.



### BARRY SCHRAG

I'm retired from banking and enjoy cooking, baking, camping, fishing, hunting, hiking and bike riding. I also am a current member of Elgin Lutheran Church in Elgin, IA.



### SHEA, MICHAEL, FINN & CALVIN JORGENSEN

Moving here from Iowa City, Shea is a psychiatrist at Prairie Ridge and Michael is a family medicine physician with Amwell (in acute care telemedicine). The family enjoys camping, horseback riding, hiking, cross country skiing and piano. Finn loves soccer and playing UNO. The Jorgensens are happy to be a part of the community!



### LINDSAY, DAVID AND LYDIA SWARTWOOD

Lindsay works at First Citizens Bank and David is disabled. Their family enjoys going to movies, taking family trips and watching Kansas City Chiefs football. The Swartwoods love the family atmosphere they have found at Trinity!



### MATTHEW, KARI, REECE, RYDER & SUMMER LEIBRAND

Originally from Mason City, Matt and Kari moved back to town 14 years ago after attending the University of Iowa. Matt is CFO at Emborgrove Hospitality Group and Kari is a dentist at the Nettleton Dental Group. They keep busy attending their kids' sporting events (football, basketball, baseball and dance). The family loves to spend time outdoors (biking, walking, fishing and gardening) and they love to travel.



### WILLIAM, RACHEL, AURORA & SEBASTIAN SYMONDS

Will is in IT and Rachel teaches 7th and 8th grade science. They enjoyed adorning their yard with skeleton scenes for the past Halloween season and the family enjoys traveling and spending time together. Will enjoys being active in the theatre scene and Rachel enjoys crafting. Their kids love to play outside and go to the many parks in Mason City.



## Seeking the Manger- A Scripture Escape Room

Mary and Joseph have traveled to Bethlehem and need to find a place to stay. There is only one Inn in the city that has a manger for them to use for the arrival of baby Jesus. Solve the puzzles and riddles and lead Mary and Joseph to the manger before Mary has her baby. You will have 60 minutes to figure out which Inn has space for Mary and Joseph. This is a fun Christmas activity for families or groups of friends. This game is created for youth ages 10+ but younger children can play with help from parents. Ideal group size is 3-12 people. Room 219 in the Education Wing will be transformed into this escape room that resembles the city of Bethlehem. There are multiple slots open from Dec.15-29. Reserve your time slot today online <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EACA828A2FEC16-52865011-nativity> If you need further assistance, contact the church office.



All 5th-8th graders are invited to a **Christmas party** on Sunday, December 15 from 2-4 PM. We will have some holiday fun including a gift exchange, so please bring a wrapped gift valued \$10 or less.

## AGE 18 - 30 YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS HANGOUT

**4:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

*Trinity Lutheran Church*

Young Adult Meetup event over Christmas! Trinity is inviting our 18-30 year olds to come and hang out at church on December 27th.

This is a choose your own adventure event where you can pop in for one portion or more! We will have a variety of activities throughout the day including:

**4:00 PM- *Nativity Themed Escape Room***

**5:00 PM- *Christmas Games***

**6:00 PM- *Appy Hour (An all appetizer dinner party)***

**7:00 PM- *Movie***

**9:00 PM- *Hang Out time***



## Verses to Live By:

### Kay Larson



My name is Kay Larson. I moved to Mason City from Watertown, SD to teach school in the mid 80's. I am the youngest of four kids. I have two sisters and a brother who all live in different states. I feel blessed that I am able to connect with them several times throughout the year. I enjoy spending time outdoors walking, gardening and playing pickleball. Getting together with friends, volunteering, and traveling also fill my time.

I have two favorite Bible verses that I have leaned on through the years. They have provided much comfort and strength as I've transitioned through many phases of my life:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

"Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

I generally say a simple prayer in the morning before I get out of bed asking God to watch over me in all I do during the day. Sometimes I ask for strength to get everything done I need to do that day. I also pray again at night when I go to bed thanking God for the day and all that He helped me accomplish as well as praying for people on my prayer list.

## HEALING TOUCH SPIRITUAL MINISTRY CLASS

Members from the Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry team attended the three day class, "The Art of Listening to Spiritual Guidance" hosted at Trinity Lutheran Church on Oct. 25-27. The Institute of Spiritual Healing and Aromatherapy Instructor Jan Halbach from Minneapolis has provided all of the education for the Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry Team right here in Mason City since 2015.



IN ATTENDANCE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

PASTOR BEVERLY BUTLER (HELPER), DIANE WALROD, BLANCHARD BYRNE (HELPER), JAN HALBACH (INSTRUCTOR), JANE WAGEMAN, SHARON ENABNIT, LEXI DEAN, AND NORA HARDY

## HEALING TOUCH GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Give the gift of relaxation and healing this holiday season with a Healing Touch Gift Certificate. They are available in the church office for a free-will donation.

## REJOICING SPIRITS

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

**5:00 PM / Trinity Fellowship Hall**



Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us on Wednesday, December 18 to celebrate the birth of Christ through song, skit, prayer and servant project.

Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.



## BASES EXERCISE

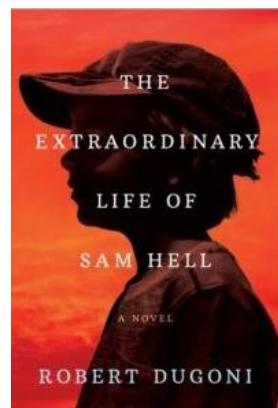
**Tuesdays and Thursdays  
In December at 8:00 AM**

*The Gathering Space*

BASES (Balance-Agility-Strength-Endurance-Socialization) Exercise Class is in full swing! This free exercise class for adults age 55 or older is coordinated by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and led by RSVP volunteers.

### **Please Note:**

NO class on December 24, 26, and 31.



## BOOK DISCUSSION

**Monday, January 13, 2025**

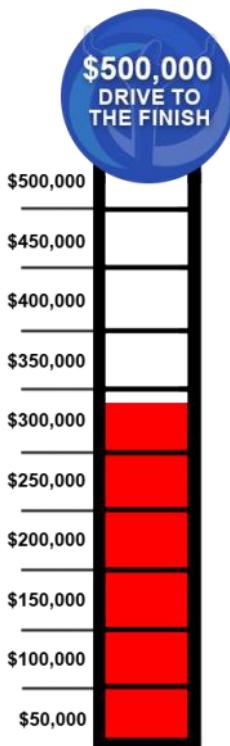
**1:00 PM The Gathering Space**

Our next book is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell" is a heartwarming novel that celebrates overcoming the unfairnesses of life." Multiple copies are available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church office.

# T150

## CONSTRUCTION LOAN

Trinity continues to pay on the remaining construction loan for the T150 building renovations, technology upgrades, and our mission project. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of many, we have been able to make loan payments from special gifts alone and not the general budget. Trinity's mission and outreach continue to be blessed by this \$4.5 million project. To make a gift, go to [trinity-mc.org/trinity-at-150](http://trinity-mc.org/trinity-at-150) or write "T150" on your check or envelope.



Remember...

There is

NO Sunday School

Dec. 15, 22 and 29.

See you January 5!



## FELLOWSHIP COFFEE CHRISTMAS GAME SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**  
**9:30 AM / Trinity Fellowship Hall**

Come and join the holiday fun at Fellowship Coffee on Tuesday, December 17 at 9:30 a.m. The Trinity staff are hosting a Christmas Gameshow Extravaganza, featuring prizes and surprises. Christmas attire encouraged. Prepare for a merry and festive time together.

## THANK YOU, SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS

The Ministries Committee would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to serve coffee on Sunday mornings this past year! We couldn't do it without you! Volunteering to serve coffee is fun, not too difficult, and it's a wonderful way to meet or catch up with the congregation and visitors. A member of the Ministries Committee is there to assist you. We have openings from January to June 2025, so whether you are new to volunteering for Sunday coffee or you have volunteered in the past, please sign up for a Sunday on the bulletin board by the church office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact someone from the Ministries Committee, including Penny Bennett, Kevin Hendrikson, Joann Johnson, Mark LeDuc, Lisa Lorenzen, Ronda Smith, or Cynthia Zach.



Thanks to the woodworking talent of Harlan Baack, the WNA kids painted and decorated wooden trees.



**Hattie Margaret Morrison** was born on Saturday, November 9th. Congratulations to **Johnathan and Ashley Morrison**, proud new parents! Welcome to our Trinity family, precious Hattie!



**Sunday, December 1, 2024 - 1st Sunday of Advent**

9:00 &amp; 10:30 AM Worship\*\*

**Monday, December 2, 2024**

|         |                              |            |
|---------|------------------------------|------------|
| 9:00 AM | Centering Prayer             | TR322/Zoom |
| 9:00 AM | Trinity at Community Kitchen | CK         |
| 9:30 AM | Bazaar Wrap Up Mtg.          | TFH        |
| 6:00 PM | Trinity Bronze Bell Choir    | TS         |

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

|         |                              |     |
|---------|------------------------------|-----|
| 7:00 AM | Men's Bible Study            | TFH |
| 8:30 AM | Women's Bible Study          | TL  |
| 6:00 PM | Advent Meal                  | TFH |
| 6:30 PM | <b>Holden Evening Prayer</b> | TS  |
| 7:00 PM | Choir                        | TCR |

**Thursday, December 5, 2024**

|          |                             |     |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----|
| 8:00 AM  | BASES Exercise Class        | TGS |
| 10:30 AM | Clapper Bell Choir          | TS  |
| 1:30 PM  | <b>Annual Christmas Tea</b> | TFH |

**Saturday, December 7, 2024**

5:00 PM Cantata Service

**Sunday, December 8, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

|          |  |     |
|----------|--|-----|
| 9:00 AM  | Worship Service                        | TS  |
| 9:15 AM  | Sunday School                          | TEW |
| 10:30 AM | <b>Sunday School Christmas Program</b> |     |
| 5:00 PM  | Christmas Sing-a-Long at Fat Hill      |     |

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

|         |               |            |
|---------|---------------|------------|
| 9:00 AM | Lectio Divina | TR322/Zoom |
| 9:30 AM | Altar Guild   | TR300      |

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

|         |                              |       |
|---------|------------------------------|-------|
| 7:00 AM | Men's Bible Study            | TFH   |
| 8:30 AM | Women's Bible Study          | TL    |
| 9:30 AM | Lydia Bible Study            | TR208 |
| 6:00 PM | Advent Meal                  | TFH   |
| 6:30 PM | <b>Holden Evening Prayer</b> | TS    |
| 7:00 PM | Choir                        | TCR   |

**Thursday, December 12, 2024**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class

9:30 AM WELCA Bible Study

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

5:00 PM Worship\*\*

**Sunday, December 15, 2024 - 3rd Sunday of Advent**

9:00 &amp; 10:30 AM Worship\*\*

**Sunday, December 15, 2024 - continued.**

|    |                                  |                                   |            |
|----|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| TS | 9:30 AM                          | Advent Breakfast Youth Fundraiser |            |
|    | 10:00 AM                         | Blood Pressure Checks             | TGS        |
|    | 2:00 PM                          | Middle School Christmas Party     | TFH        |
|    | <b>Monday, December 16, 2024</b> |                                   |            |
|    | 9:00 AM                          | Centering Prayer                  | TR322/Zoom |
|    | 10:00 AM                         | Healing Touch Exchange            | TR321      |
|    | 6:30 PM                          | Council Mtg.                      | Offsite    |

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

|     |          |                       |       |
|-----|----------|-----------------------|-------|
| TGS | 8:00 AM  | BASES Exercise Class  | TGS   |
|     | 9:30 AM  | Fellowship Coffee     | TFH   |
|     | 10:45 AM | Prayer Shawl Ministry | TR307 |

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

|     |         |                              |            |
|-----|---------|------------------------------|------------|
| TFH | 7:00 AM | Men's Bible Study            | TFH        |
|     | 8:30 AM | Women's Bible Study          | TL         |
|     | 2:00 PM | Cancer Support Group         | TR300/Zoom |
|     | 5:00 PM | Rejoicing Spirits            | TFH        |
|     | 6:00 PM | Advent Meal                  | TFH        |
|     | 6:30 PM | <b>Holden Evening Prayer</b> | TS         |
|     | 7:00 PM | Choir                        | TCR        |

**Thursday, December 19, 2024**

|     |                                    |                         |       |
|-----|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| TGS | 8:00 AM                            | BASES Exercise Class    | TGS   |
|     | <b>Saturday, December 21, 2024</b> |                         |       |
|     | 9:30 AM                            | Coffee with the Pastors | FB/YT |
|     | 5:00 PM                            | Worship                 | TS    |

**Sunday, December 22, 2024 - 4th Sunday of Advent**

|    |                                   |    |  |
|----|-----------------------------------|----|--|
| TS | 9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship           | TS |  |
|    | <b>Tuesday, December 24, 2024</b> |    |  |

**ALL DAY Offices Closed - Christmas Holiday**

|    |          |                                 |    |
|----|----------|---------------------------------|----|
| TS | 10:00 AM | <b>Christmas Eve Worship**</b>  | TS |
|    | 1:30 PM  | <b>Christmas Eve Worship**</b>  | TS |
|    | 4:00 PM  | <b>Christmas Eve Worship</b>    | TS |
|    | 5:30 PM  | <b>Christmas Eve Worship **</b> | TS |
|    | 10:00 PM | ♪ Musical Prelude ♪             | TS |
|    | 10:00 AM | <b>Christmas Eve Worship**</b>  | TS |

**Wednesday, December 25, 2024**

|     |                                  |   |     |
|-----|----------------------------------|---|-----|
| TLC | ALL DAY                          | <b>Offices Closed - Christmas Holiday</b> | TLC |
|     | <b>Friday, December 27, 2024</b> |   |     |

4:00 PM Young Adult Christmas Hangout TLC

**Saturday, December 28, 2024**

5:00 PM Worship++

**Sunday, December 29, 2024**

9:00 &amp; 10:30 AM Worship++

**CALENDAR KEY**

TLC - Trinity Lutheran Church (Various locations in the building) / TFH - Trinity Fellowship Hall / TK - Trinity Kitchen

TR - Trinity Room (Number) / TGS - Trinity Gathering Space / TS - Trinity Sanctuary / TPL - Trinity Parking Lot

TYR - Trinity Youth Room / CK - Community Kitchen / YTFB - YouTube &amp; Facebook / TC - Trinity Courtyard

TCR - Trinity Choir Room / RBC - Riverside Bible Camp / TH - Trailhead

\*\*Holy Communion Served ++Rite of Healing



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- Weekend Worship

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- Trinity Connection

- Youth News

## **OFFICE HOURS**

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM M-Th

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM F

## **WORSHIP**

### **SANCTUARY**

- **Saturdays 5:00 PM** | Sanctuary  
*Traditional Service*
- **Sundays 9:00 AM** | Sanctuary  
& Online - Livestreamed on  
Facebook and YouTube,  
or listen live on KCMR 97.9 FM  
or [kcmrfm.com](http://kcmrfm.com)  
*Traditional Service*
- **Sundays 10:30 AM** | Sanctuary  
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