

Pastor's Letter

Greetings in the Name of Christ!

For many of our families, December is a month of reunions...kids come "home" to mom and dad's or the parents go and visit the kids. Often these are wonderful times of fun, eating, grandma and grandpa playing with the grandkids. There may also be a lot of catching up about what everyone has been doing the past few months. Let me ask you. In all of the partying, playing, and parleying, are you having any spiritual conversations? I know the old adage that warns we dare not discuss religion and politics in mixed company. Proceeding in that way may help grease the wheels and avoid some conflicts, but it seems that, at least in the case of discussing religion, it falls woefully short of the ideal that our Lord's Word has for us. Consider for example :

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, ESV).

To be fair, this was a command from Yahweh to the people of Israel, but it seems to be that it is good counsel for us gentiles as well who have been grafted into the family of God via faith. We are, after all, the new Israel of God in Christ. So, how about trying some spiritual talk this Christmas? Ask your kids about whom they believe Jesus to be. Talk about who He is to you. Discuss the churches they belong to. Share what it means to you when you take communion and receive the very body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine...Ask if they believe this. If not, inquire why not.

As you discuss, try to listen more than you talk. See to understand the other person's position instead of spending time only formulating your response while they are talking. Who knows...maybe God will use these conversations to begin to heal the divisions that exist in His church...all of those who call upon the Name of Jesus for their salvation.

In Christ's Name,
Pastor Damian

Associate Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I am writing this letter back in November, I feel like I have already been thrust into the Christmas season, and I haven't even tasted any Thanksgiving turkey yet! Ashley and I sat down back at the beginning of November after election day, ready to enjoy a little bit of TV time without political ads again, and we both about jumped off the couch when we heard jingle bells start playing in an advertisement. I don't think either of us were quite prepared to be hit with Christmas commercialization just yet.

At this point, I'll even fully admit, complaining about the commercialization of Christmas feels a bit redundant and pointless. Considering even Charlie Brown and Linus were already discussing it as a problem back in their classic movie in 1965, I think it is safe to say that it is nothing new at this point. So, instead of complaining about the commercialization of Christmas, I'd like to do something else as we now truly begin to enter into this Advent season. I'd like to consider why people are so eager for Christmas to come so early. Obviously companies and businesses want to start advertising Christmas sales early so that they can make more money and capitalize off of the holiday, but what about everyone else? Why do people, even non-Christians want Christmas to come sooner?

I'm certain there are plenty of individual reasons why people want Christmas to come sooner, whether it be Christmas cookies, lights and decorations, the gifts, or even seeing family and friends. However, I think that there are three really big reasons behind these more obvious ones. They are Hope, Peace, and Joy. These topics are going to be the focus of our Wednesday night Advent series throughout the season, but to give you the quick answer here in the newsletter, I think these are the main things that all people hope to find at Christmas time. People see Christmas as a way of finding these in their lives when they feel like they are lacking. As followers of Jesus, we can find Hope, Peace, and Joy in Christmas because we can celebrate it as the birth of the One who would go on to be our Savior. We can also share these gifts of Christmas with those who desperately need them and need to hear about our Savior. In this Advent season, I pray that God's Hope, Joy, and Peace would find you as He has promised. "But when the fullness of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons and daughters." (Galatians 4:4-5)

God's blessings and Merry Christmas!
Pastor Nathan Nelson

President's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing this newsletter article after getting back from the November semi-annual Voters' Meeting. Thank you for all that took the time to attend – we had 69 members attend. It is the voters of the congregation who ultimately decide on the business of our church. Your voice and vote matter greatly! The voters approved three items:

Officers/Board Chairs were elected:

President – Mark Denney

1st Vice President – Ron Romig

Chair – Board of Outreach – Sean Wittmeier

Chair – Board of Worship – Regina Bruner

Co-chairs – Board of Social Concerns – Barb Alonzi/Judy Wickland

Co-chairs – Board of Youth Ministry – Dawn Gnuthake/Becky Denney

Board of Elders (2 year term) – Jeff Thorne, Tom Sedlock, Mark Denney, Tom Adams, Aaron Adams, Jean Fluevog, Charlie Haase

Board of Elders (1 year term) – Ron Romig, Dave Goebel

Thank you to Bob Summers, and Bill & Carol Lohman for serving on the Nominating Committee. Ron Romig served six years as Board of Worship Chair and has termed out. Derrick Robinette chose not to run again for Board of Elders. We thank both these men for their time and service to Trinity!

Approved the 2025 Work Program as presented. The Work Program was emailed out via Flocknote in early November. Formally adopted the revised By-Laws that the Kansas District approved after our last Voters' Meeting. Huge shout out to the Board of Fellowship for planning and organizing our Thanksgiving style lunch – it was delicious!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Thanksgiving is late this year, so we will only have three mid-week Advent services beginning on Wednesday **December 4**. This year's sermon theme is "Advent and the Gifts of Christmas" focusing on the gifts of Hope, Peace and Joy. Worship begins at 7:00 pm with a light meal served in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 pm.

December 4 – Board of Education – Soups

December 11 – Wednesday night Bible Study—Lasagna

December 18 – Board of Elders – Taco Crunch

We will once again have two services this year on Christmas Eve. We have changed the times to 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm in order to try and make the second service at a more convenient time for people.

We will have a Christmas Day service at 9:30 am.

Kurt Coyle will be coordinating our Christmas Day dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Look for more details in the coming days.

As is our custom, there are no Board meetings scheduled in the month of December to allow time to be spent with family and a much needed and deserved break for all our volunteers. We will start back up in the new year!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

December 4, 11, 18 – Mid-week advent services with light meal served at 6:00 pm.

December 24 – Christmas Eve worship services 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm.

December 25 – Christmas Day worship service 9:30 am; Christmas Dinner 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

December 29 - Single Service 10:45 am.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, need information, or want to find ways that you can become more involved in your Church. Merry Christmas! Mark Denney

Financial Page

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Treasurer's Recap Report
As of October 31, 2024

	October Actual	2024 Actual	Deo Volente 2024 Wk Pgm
Administration	\$ 815	\$ 9,970	\$ 15,600
Contracts	3,290	33,209	26,500
Education	200	5,611	12,780
Elders	0	1,408	1,750
Fellowship	103	2,245	6,200
Outreach	412	2,081	8,000
Properties	15,276	72,933	74,000
Social Concerns	4,696	32,235	23,250
Staff	23,214	208,667	265,835
Stewardship	1,697	16,498	16,927
Worship	2,623	24,227	28,028
Youth	56	56	5,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 52,382	\$ 409,140	\$ 483,870
 Church Receipts	 \$ 35,442	 \$ 403,592	 \$ 471,736
 CASH GAIN/(LOSS)	 \$ (16,940)	 \$ (5,548)	 \$ (12,134)

CASH AND INVESTED BALANCES

	TOTAL CASH
Work Program	\$ (5,548)
Accounts Payable	18,182
Benevolence Fund Reserve	13,516
Christmas Dinner Fund	584
District Support Reserve	2,066
General Reserves	213,056
Insurance & Tax Reserve	28,854
Memorials	190,082
Mission Reserve	5,609
Salary Accrual Reserve	37,077
Sunday School Offering	2,607
Transportation Reserve	14,000
Transfers	829
Trinity Development Fund	62,023
Trinity House Reserve	12,895
Youth Program Reserve	9,799
TOTAL	\$ 605,631

As of October 31, 2024:

156,978	Citizens Federal Checking
200,000	Citizens Federal CD
29,562	Lutheran Church Extension Fund
219,091	Edward Jones Money Market
<u>605,631</u>	<u>Total</u>

2025 Work Program

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Work Program Approved at 11/17/24 Voters' Meeting

	<u>2024</u> <u>Work Program</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Work Program</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	478,324	503,178	24,854
Expenses			
Administration	15,684	14,820	(864)
Contracts & Other	38,500	34,500	(4,000)
Education	12,780	9,000	(3,780)
Elders	1,750	1,200	(550)
Fellowship	6,200	3,700	(2,500)
Outreach	8,000	8,000	-
Properties	75,500	75,500	-
Social Concerns	38,940	35,000	(3,940)
Staff Salaries & Benefitis	251,965	311,822	59,857
Stewardship	17,100	5,333	(11,767)
Worship	26,215	27,450	1,235
Youth Program	5,000	1,000	(4,000)
Total Expense	<u>497,635</u>	<u>527,325</u>	<u>29,690</u>
Expense in Excess of Revenue	<u>(19,311)</u>	<u>(24,147)</u>	<u>(4,836)</u>

Bd of Directors

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jean Fluevog, Jeff Thorne, Pastor Nelson, Mark Denney, Laura Gray

President Mark Denney called the meeting to order. Mr. Fluevog shared a devotion based on Psalm 119:105-112. A motion was made and seconded (Fluevog/Thorne) to approve the agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the September meeting as presented. The motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

BOD Actions Since Last Meeting: In an email vote, Mark Denney was approved to attend and vote as Trinity's lay representative at the Circuit Forum.

Stewardship Time & Talent Survey: At its last meeting the Board of Stewardship discussed the BOD's decision to redirect Trinity's quarterly mission giving to Trinity House. Mr. Denney brought up designating someone to help the Board of Social Concerns get Trinity House information into the community.

Electronic Message Center: There was no update on the EMC.

Church Pictorial Directory: Pastor Nelson shared he has decided to postpone in person photography for the pictorial directory until February 2025 since November and December are busy times for people. He will continue to work on the technical side of the directory.

2025 Work Program: A motion was made and seconded (Fluevog/Thorne) to approve the 2025 Work Program version 4.0 and present it to the voters at the November Voters' meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Denney shared John Lange has decided not to run for reelection as 1st Vice President. The current chairs of the Boards of Social Concerns, Youth, and Outreach have agreed to stand for re-election. Mr. Summers is still working on candidates for the other board positions. Mr. Denney has also agreed to stand for reelection.

Security System Update/Expansion: Pastor Snyder received a proposal from Castle Guard Security to upgrade our current security system and change it to wireless which eliminates the need for a landline. He also asked about adding smoke detectors upstairs as there are currently only smoke detectors in the basement. The cost would be \$740. The proposal for the upgrades was \$2670.00, which included door and window contacts (\$935) that are not needed. A motion was made and seconded (Denney/Fluevog) to approve up to \$2500.00 for Pastor Snyder to work with Castle Guard to convert our existing security system to wireless and add four smoke detectors upstairs as directed by Castle Guard. The motion passed 3-0.

Trinity Coffee and Connect Outreach Ministry: Pastor Nelson shared the espresso machine arrived. He has posted a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for volunteers to join him passing out coffee and snacks. The times and dates for this ministry will vary and the frequency will depend on the number of volunteers. As a result, Pastor Nelson plans to vary his office hours on the days he hosts Coffee and Connect.

Bd of Directors cont.

BOD MEMBER UPDATES

Pastor Snyder asked Mr. Denney to share that Pastor Nelson is doing an excellent job and is assimilating well.

Pastor Nelson shared Our Savior Lutheran in Kansas City, KS is looking for pulpit supply for the coming months. He will fill in for them on November 24, 2024.

1st Vice President: Mr. Denney shared in the month of September receipts exceeded expenses by \$45,950. However, a gift of \$42,000 was posted as regular income, rather than as a memorial. That gift will be reclassified as a memorial and will be used for the EMC. Monthly receipts over expenses would then be \$3,950. Year-to-date numbers show receipts exceeding expenses by \$53,955. However, with the reclassification of the memorial gift, that number would be \$11,955.

2nd Vice President: Mr. Fluevog shared Approved Paving & Asphalt will reseal the parking lot on October 25.

3rd Vice President: No report

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Events: Sunday, October 27 – Trinity library open house from 9:00-noon

Family bowling – October 27 at 2:00.

October 26 & 27 – Reformation weekend.

Saturday, November 2 – Dillons food drive for Trinity House

November 17 – Semi-annual Voters' Meeting at noon

December 4, 11, 18 – Advent Worship services/meals

There being no other business, Mrs. Gray closed the meeting with prayer.

The next BOD meeting will be Tuesday, **November 26, 2024.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Gray
Secretary

Trinity Leadership Directory

If you would like more information about any of the ministries listed below, please contact the person listed. If you are not sure who to contact, please contact the church office at 682-7474, Fax (913-297-0777), e-mail: officetlc@tlcleavenworth.org. The church website is www.tlcleavenworth.org

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**THIS INFORMATION IS
CORRECT AS OF THE
DATE IT IS PRINTED.
November 2024**

Elder Communities

Saturday 5:30 PM

Doug Wickland (302-6058)

Sunday 8:00 AM

Ron Romig (682-9086)

Tom Sedlock (651-7720)

Mark Denney (683-9616)

Tom Johnson (758-4006)

Scott Schimke (240-4620)

Sunday 9:30 AM

Jeff Thorne (488-8517)

Tom Adams (306-2943)

Aaron Adams (680-7990)

Sunday 10:45 AM

Dave Goebel (306-3440)

Sean Wittmeier (850-218-6460)

Jean Fluevog (683-8389)

Charlie Haase

Elders Emeriti

Larry Dedeke Ron Garner

Andy Shoffner John Lange

Ministries

Book Club:

Sharon Riedel (651-4288)

Church Library:

Priscilla LoPresti (682-7879)

Cradle Roll:

Priscilla LoPresti (682-7879)

Prayer Shawl:

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Tiffany Battle (785-850-1294)

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Abbi Taves (unlisted)

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LWML:

Kathy Rush (980-5176)

Trinity House: (682-7474)

906 Marion Street

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Area codes are (913) unless listed.

Serving in Worship

Serving in Worship	November 30 December 1	December 7 & 8	December 14 & 15
CANTORS	8:00 am TBD 10:45 am TBD	8:00 am TBD 10:45 am TBD	8:00 am TBD 10:45 am TBD
GREETERS	8:00 am Kathy Rush 9:30 am Wes and Helen Stillian 10:45 am Jean and Sharon Fluevog	8:00 am Bob Summers 9:30 am Wayne and Pat Hickson 10:45 am Jerry and Norma Henshaw	8:00 am Aaron Adams 9:30 am LeAnn Mendoza 10:45 am Derrick and Anna Robinette
LAY READERS	8:00 am Becky Denney 9:30 am Molly Behne 10:45 am Laura Gray	8:00 am Mark Tolmachoff 9:30 am Pat Hickson 10:45 am Rod Low	8:00 am Kathy Rush 9:30 am Brandy Hamilton 10:45 am Priscilla LoPresti
ALTAR GUILD	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Kathleen Adams Cleanup Sue Wolfe	9:30 am Ron Romig 10:45 am Laura Gray Cleanup Sharon Fluevog	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Kathy Rush Cleanup Marilyn Rielle

Serving in Worship	December 21 & 22	December 24 & 25	December 29 One Service No Meal
CANTORS	8:00 am TBD 10:45 am TBD		10:45 am TBD
GREETERS	8:00 am Bob Summers 9:30 am Kathy Rush 10:45 am TBD	5:00 pm TBD 7:00 pm TBD 9:30 am TBD	10:45 am TBD
LAY READERS	8:00 am Cathy Summers 9:30 am Jeff Thorne 10:45 am Derrick Robinette	5:00 pm Doug Roth 7:00 pm Sean Wittmeier 9:30 am Emily Snyder	10:45 am Lorie Corbin
ALTAR GUILD	9:30 am Kathleen Adams 10:45 am Susie Schwinn Cleanup Marilyn Parsons	5:00 pm Cathy Summers 7:00 pm Kathy Blouch Cleanup Kathy Blouch 9:30 am Sue Wolfe Cleanup Sue Wolfe	10:45 am Kathleen Adams Cleanup Kathleen Adams

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L	5:30 pm Doug Wickland
D	8:00 am Tom Sedlock, Ron Romig, Mark Denney, Tom Johnson, Scott Schimke
E	9:30 am Jeff Thorne, Tom Adams, Aaron Adams
R	10:45 am Dave Goebel, Sean Wittmeier, Jean Fluevog, Charlie Haase
S	

U	
S	8:00 am Bob Summers, TJ Johnson
H	9:30 am Barry and Lou McLeod
E	10:45 am Jean Fluevog, Dave Goebel
R	
S	



Birthdays/Anniversaries

December

1 Patricia Frese Jackie Sedlock Steve Kaaz	2 Juliet Mortsof	3 Ron and Kay Ewert (61) Jody Kaaz Dane Goebel Cannon Osborne	4 Maura DeHerrera Kolbi Spickler	5	6 Ed Otto	7
8	9 Ron and Gina Garner (46) Fred Schmeckel Jr Kathleen Adams	10 Damian Snyder	11	12 Kaitlin Genail- Davenport	13	14 John Lange
15 Sandra Adams	16	17 Michelle Swanson Kristina Wood Linzie Bliss	18 Adalyn Taves	19 Ralph Schimke	20 Steve Kirkland	21
22 Mark Davoren Rick Glover Hannah Snyder	23 Louis and Jeannine Matusek (54)	24	25	26 Terri Froelich	27 Christopher Wood Jr	28 Bob Ramsey Hannah Puppolo John Puppolo Avra Taves
29 Jeff and Maura DeHerrera (34) Sean Coyle Jesse Johnson	30 Jenna Schmidling Aidan Battle					



Facebook Page

Trinity now has a **Facebook page!** Search "Trinity Lutheran Church – Leavenworth KS" and hit that Follow Button. We will be posting pictures of all the great things that are happening within our Congregation as well as keeping you informed and up to date on upcoming events. If you have content that you would like to have posted to the page, please reach out to Mark Denney 913-683-9616.

Dillons Rewards

Trinity is participating in the **Dillons Food Stores Community Rewards Program.** We earn money every time that you use your Rewards Card when shopping. You will need to enroll your card at www.dillons.com. Once logged into your account, search for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (Leavenworth) either by name or by our account number (MH546) and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card. REMEMBER, purchases will not count for Trinity until after you have registered your rewards card. Participants must swipe their registered Dillons Food Stores rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Dillons Food Stores rewards card when shopping for the purchase to count. We are thankful to Dillons for this opportunity!

LWML

LWML Hope Circle—Serve the Lord with Gladness (Psalm 100:2)

Our annual Christmas party will be Monday, **December 9** at Pricilla LoPresti's home at 2112 Ridgeview Drive in Leavenworth, beginning at 6:00 pm. A casserole is being provided and members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you wish to participate in our gift exchange, you should bring a gift in the \$10-\$20 range.

Please bring a Christmas card for your 2024 Prayer Partner to let them know who had them for this past year. If you cannot attend, please make sure you give the card to one of our members to take to the party for you. We hope to see all of our members at the party!

LWML will no longer be collecting stamps. Thank you for all the years you have supported this mission.

Ladies Tea

Come join us in the east room on Sunday, **December 8**, at 2:00 pm for our ladies Christmas tea. There will be lots of good Christmas treats and a fun craft to do. Blessings from Fellowship.

Youth Group

Calling all youth for the most wonderful time of the year! Join us on Sunday, **December 8** at 5:30 pm for our annual Christmas party. We will meet at the church and eat a lasagna dinner together. Then we will play some fun games and exchange gifts. Please have a gift between \$5 and \$10 for our white elephant exchange. Bring a friend or two and a sweet treat to share. We should be finished by 7:00 pm, in time for the Chiefs game! Hope to see you all there!

Thank you!

Book Club

Party Time! Join us for our Christmas Party – whether you're an old, new, prospective, or occasional Book Club member. Guests are especially welcome. On Saturday, **December 14**, at 6:30 pm we'll meet at the home of Sharon Riedel, 2504 Folsom St., Leavenworth. Bring a dessert or side dish to share for our pot luck dinner and a gift wrapped used book for our gift exchange (optional). Hope you can come!

**The Christmas Season at
Trinity Lutheran Church
2101 10th Avenue
Leavenworth, KS (913) 682-7474
www.tlcleavenworth.org**

Dec 4: The Gift of Hope (Isaiah 42:1-4)
We receive Hope in the promise
of Jesus as our Savior.

Dec 11: The Gift of Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7)
We receive Peace in a broken world through the
promise of Jesus as the Prince of Peace.

Dec 18: The Gift of Joy (Luke 2:8-20)
We receive Joy in the promise of Jesus as a real
Man who chose to walk among us.

**Light Dinner prior to worship at 6:00 pm
Wednesday Advent Services at 7:00 pm
Refreshments following worship**

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Worship
Holy Communion at all services
5:00 pm Worship
7:00 pm Worship

Please note change to worship times

Wednesday, December 25
9:30 am Worship

Sunday, December 29
10:45 am Worship
No meal today



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

ADVENT: THE SECOND COMING — DECEMBER 1-15

Advent means coming. We anticipate the promised return of Christ as the judge of the world. We look with hope to the day of the resurrection of all flesh, when those who believe in Christ will rise to everlasting life.

The Church waits for the Second Coming in repentance, hope and faith. For the following, we pray "Lord, have mercy."

- 1.** For hearts that imitate the generosity and graciousness of Jesus. Pray that God's people would be eager to show forth the love of God through their good works for their neighbor.
- 2.** That the Lord would preserve His Word and Sacraments in our midst, so that we may be kept strong in the one, true faith until Christ's return.
- 3.** That the people of God would be faithful in their attendance of the Divine Service, where God

strengthens our faith toward Him and our steadfast love for one another.

- 4.** That all people would fear God and find hope in His gracious forgiveness through Christ.
- 5.** For all who do not believe in Jesus, that they might hear the Gospel and believe.
- 6.** For all Christians, that we might repent of our sins and prepare for Christ's return.
- 7.** For steadfast faith as the world writhes and groans in anticipation of the day of judgment.

8. For the ministers of the Word, that they would be faithful to their calling.

9. For the Church's missionaries, that through them the Word would go forth into the world with power.

10. For our government, that we might live peaceable and quiet lives.

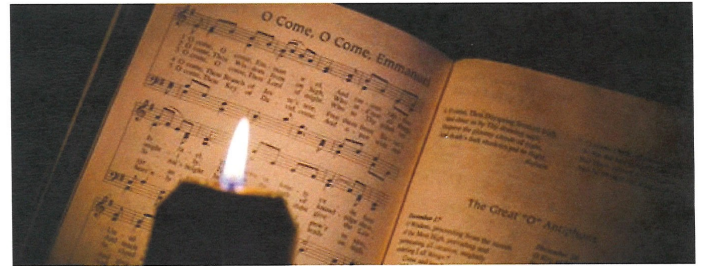
11. For parents, that they would see their role in raising children as a holy calling from God in these last days.

12. For patience, as we wait for Christ's coming, that we might believe God is not slow in keeping promises, but patient.

13. For those who mourn the loss of loved ones, that the promise of the resurrection may be their hope.

14. For those who are dying, that they may entrust their whole lives unto God who keeps them.

15. For the coming of Christ. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



PHOTOS: LCMS COMMUNICATIONS/ERIK M. LUNSFORD

DECEMBER Pray For Us Calendar

ADVENT: THE INCARNATION — DECEMBER 16-31

During Advent we rejoice that God sent His Son to be the redeemer of the world. We gather with all Christians to celebrate this gracious gift from our heavenly Father. We trust in Christ alone as our Savior.

The Church gathers to thank God and ask for faith to trust in His gift of a Savior. For the following, we pray "Lord, have mercy."

- 16.** For faithful reading of Old Testament, that all who read may see Jesus as the promised Savior.
- 17.** For opportunities to proclaim the Gospel in this season. When the world is open to hearing the story of Christmas, may we be unshamed in our witness.
- 18.** That all Christians might see the needs of their neighbor and love with the love of Christ.
- 19.** For those who only attend worship at Christmas, that the Spirit would work faith through the hearing of the Word.
- 20.** That we may believe the truth of the two natures of Christ.

21. For St. Thomas, apostle. That with him we might believe and confess that Jesus is Lord and God.

22. For faithful readings of the New Testament. That all the words of the apostles and evangelists may result in faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

23. For pastors who serve as Christ's under-shepherds in our midst. That they might proclaim the truth of the Good News of Christmas.

24. Rejoice that Jesus is Immanuel. God is with us to save us.

25. Rejoice in the incarnation of Jesus Christ. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen His glory — glory as the only-begotten of God.

26. Thank God for St. Stephen, the first Christian



Martyr. That we might also serve God with our lives — thoughts, words and deeds.

27. That God would grant us faith to believe that He comes to us in the Means of Grace.

28. For all those who face depression and desperation at this time of year. That God's gift of love in Christ would gladden their hearts.

29. For all those who travel. That God would grant them safety.

30. That all would know and believe in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus for the world's salvation.

31. That the Lord would abundantly bless the efforts of the LCMS and its partners in the coming years. That the Gospel is the primary focus of all that is done and proclaimed.

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My name is Tom Adams.

I have been attending Trinity since around 2007 and became a member along with my family in 2015. I currently serve on the Board of Properties as well as serving as an Elder assigned to the 9:30 service. I can also be seen at the 8:00 and 10:45 services as I am a S.O.C.M. (Spouse of Choir Member).

I was born in Leavenworth and have lived my entire life in Leavenworth County. I graduated from Lansing High School in 1983. I started working as a Letter Carrier for the US Postal Service in 1984 and retired in 2021 after nearly 37 years. I currently work part-time at the Leavenworth County Council on Aging as a Transportation Driver.

On February 18, 1990, I married Kathleen Schwinn. We have two children, Molly and Aaron and 3 grandchildren with a fourth on the way!

Below are a few of my favorite things:

Favorite Hymn: It is Well with My Soul and Hymns of Heaven by Phil Wickham

Favorite Bible Story: Jesus' Resurrection

Favorite Movies: American Graffiti, Field of Dreams, The Sandlot

Favorite Season: Summer

Favorite Hobbies: Watching sports and HGTV shows and spending time with my family.

Favorite Places to Visit: Disney World, the mountains of Colorado and Tennessee



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DECEMBER 2024

1 8:00 AM (HC) ADVENT 1 8:00 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Praise (S) 9:30 AM SS / Bible Study 10:45 AM Traditional (S)	2	3 9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (ER)	4 6:00 PM Meal (Soups—Bd of Education) 7:00 PM Advent Service	5 6:30 PM AHG (FH) 7:00 PM Trinity Choir (L) 8:15 PM Trinity Bell Choir (ER)	6 6:30 PM AHG (FH)	7 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Trinity House Open 5:30 PM Worship (S)
8 9:30 & 10:45 ADVENT 2 8:00 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Praise (S) 9:30 AM SS / Bible Study 10:45 AM Traditional (S) 2:00 PM Ladies Tea (ER) 5:30 PM Youth Group Christmas Party	9 6:00 PM LWML / Hope Circle Christmas Party (Priscilla LoPres-ti's Home)	10 9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (ER)	11 6:00 PM Meal (Lasagna—Wednesday night Bible Study) 7:00 PM Advent Service	12 6:30 PM AHG (FH) 7:00 PM Trinity Choir (L) 8:15 PM Trinity Bell Choir (ER)	13	14 5:30 PM Worship H/C (S) 6:30 PM Book Club (Sharon Riedel's Home)
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29 10:45 AM One Worship Service NO MEAL	30	31 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM Blood Drive				

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