



## HOLIDAY



### Schedule

#### Sunday, December 8

- 8:15 a.m. Sunday Worship
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program

#### Saturday, December 14

- 5:00 p.m. "Making Spirits Bright" Youth Christmas Dinner and Concert

#### Tuesday, December 24

- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Worship
- 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship

#### Wednesday, December 25

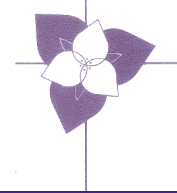
- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship

#### Sunday, December 29

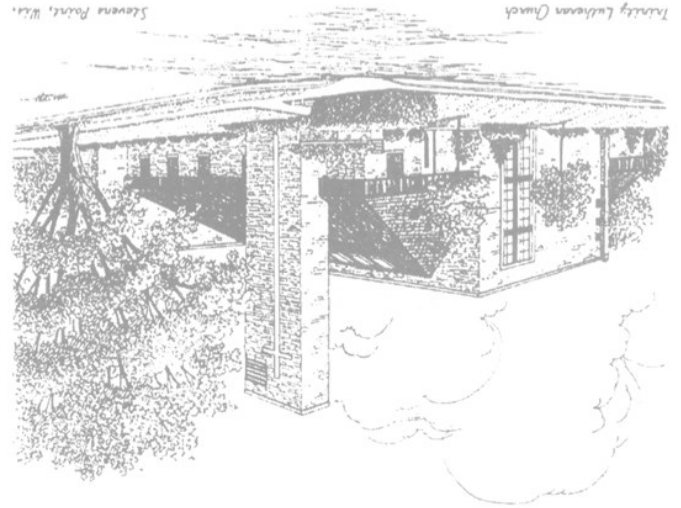
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

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A Blessed Advent

Advent first became real to me 30 years ago when Carol was pregnant with our daughter, Kyrie. Every manner of feeling was associated with our waiting time. Most of them positive, all of them overwhelming: gratitude and anticipation—excitement and impatience—fear and wonder—exuberance and introspection—hope with guarded joy—and the surprise of the deepest kind of love. Once I felt it for myself, Advent came to make more sense to me. Perhaps you have had a similar experience.

If that is our response to having a child, how splendid will be our response to God's supreme desire to live with us on earth? A child, a brother, a teacher, a healer, a Savior.

O come, O come, Emmanuel. Fill our hearts with every kind of wonder.

~Pastor Clay



**Pastoral Acts**

**Baptisms:**

Ezra Sage Pitzrick son of Robert Allen and Nahkee Pitzrick. Sponsors are Todd Lewis and Ixtacci Lopez. (10/27/2019)

**Funerals:**

Mavis Hartkopf (died 10-16-19)

John Patrick Gallagher (died 11-3-19; funeral 11-7-19) Rev. Clay Schmit

**Transfer Out:**

Doug Milkowski to Mount Olivet Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. (11-1-19)

**CONFIRMATION: (10/27/2019)**

- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Grace Corrine Hydinger    | Griffin Michael Slowinski |
| Henry Richard Kerske      | Ashton Rayne Smola        |
| Jack Christopher Kienbaum | Colton Michael Thielman   |
| Anna Elise Meilahn        | Ethan Ryan Thomas         |
| Alyssa Lea Ann Olson      |                           |
| Laura Joan Rogan          |                           |



**MIDDLE HOUR DISCUSSIONS**

December 1st—**Dead Sea Scrolls**—The Scrolls, thought by some to be the most important archeological finds ever, were discovered near the Dead Sea in Israel in 1947. Ken Hanson (retired Lutheran pastor) will review the finds, the controversies about their release to the public and bring forth the latest knowledge of their content and meaning. References to Second Temple Judaism, the rise of Christianity and whether or not there are references to Jesus in the Scrolls, will be featured. This is a Middle Hour you do not want to miss...fascinating and challenging!

December 8th—**Grief and Loss**—Alane Flora from Brookdale Senior Living in Stevens Point will discuss the topic of grief and loss. How will we handle this type of situation when it occurs in our lives?

December 15th—Pastor Clay

No Middle Hours are scheduled for December 22nd and 29th. We will resume these opportunities in January. Please think about topics you would like to cover during Middle Hours that would be of interest to the congregation. You can contact me at (715) 341-3620, by e-mail at [rmodejewski@charter.net](mailto:rmodejewski@charter.net) or submit ideas to Pastor Clay.

Thank you—  
Ron Odejewski



You may sign up for 2019 Altar Flowers on the chart in the narthex. A variety of dates are still open. Bev's Floral designs the beautiful floral arrangements each Sunday. The rate is \$40.00 per week.

## Greening of the Church

Join in the festivities of making Trinity Christmas ready. . .All ages are welcome to help and there will be cookies and apple cider.

## December 15th at Noon

We will meet directly following the 10:45 am service.  
Plan for about 1 hour.

Can't make it but want to help?

We are seeking donations of

-white Christmas lights

-green garland

-red bows and ornaments

-pinecones

Donations can be put in the bin marked Christmas in the Narthex.



**LOOK**

AT THE ADVERTISERS SUPPORTING THE TOWER. This Tower comes to you free of charge thanks to our sponsors.

Please patronize the businesses that advertise on the back page and thank them for their support. **MANY THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS!**



The Worship Committee is planning the Christmas decorations for the sanctuary. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for their use, please return this form to the church office by Monday, December 16.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) at \$21.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Given in Celebration of:

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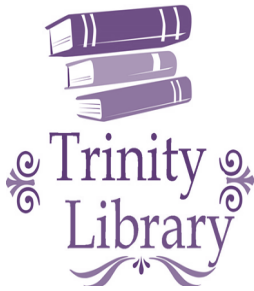
Please deliver the plant to a shut-in.

I would like to help deliver plants to shut ins.

## DECEMBER ACOLYTES

	8:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
12/1	Ella Solin	Alaena Rice
12/8	Eloise Cooper	Gianna Bolton
12/15	Parker Filipiak	Braylon Smola
12/22	Sommer Wright	Chloe Baldus
	5:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
12/24	Braylon Smola	Richard Kerske
	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
12/29	Drew Rust	Evan Rust

## LEARN



In the spirit of Christmas caring for others, and in consideration of recent news reports indicating the increase of poverty and homelessness, look for the titles below on display in the Trinity Library. There are many more on the shelves. During December notice also the books on display and on the shelves on the topics of Advent and Christmas.

Almost Home (Int Bau) by Joan Bauer.

A 12-year-old and her mother head to Chicago in search of a new life, only to be met with empty promises.

How to Steal a Dog (Int OCo) by Barbara O'Connor.

A North Carolina family is living in their car when they spot a missing-dog reward poster. How can they claim the reward?

The Essay (F Yoc) by Robin Yocum.

A football coach, an English teacher, and a convicted arsonist help a boy escape from poverty.

Same Kind of Different as Me (920 Hal) by Ron Hall and Denver Moore.

The unlikely friendship of a homeless drifter and an upscale art dealer is formed in Texas in this true story of fortitude and faith.

When Helping Hurts (261.8 Cor) by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert.

Here is practical information about how to serve the poor and help to alleviate poverty using the perspectives of theology, theory, and application.

Maddi's Fridge (Pri Bra) by Lois Brandt.

Sofia discovers that Maddi's fridge is empty, but promises her friend she won't tell anybody. What now? How can she help?

Lady in the Box (Pri McG) by Ann McGovern.

Hope grows from uncertainty in another story of unlikely friendships. Two children in New York City befriend a homeless woman.

## Little Free Library

By the time you read this, a visible indication of library outreach may be spied in the form of Trinity's new Little Free Library, found near the Little Free Pantry along Ellis St. We hope these 'little frees' will be helpful to nourish both minds and bodies.

Thank you to all who contributed funds for the building supplies and to the building & grounds committee for LFL installation.

A HUGE thank you goes to Marty Lieber who built the structure!

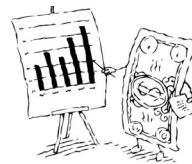
Many thanks also to those who have donated books to Trinity Library in recent months including Paul Watson, Dawn Kerske, Todd Lewis, Janet Swiston, Kathy Bryer, Pam Enerson, and Pat Gerbitz.

Season's Readings!

~Sybil Strupp, from the Library Committee



## Stewardship Year End Update



As the holidays near and the year draws to a close, we want to thank you for your commitment to ministry at Trinity Lutheran. Because of a resounding response to our Stewardship for All Seasons campaign, our mission is certainly energized going into 2020!

Your financial pledge and generosity is a sign that God is doing great work amongst us! As we enter the new year, our ministry goals include:

- \* New entry doors on the West side of the church as they are rusting and in need of replacement with modern, aluminum doors which withstand our severe weather. The new doors will be a sign of hospitality to the community and improve church accessibility.
- \* Technology upgrades that include updating our software programs and adding campus wide Wi-Fi. This will increase our ability to be effective in communication, congregational management, and community outreach.
- \* Support of Crossways Camp capital campaign. Trinity has a long-standing relationship with Crossways. Both youth and adults have been the beneficiaries of this dynamic camping ministry.

If you've already completed your Statement of Intent (2020 pledge), or are planning to do so, *thank you!* If you have any questions before making your commitment, please call the church office and they will put you in touch with someone who can answer your questions. Together, we are energizing God's mission at Trinity.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas.

~The Stewardship Committee



Merry Christmas from Trinity Learning Center & Preschool. During this time of year we are busy working with the children on their upcoming holiday programs, making Christmas cards for family and friends, and reminding the children what the meaning of Christmas is all about. We work hard throughout the year, to teach the children about kindness and being helpful to others. The teachers work very hard at being great role models, to show the children the true meaning of kindness and forgiveness. As the holiday season approaches it is a great time to remind everyone the importance of giving and sharing and working together to provide peace to everyone.

~Amy Kurkowski, Trinity Learning Center & Preschool



**B & G NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who continues to keep our Little Free Pantry full. Our Little Free Pantry has been relocated along Ellis Street.

It may be hard to believe, but we are still in the Fall season. Our Fall work day prepared Trinity's ground for winter. It appears it has already arrived! Thank you to the following Fall work day helpers: Glen Bauer, Barb and Pat Brilowski, Steve Chizzo, Steve Jensen, Tom Johnson, Gary Pucci and Russ Prusak.

Blessed Christmas,  
Building & Grounds Committee



The magical Christmas season is now upon us. The children have been learning about the birth of our Savior. They have also been busy preparing for the Christmas program. A final rehearsal will take place during the Sunday School hour on December 8. That same afternoon at 3 p.m., the children will present a comical play about the birth of Jesus. Please have your children to the church by 2:45 p.m.

We request all families attending to kindly bring two dozen cookies for the reception which follows the program. If possible, bring the treats to the church in the morning.

★ Please mark your calendar, so you do not miss this wonderful presentation by our children.

**Sunday School calendar:**

- December 8 - 9:30 a.m. Practice
- December 8 - 3:00 p.m. Program
- December 16 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- December 22 - NO Sunday School
- December 29 - NO Sunday School
- January 5 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School resumes

Have a blessed Christmas!

~DeeAnn, Christian Education Committee



**Puzzle!**

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.



1. TGLBEHHEME \_\_\_\_\_
2. NEAGLO \_\_\_\_\_
3. NRMEDAG \_\_\_\_\_
4. ODEKSNY \_\_\_\_\_
5. AMGYR \_\_\_\_\_
6. OHESJIP \_\_\_\_\_
7. EFJUUS \_\_\_\_\_
8. ITEENMSW \_\_\_\_\_
9. SPHHDSREEO \_\_\_\_\_
10. EMCFAL \_\_\_\_\_
11. TLSRA \_\_\_\_\_
12. CSSNUEO \_\_\_\_\_
13. HEVSPE \_\_\_\_\_
14. ENIN \_\_\_\_\_

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
_____				_____			
9		10		11		12	
_____		_____		_____		_____	

Answers: Bethlehem (G), angel (O), manger (D), donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), wise men (T), shepherds (O), camel (F), star (L), census (O), sheep (V), inn (E); God's gift of love

## SERVE



### Grocery Donations—

Our grocery donations for December will go to Interfaith Food Pantry. Food is distributed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 5 to 8 p.m. at their facility in Plover with about 220 families participating each night. They are the only food pantry that distributes food after typical working hours in the southern part of Portage County.

During the holiday season more food is typically donated. So what Interfaith Food Pantry could really use are nonfood items including health products: toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner and body wash; cleaning supplies: dish soap, laundry detergent and other cleaners; along with paper products: Kleenex, paper towels, napkins, and toilet paper. Gifts of cash will be used to purchase items that the pantry is short on.

You outdid yourselves with your donations to the Salvation Army during November. Thank you! Thank you!

~Janet Swiston for Global & Local Outreach Committee

### Loose Change— SPARE-A-Dime

Every day, JusticeWorks promotes forms of justice that strengthen our community and supports individuals and families who are confronting issues with the legal system. So far this year hundreds of individuals have turned to the services at our Family Law Information Center to prepare for family court proceedings, and our trained staff has provided hundreds of hours of professional mentoring to high-risk offenders who are preparing to rejoin our community in the Community Residential Program. Our Shifting Gears program not only gives opportunities for job skill training and required community service hours, but helps individuals purchase a reliable and affordable means of transportation. They work with groups and individuals including participants of the Boys and Girls Club and the Portage County Literacy Council. In addition, we are relaunching our VIP program where we match community volunteers with someone, who if they complete our program, have their record wiped clean.



Each year we grant the John Klismet award to a Community Volunteer that in some way does what they can to promote justice in their service to the Community. This is awarded at the Martin Luther King Day Celebration which will be held on MLK Day, January 20, 2020.

~Jan Way, Global Local Outreach Committee 6



## Holiday BASKETS

As in years past, Trinity Lutheran will be working with Operation Bootstrap to sponsor families within the community for the annual holiday baskets. The focus for these baskets is to help individuals or families in need who wouldn't be able to provide a holiday meal and/or gifts for their children. Members of Trinity will once again furnish baskets of food and gifts for four families this holiday season.

In addition to donations of gifts, additional monies will also be needed to help purchase groceries for the families. Other help will also be needed later this month to both pack and distribute the food and gifts. You can visit/sign-up on the display board in the narthex or contact Andria Bena (715-340-5170) or Todd Lewis if you are interested in helping out with any of these tasks.

Thanks in advance for making this season a little brighter for those in need

~Andria Bena, Global/Local Outreach and Youth and Family Committees



### Hat and Mitten Tree



The weather as of late reminds us that winter is almost here. With temperatures dropping, there are those in our community we know could still use a little extra covering from the wind and cold. You can help by hanging your donations of new hats, mittens, scarves, or even socks on Trinity's "Hat and Mitten Tree" in the narthex. **Please bring donations no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11th so they can be distributed.** Join with us in supporting this great annual effort to benefit others in our community.



Looking for just the right gift for a friend or relative? Why not give them a “gift” from the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog? How about a piglet that will provide natural fertilizer for a family’s crops, or provide school supplies so a child can go to school? Or, what

about helping future pastors and deacons here in the U.S. by providing a week of seminary tuition?

The gifts listed in the catalog are examples from projects currently supported through different churchwide ministries. Your gifts support work in 77 countries. Each community receives the kind of support it needs. And more than 85% of your donation goes for the use it was intended. Looking through the catalog and choosing a project to support together is a good activity for the whole family.

Copies of the ELCA Good Gifts Catalogs are on the Information Desk in the Narthex. Pick one up.

~Janet Swiston, for Global & Local Outreach Committee

Is Your  
**Pledge**  
Up to Date?

## TLC WOMEN



### Trinity Quiltmakers

Trinity’s annual shipment to Lutheran World Relief was loaded and driven to WI Rapids on October 26<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU to Rick Rothman, Ron Odejewski, Tom Johnson, Alan Heckler, Con Favor, Joel Lemke, Jeff Martin and Ozz Hagen for loading all the boxes.

We sent the following items for 2019:

423 Quilts	211 Baby Care Kits
134 School Kits	121 Personal Care Kits

Most of the quilts went to Lutheran World Relief. 15 were given to Operation Bootstrap. We pray that the work of our hands will be a blessing to the lives and hearts of those who receive our gifts.

## THANK YOU to all the ‘Quilting Day participants’.

Bea Berg	Mary Ann Stevens
Frieda Pawlitzke	Jane Goudreau
Diane Beversdorf	Deb Weier
Judy Pesanka	Nina Heckler
Kathy Bryer	Diane Witte
Margaret Pitzrick	Irene Kostuchowski
Sue Clussman	Shari Willer
Judy Plisch	Barbara Krueger
Rachel Favor	Linda Woerpel-Radoll
Leanna Rusch	Lindie Landin
Jane Gjevre	Susan Melby
Olivia Santangelo	Sandy Orgish
Shirley Gorell	

Thank you to everyone who contributed fabric and sheets for making quilt tops and backs. Thank you to all the ladies who sew quilt tops and layette items at home. Thanks to all who make baby sweaters: those who knit, crochet and sew on buttons. Thanks to Thrivent Financial for all the money we received through the ‘Action Team’ program. We increase what we can make by these funds. Also, thank you to everyone who contributes baby items and items for the health and school kits. We couldn’t do any of this without your help.

Our quilting day in December is **Tuesday, December 10th**. We begin at 9 a.m., break for tea/coffee and treats at 10:30 a.m., have lunch at 12:30 pm and work until 3 p.m. You can come for the whole day or for as long as you’d like. Come and join us, you’ll enjoy our fun group!

~Lois Hagen



### 2020 RUMMAGE SALE DATES:

April 3 & 4 and May 1 & 2

## CONNECT

Trinity youth present



# “MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT”

*an evening of food, music and more to celebrate the season*

featuring American Idol “Golden Ticket” winner  
and Wisconsin’s own

## Franki Moscato



**Saturday, December 14th**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Please pick up an advance ticket beginning November 3rd, so we can better plan for the meal. A free-will offering will be received that evening. All proceeds benefit Trinity youth participating in the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

## THANK AND TELL

The Stewardship Committee wants to begin sharing the many kinds of contributions that Trinity members make to our ministry and mission. The goal is to thank people and tell others what they have done. Enjoy our Thank and Tell Corner.

- To our “counters,” members who faithfully assist in counting our weekly offering.
- To Trinity’s Sunday School teachers and other program volunteers for all they do for our youngest members.
- To all those who decorated the sanctuary for Thanksgiving and the Women’s ThankOffering Service.
- To Scott Bonikowske for his extra assistance as we transition to new financial software in the office.
- To those members who donated chili or decorated cars and handed out candy at Trinity Learning Center and Preschool’s Chili Cook-off and Trunk or Treat event.



### Potluck Supper

Enjoy a wonderful meal, meet new friends and deepen your existing relationships at this month’s Wednesday Night Potluck Supper on Wednesday, December 18th at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your family, friends, a dish to pass and join us for good food and fellowship. Donations will help stock the “Little Free Pantry.”



## S E R V V

**Catalogs:** The SERV catalog is available to check out on the Information Desk this holiday season. SERV offer fair-trade artisan gifts that you can purchase providing vital income to artisans in developing regions around the world. By receiving a fair price for their crafts, they become more economically independent. There are many reasonably priced gift ideas.



Lunch Bunch plans to meet at Amber Grill at the Stevens Point Holiday Inn (1001 Amber Avenue) on Tuesday, December 17th. Please call the church office before 10:00 a.m. that morning to say you’ll join us.

~Jane Goudreau and Jane Flanagan



**St. Paul Lutheran's Bell Choir**  
 under the direction of Mark Ilten  
 presents their  
 "Ringing of the Bells" Christmas Concert  
 Wednesday, December 11th  
 7:15 PM  
 St. Paul Lutheran Church  
 1919 Wyatt Avenue  
 Stevens Point  
*Free Admission*



*Notes of* **THANKS**

- ◆ Thank you for the beautiful flowers. I enjoyed my visit with the Hecklers who delivered them to my new home at Brookdale. –Jean Kewer
- ◆ Thank you on behalf of Operation Bootstrap for your thoughtful contribution of \$15.00 and paper bags (We are always in need of them). Because of caring people like you, our work of helping those in our community will continue to flourish. You may be assured that your donation will be out to good use. Gratefully, Operation Bootstrap
- ◆ Thanks to everyone who donated cans of food to our Bread for the World Sunday ingathering on November 10. Even the donation of one can of food by each of us adds up in filling the shelves at the food pantries. ~Global & Local
- ◆ A special thanks to everyone who donates the items listed in the Tower each month. While all of your donations are appreciated, filling the cart with the foods asked for by each pantry is especially helpful. Thank you. ~Global & Local



**Presents *LESSONS AND CAROLS***

The entire family will enjoy our December celebration. Our *Lessons and Carols* program was inspired by, and adapted from, the *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*, which has been held every Christmas Eve since 1918 at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England. A selection of readings from the Bible tells the story of Christmas, from the fall of Adam through the prophesies of Isaiah to the birth of Jesus. Choral selections and carols to be sung by audience and choir alternate with the readings.

Trinity has a large presence in the chorale, both in its performance and its administration. The following are Trinity members who are currently active with Monteverdi. Singers include: Peggy Greco, John Lay, Wanda Lay, Elise Olk, Barb Towey, Edye Ray, David Ray, Sally Olson, Randy Olson, Carol Valley Schmit, and Pastor Clay Schmit. Wanda Lay and Elise Olk also serve on the Board of Governors. John Lay is the Executive Director of the chorale.

Two performances of *Lessons and Carols*.

**Saturday, December 14, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul's United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, December 15, 3:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Parish, formerly St. Stanislaus Catholic Church**

A reception for the audience and singers will be held immediately following the Saturday evening concert.

Tickets may be purchased at [www.monteverdichorale.org](http://www.monteverdichorale.org), through email at [John@monteverdichorale.org](mailto:John@monteverdichorale.org), or from any choir member. Prices are \$15.00 general admission, \$12.00 seniors, and \$5.00 students. One free children's admission is available with a general admission ticket.

~John Lay

**FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS THROUGH THE  
MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019**

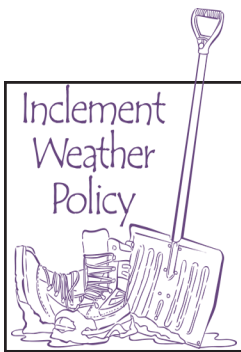
	<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Envelope Offering	367,168.00	405,953.03
Loose Offering	5,500.00	5,717.58
Miscellaneous	0.00	2,551.41
World Hunger	0.00	3,153.00
Seasonal Offering	8,500.00	7,271.90
Receipts (YTD)		425,957.58
Disbursements		434,599.77
Net (+/-)		-8,642.19
Receipts (Month)		33,424.72
Disbursements		49,914.82
Net (+/-)		-16,490.10



	<b>12/31/17</b>	<b>12/31/18</b>
Baptized Membership	1107	1097
Confirmed Membership	809	810

	<b>12/31/18</b>	<b>10/31/19</b>
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	185	174
Average Midweek Worship Attendance	17	20
Average Sunday School Attendance		17



If school is canceled due to the weather, Trinity Lutheran Church Office will be closed and any activities will also be cancelled. Listen to WSPT radio, or WAOW Channel 9 TV or check Facebook or Twitter for cancellation information.

# Hospital Visitation

Trinity staff members visit area hospitals regularly. We call and visit daily at St. Michael's in Stevens Point, and we call St. Clare's and Aspirus in Wausau weekly and visit as needed. If you do not specify Trinity when you enter the hospital, come in through emergency, or are transferred to another hospital, your name is not given out. **Please note:** Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield does not give out patient names, so please have a family member give us a call if you are in the hospital. Call and advise the church office of your hospitalization as we want to visit you.

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 All Committee Night ..... Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m.  
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**TOWER DEADLINE: December 17, 2019**

# DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																
<b>1</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Middle Hour 9:30 a.m. Turn-Out 10:45 a.m. Worship	<b>2</b> 1:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 95/984 5:45 p.m. Caroling-Brookdale West Wing 6:45 p.m. Scout Troop 293 7:00 p.m. Charity Circle	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Whispering Pines Service 10:00 a.m. Worship Committee 1:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 293 7:00 p.m. All Committee Night	<b>4</b> 11:00 a.m. Willow Brooke Service 5:45 p.m. Worship 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir 6:15 p.m. Exploring Our Faith 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:15 p.m. Trinity Choir 8:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 95/984	<b>5</b> 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Northcrest Service 1:00 p.m. Brookdale Service 5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00 a.m. TLC&P Breakfast 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting																																																
<b>8</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Middle Hour 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Turn-Out 10:45 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program	<b>9</b> 12:00 p.m. Joy Circle 1:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 95/984 6:45 p.m. Scout Troop 293	<b>10</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilters 1:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 p.m. B & G Committee 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 293	<b>11</b> 5:45 p.m. Worship 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir 6:15 p.m. Exploring Our Faith 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. First Communion Class 7:15 p.m. Trinity Choir 8:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 95/984	<b>12</b> 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Northcrest Service 10:30 a.m. Riverview Lodge Service 1:00 p.m. Brookdale Service 1:00 p.m. Wellington Service 6:30 p.m. TLC&P Christmas Program	<b>13</b> 6:30 p.m. TLC&P Christmas Program	<b>14</b> 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting 5:00 p.m. "Making Spirits Bright" Dinner Theatre																																																
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<b>22</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Middle Hour 9:30 a.m. Turn-Out 10:45 a.m. Worship	<b>23</b> 1:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 p.m. Church Council 6:45 p.m. Scout Troop 293	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 1:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 95/984 5:00 p.m. Family Worship 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:00 a.m. Christmas Worship 8:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 95/984	<b>26</b> 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Quilters 10:30 a.m. Northcrest Service 1:00 p.m. Brookdale Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting																																																
<b>29</b> <b>1st Sunday After Christmas</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship	<b>30</b> 1:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 95/984 6:45 p.m. Scout Troop 293	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 8:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 95/984	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">January 2020</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td>31</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			January 2020							S	M	T	W	T	F	S			1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
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