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Pastor

December 2023

TRINITY NEWS

A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE

My Trinity Family,

I remember when our first child was born and we had to put his name on what would become his birth certificate. We chose Austin because that's where I proposed to Jamie. When everybody started calling him by that name, we kept thinking, *"We just picked that name and now that's what he's called. Weird."*

Name are important though. They hold in a few short syllables an entire life, a story...a thousand stories.

In December we begin to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. His name literally means, *"Yahweh Saves."* Another name given to him especially at his birth is Emmanuel, which means, *"God with us."*

As you begin your journey through December toward the celebration of Jesus' birth, I invite you to make a list of two things under these two names: **JESUS** and **EMMANUEL**. Under **JESUS** write down things you notice you need saving from (anger, depression, fear, anxiety ...). As you do, turn these into prayers to Jesus, the one who saves. Under **EMMANUEL** write down places and times where you see God show up in your life (a conversation with a friend, an answered prayer, in worship with your church family, in the middle of something difficult...). As you do, turn these into prayers of thanks to God for his presence.

It can be easy in all of the craziness of this month to lose sight of what and why we celebrate. But rest assured, Jesus is still at work to bring peace to your world, and rest to your weary soul. The one who saves is with us!

Love y'all,

Pastor Steve

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>December 2023</h1>					1	2
3 COMMUNION 9am Sunday Sch - Practice for Christmas Program 10:15 Worship w/communion 11:30am Decorating the Church for Christmas & Pizza	4	5 6pm Elder's Mtg.	6 4pm Worship Team 5pm Chime Practice	7	8	9
10 COMMUNION 9am Sunday School - Practice for Christmas Program 9:15 Trustees Mtg. 10:15 Worship w/communion 11:30 am Youth Mtg.	11	12	13 4pm Worship Team Practice	14	15 6pm Youth Group Christmas Party & Lock-in	16 CHURCH USE 2-6 p.m. Kai's 1 st Birthday
17 9:00am SS Christmas Program Practice 10:15am Trinity Family Christmas Celebration & Meal	18	19	20 4pom Worship Team Practice	21	22	23
24 COMMUNION No Bible Class 10:15am Worship w/communion 7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship	25  CHRISTMAS	26  Dec. 25-29 -----	27 -----	28 -----	29 -----	30 CHURCH USE 2-6 p.m. Jace's 1 st Birthday
31 9:00am Intergenerational Sun.Sch 10:15am Worship 						

DEAR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

... Please remember that the Elders are here to serve but we can not effectively serve you unless we know your needs. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact us and you are always welcomed to attend our monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00p.m. God bless and keep you!

*** The Board of Elders ***

Robert Grigar - 832/692-6104

Sean Gutierrez - 832/473-4472

Darrell Hirsch - 281/908-6863

Shawn McGaw - 281/633-1372

James Rudel - 281/507-3858

December Birthdays



5-	Troy Hausler	
7-	Ginger Saulnier	
8-	Eddie Luker	
14-	Gibson Baafour	
16-	Jamie Wiechman	
18-	Shirley Daughtrey	23- Emma Grigar
	Jaxon Lindemann	24- Glenda Loesch
20-	Tony Lindemann	27 - Joanna Baafour
21-	Maxon Egger	30 - Jace Johnson
	Kathleen Larson	Madison Lindemann

A New Flower Calendar for 2024 will be posted soon on the bulletin board. Choose a date, write in the name of the person placing the flowers & what the occasion is. *Thanks!*

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December Altar FLOWERS



3-	OPEN
10-	OPEN
17-	OPEN
24-	OPEN
31-	OPEN



HELPING HANDS Holiday

FOOD Drive

HELD thru - Dec. 17:

Sun., Dec. 10 - Deodorant

Sun., Dec. 17 - Paper Towels

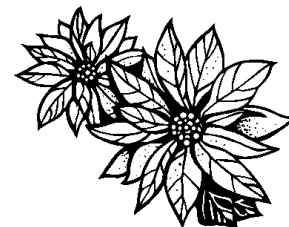
You can bring anything & they'll accept the donations.

Please drop in the Helping Hands barrel in the overflow area.



December Anniversaries

Dec. 5 '2004 - Jose & Carolina Rodriguez
"19th"





TRINITY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION MEAL

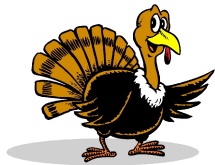
... will be held on **Sunday, December 17**. The children's Christmas program "**Live with TLC 1512 New!**" is included in the worship service at 10:15 a.m. A scrumptious Turkey meal will follow the worship service. We need for you to SIGN-UP if you will be attending the meal and also how many people will be with you.



Also, we ask our members to SIGN-UP to bring one the following **SIDE DISHES**: *Dressing, Vegetables, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Misc. food items, Desserts, Salads, Ice and Bread.* We also need:

People to serve, set-up & clean-up.

Look for the **SIGN-UP** at the back of the church. *Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 11th!*



Donations of TURKEYS NEEDED ... for the Trinity

Christmas meal (Dec. 17).

Please sign up on the sheet laying next to the SIGN-UP sheet for attendance.

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2nd SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION ...Let's start collecting items again and the collection will run through December for **Taylor Ray**

Elementary:

1. **#2 Wood PENCILS, 12 ct.**
2. **TISSUES - 200 count**
3. **GLUE STICKS**
4. **Markers - 8-10 ct.**
5. **CRAYONS**
6. **Ream of COPY PAPER**
7. **Box of QUART-SIZE BAGGIES**
8. **Box of GALLON-SIZE BAGGIES**
9. **POCKET FOLDERS w/brads**

**These school supplies will be distributed to students and teachers at TAYLOR RAY ELEMENTARY. Please drop them in the marked box in the overflow area. Thank you!*



What Are the Four Themes of Advent?

The Four Sundays and Themes of Advent:

- First Candle/Sunday, Dec. 3:
HOPE (*The Prophecy Candle*)
- Second Candle/Sunday, Dec. 10:
PEACE (*The Bethlehem Candle*)
- Third Candle/Sunday, Dec. 17:
JOY (*The Shepherd's Candle*)
- Fourth Candle/Sunday, Dec. 24:
LOVE (*The Angel's Candle*)



With Our Budget

We need \$ 3,721.00 weekly Attendance per Sunday

Nov. 5-	1,447.00	61
Nov. 12-	3,310.36	69
Nov. 19-	3,115.00	50
Nov. 26-	3,947.00	49

Y-T-D Offering thru Nov. 30:	174,482.79
Total Needed for 2023 Budget	178,608.00

Sunday, December 24 Schedule

No Bible Class!

10:15am - **Worship Service w/communion**

7:00pm - **Christmas Eve Worship
w/communion**



December 3rd

after the Worship Service



We will be decorating the church
for Christmas. It's fun!
Enjoy the fellowship together!

For lunch – PIZZA will be provided by
the Board of Education for lunch.



**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**



Friday, December 15th

The Youth Group will be gathering at Trinity
House at 6:00 p.m. for their **Christmas
Party Lock-In**. All youth - 7th grade thru
college are invited.

Weather permitting, we will have games -
outdoor movie - S'mores and more!

*Please see Julie or Joanna
if you would like to attend.*



ENDURE
2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

FUND- RAISER

The BAG LADIES
are selling shirts,
blankets and jewelry. Everything is priced
and on display in the fellowship area.
Monies can be given to any of the Bag
Ladies.

All proceeds will go to the TRY Youth
Group for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering
"Endure" which will be held in New Orleans.

A
star
in the
sky. A
Child in the
womb. A Child whose first cry brought
a song from the sky. The inn had
no room for the Child in
the womb. His
heart has room. His
cross scored the sky. He
caused death to die as he
moved from the tomb.
A star in the sky. A Child in the womb.



***His name shall be called...
Prince of Peace.***

Isaiah 9:6