

December 2025

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK"

### "WHAT CHILD IS THIS?"



It's December which means, among other things, that you'll want to read this month's Trinitell with your calendar in hand!

There are several special events and worship opportunities that deserve your attention. From our Advent Sunday Services to our Caroling and Kids

Christmas program, The Longest Night Worship, Christmas Eve worship services... the choices available for you to prepare for and deepen your celebration of Christmas are abundant.

And possibly overwhelming. "What Child is This?" – Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, and shepherds and angels, all to prepare us to welcome the Christ Child – there are times when I wonder if the verse that more aptly describes our lives at this time of year might just be, "there was no room at the inn"! We can, that is, get so busy with our Advent and Christmas preparations – parties, worship services, buying and wrapping presents, selecting and decorating the tree, baking and visiting, sending cards and greetings near and far – that we don't preserve any room to breathe...and wonder...and simply take in the amazing, even audacious confession that in this child God joined God's very being to our mortal life. Our ups and downs. Our hopes, dreams, and disappointments. Our strength and our frailty. All of it.

Think about it for a moment: there is nothing more vulnerable than a newborn. Beautiful, for sure, but also absolutely dependent. And so Luke's tender story of Mary and her baby is also simultaneously a story of profound risk and daring, as God – the creator and sustainer of the vast cosmos – decides not simply to be with us, but also to become one of us in Jesus, and so to share our vulnerability completely. That God in Jesus would trade the safety and glory of heaven for mortal, human life is nearly beyond our ability to imagine, and yet that's exactly what the Christmas story confesses, all in order to demonstrate God's profound love for you. Which means that each time you happen to see a manger as part of a Christmas crèche, you are looking not only at a baby, but at God's promise that God knows what it is like to hope and dream, to suffer and grieve, to worry and wonder.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Meramec Bluffs Gathering**  
Wednesday, December 3

**Christmas Caroling**  
Sunday, December 7

**Gateway Brown Bag assembly  
Mission Committee Meeting**  
Monday, December 8

**Jesus Prince of Peace  
Children's Program**  
Sunday, December 14

**Church Council Meeting**  
Sunday, December 15

**Gateway180 Sort Donations**  
Friday, December 19

**Longest Night Service**  
Sunday, December 21

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
Thursday, December 24  
4:00 and 7:00 PM

**Merry Christmas  
Church Office Closed**  
December 25 to January 2

### Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for the January Trinitell is December 15. Email articles or information to Nicole Maloy at [communications@tlc-stl.org](mailto:communications@tlc-stl.org) or mail to Trinity.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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The depth and import of that confession takes time to sink in. Which is why I want to offer you both an Advent invitation and permission. The invitation is to make space to allow the gift and promise of Christmas to sink in. Know that every service at church, each special event and concert are all intended to help you hear and believe this confession: that God came in Jesus to be one of us, one with us, and always for us.

Now for the permission: you don't have to do everything. You don't have to be at every thing, attend every special worship service, or read every devotion. Know that these things are all prepared and offered to enrich your Christmas celebration. Yet also know that they are offered as a gift, not a requirement.

Nor is this permission limited only to church. You also don't have to accept every party invitation or go to every Christmas social event. Nor are you under any obligation to find the absolutely perfect tree or select the ideal gift or prepare an idyllic Christmas feast.

Rather, you are invited simply to be present, to give thanks for those you are able to gather with, and to bask in the knowledge and confidence that God came down from heaven in the baby Jesus in order to accept, love, save, and bless us just as we are.

My hope and prayer this Advent is that, together, we'll move from this season being dominated by a sense of "there's no room in the inn" to being able to ask, "What Child is This?" And then, with a renewed sense of awe and wonder, and confident of God's love, to hear the answer, "This, this is Christ the King," come to us once more in grace, goodness, and love.

Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!  
Pastor Chris

## WORSHIP WITH US

Join Us **SUNDAY  
WORSHIP**  
Trinity Lutheran Church

**One Worship Service** **ONLINE**  
Trinity YouTube Channel

**10:00 AM** **INSIDE**  
Sanctuary

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE  
AT 10:00 AM  
IN THE SANCTUARY  
AND ONLINE**

Our 10:00 AM worship service is available in person and online via our Trinity YouTube Channel. If you are unable to watch at 10:00 AM, you may view the services online at your convenience. To watch our worship services, please click [HERE](#).


# WORSHIP WITH US



Join Us for  
*Christmas*  
Caroling

Sunday, December 7

Depart for Meramec Bluffs  
@ 11:15 am



**Sunday**  
**December 14**  
**10:00 am**  
**in the Sanctuary**

followed by a reception  
in the Gym

donations of Christmas cookies  
very much appreciated

*The Longest Night*  
Worship Service

Saturday, December 21  
4:00 PM



*Christmas Eve*  
*Worship Services*

DECEMBER 24  
4:00 PM AND 7:00 PM

## JOIN US FOR SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

### Christmas Caroling

**Sunday, December 7 at 11:15 AM**

Join us for caroling at Meramec Bluffs after worship! All families are welcome to join. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Amy Jones at [office@tlc-stl.org](mailto:office@tlc-stl.org). Thank you!

### Jesus Prince of Peace

#### Children's Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 14 at 10:00 AM**

Our Annual Children's Christmas Program. Join us after the program for a cookie reception. Everyone is invited!

### The Longest Night Worship Service

**Sunday, December 21 at 7:00 PM**

For some, Christmas Day is a difficult day, not filled with joy. We trust that you will find hope and comfort in knowing that you are not alone.

### Christmas Eve Worship Services

**Tuesday, December 24**

**at 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

Both Christmas Eve Worship Services will be similar and family friendly. The Trinity Choir will sing at the 7:00 PM service.

# PASTOR EMERITUS REPORT

Roy Christell  
pastorroy@tlc-stl.org

## “WITH”



The word “**WITH**” is important. When you look it up in the dictionary there are many ways the word is used. In all the definitions I see the indicating of some “connection” between one thing and another, one person and another. In this time of the year the word “**WITH**” brings us a significant promise:

Immanuel – “God is **WITH** us” (Matthew 1:23)

That’s Who and What Jesus is meant to be; **WITH** us. He is **WITH** us in life. He is **WITH** us in our growing and living. He is **WITH** us in our struggling and wrestling. He is **WITH** us in our celebrations and successes. He is **WITH** us even when we don’t “feel” it. Jesus is **WITH** us in the flesh. He is **WITH** us even in our dying. Talk about a magnificent promise communicated in a word!

It should be noted that the Gospel of Matthew begins and ends in this word:

“...I am **WITH** you always...” says Jesus (Matthew 28:20)

The whole Gospel stands in between these two verses as an indicator of how and where God in Jesus is **WITH** us! This proclamation leads us to keep our eyes open for the fulfillment of the promise in and through our lives.

How have you experienced God **WITH** you?  
When have you wished God was **WITH** you?

Has there been a time when you spoke this promise and reminder to someone? Here at Trinity we are living expressions of this word. Our Core Missions are just some of the places and times we are physical manifestations that God is **WITH** people when they are hungry, when they are young and growing, when they have come upon hard times and even when they live thousands of miles away. Thank God for the opportunity to be God’s hands and feet and heart **WITH** others.

Thank you for the ways you have faithfully responded to God’s call to go and be the Body of Christ in your everyday life and relationships. God is **WITH** you as you are being you!

Pastor Roy

# NOVEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES

**Date:** November 16, 2025

**Present:** Pastor Chris Naig, Larry Tietjen, Jeff Haferkamp, Stanley Nadar, Mike Hower, John Engel, Dan Fry, Eric Halter, Maureen Hoppin, Gene Kerr, Elaine Larson, Mikki Lee, Jim Mueller

**Call to Order:** 11:23 AM

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Chris

**Minutes from November Meeting:** Approved unanimously.

## **President's Report—Larry Tietjen**

- Columbarium Update
  - Columbarium has arrived
    - Proposal to Council to open up columbarium to public: Motion to bring before congregation to open up columbarium to non-members. Voted on and passed.
- Lutheran School of Theology Update
  - LSTC struggling financially – last year reduced cost by \$1.5M, this year by \$1M.
  - Capital Campaign exceeded expectations.
  - Awarded \$1M Lilly Grant.

## **Pastor's Report—Pastor Chris**

- Confirmation going well – 21 kids in class.
- New members – family of five and family of two joining.
- Chuck Parrot passed and his funeral was held.
- Review of budget and annual review of Pastor Chris coming up.

## **Treasurer's Report—Mike Hower**

- Envelope is negative vs budget for the month, below budget for the year and above last year.
- Mission investment fund (\$78k) – closed out and deposited into US Bank Checking.
- \$14,238 transfer from council discretionary to PreSchool (this was 2024 Fundraising which was incorrectly included in \$70,096 Net Earnings from 2024.

## **New Business**

- Endowment committee recommendation on 2026 gift amount due by next council meeting

## **Next Council Meeting**

- Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 11:15 am in Conference Room

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 PM.**

*Detailed monthly financial reports are available upon request. Contact Mike Hower at [how-hep@msn.com](mailto:how-hep@msn.com)*

### **STATUS OF ENVELOPE GIVING THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025**

<b>Budget through 10/31/25</b>	\$568,498
<b>Actual Giving through 10/31/25</b>	\$516,702
<b>Surplus (Shortfall)</b>	(\$ 51,796)

# ENDOWMENT UPDATE



The Trinity Endowment Fund was established to provide ongoing support to ministry and capital improvements outside of the normal operations of the church. This has provided a great source of support to Missions supported by Trinity in addition to our annual budget and to fund some special capital improvements for Trinity Church.

This fund recorded its first gift in 2011 and met the requirements of having a balance of at least \$100,000 to allow its first distribution in 2016. This first gift was \$3,000 and the amounts have increased substantially over the years with the last distribution in 2025 of \$17,000. The chart below shows the annual support of other ministries outside of Trinity's operating budget.



The support from the congregation for the Endowment Fund has been inspiring and has allowed Trinity to continue to expand our reach to support external ministries through an otherwise difficult time for Trinity as well as the ministries that we were supporting. That is the beauty of an Endowment Fund, the structure provides a continual predictable support for the beneficiaries set forth in the Endowment Fund policies.

We pray that you are inspired by the ministry happening through the Endowment Fund. If you have any questions, comments or would like to update your final wishes in your will to include this ministry, please feel free to contact any of the Endowment Fund Committee Members.

Eric Halter, Chair  
Eric Flattem  
Morris Larson  
Eric Petersen

# ADULT FORUM

## DECEMBER ADULT FORUM SUNDAYS AT 11:15 AM IN ROOM 123

### **December 7: Alzheimer – Healthy living for your brain and body**

Presenter: Jeremy Koerber. Jeremy is the Community Program Director at the Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter. Jeremy works to get education programs in communities to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and other dementias. He also manages support groups and works with volunteer partners, non-profit and for-profit organizations to increase awareness and connect people to free resources.

What you do today impacts what you become tomorrow. The blueprint for healthy aging and reducing risk for a variety of diseases including Alzheimer's is simple. Understanding strategies and tactics is much harder. Join Jeremy Koerber, community program director for the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Missouri and certified personal trainer as he highlights the five tactics you need to know to live your best life!

### **December 14: No Adult Forum – Children's Christmas Program**

### **December 21: 2 Nativity Stories**

Presenter: Dr. Fred Niedner. Dr. Fred Niedner taught biblical studies and Hebrew at Valparaiso University (1973–2014), while also serving in chapel roles, local congregations, and LSTC's D.Min. program. Raised in Wyoming and Nebraska, he holds degrees from Concordia Seminary and a Th.D. from Christ Seminary—Seminox. Now a Senior Research Professor, he remains active in liturgical and diaconal work and contributes to preaching publications.

Discuss the vast differences between the two Nativity Stories in the New Testament. Why does Luke give us a six-scene operetta, while Matthew tells a politically charged horror story? Join us for an interesting discussion.

### **December 28: No Adult Forum - Christmas Break**



# FACILITY REPORT

Mike Sharitz  
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## FACILITY UPDATE

This has been a very busy time for Trinity. Most exciting is the installation of the Columbarium. On Monday the 10th we were met with two 53-foot-long tractor trailers having driven all the way from Calgary, Canada. One with the Estate Tower weighing in at 15,000 pounds and the Chinook wall at 27,000 pounds. And, to deal with it all, a 40-foot crane. The components were unloaded and placed in position and all vehicles were on their way home by early afternoon. Final assembly was completed by two representatives from Sunset Memorial and Stone. They finished the installation at midday on Thursday. The next step is to add new sidewalks and grade and seed the area. Hopefully in the spring we will add some landscaping. Please walk down to the cemetery and see the area.

During the same week, representatives from Buckeye Supply arrived on Tuesday the 11th and replaced all of the paper towel dispensers, toilet paper dispensers, soap dispensers and sanitizer dispensers. We have entered into a relationship with Buckeye to provide all the supplies for these items and all of the dispensers were provided and installed at no cost. Now all our dispensers are consistent and use the same supplies. Also, the capacity of each has been increased. One significant benefit is that the paper towel dispensers can be filled at any time and do not need to be empty to receive additional towels. Let us know what you think of the new system.

Other activities this month included the installation of a soffit over the preschool windows at the front of the building as well as the painting of the windows in the same area. Also, the broken Ballard light at the entrance has finally been repaired.

All in all, a very busy time for Trinity.

Mike Sharitz  
Facilities Coordinator

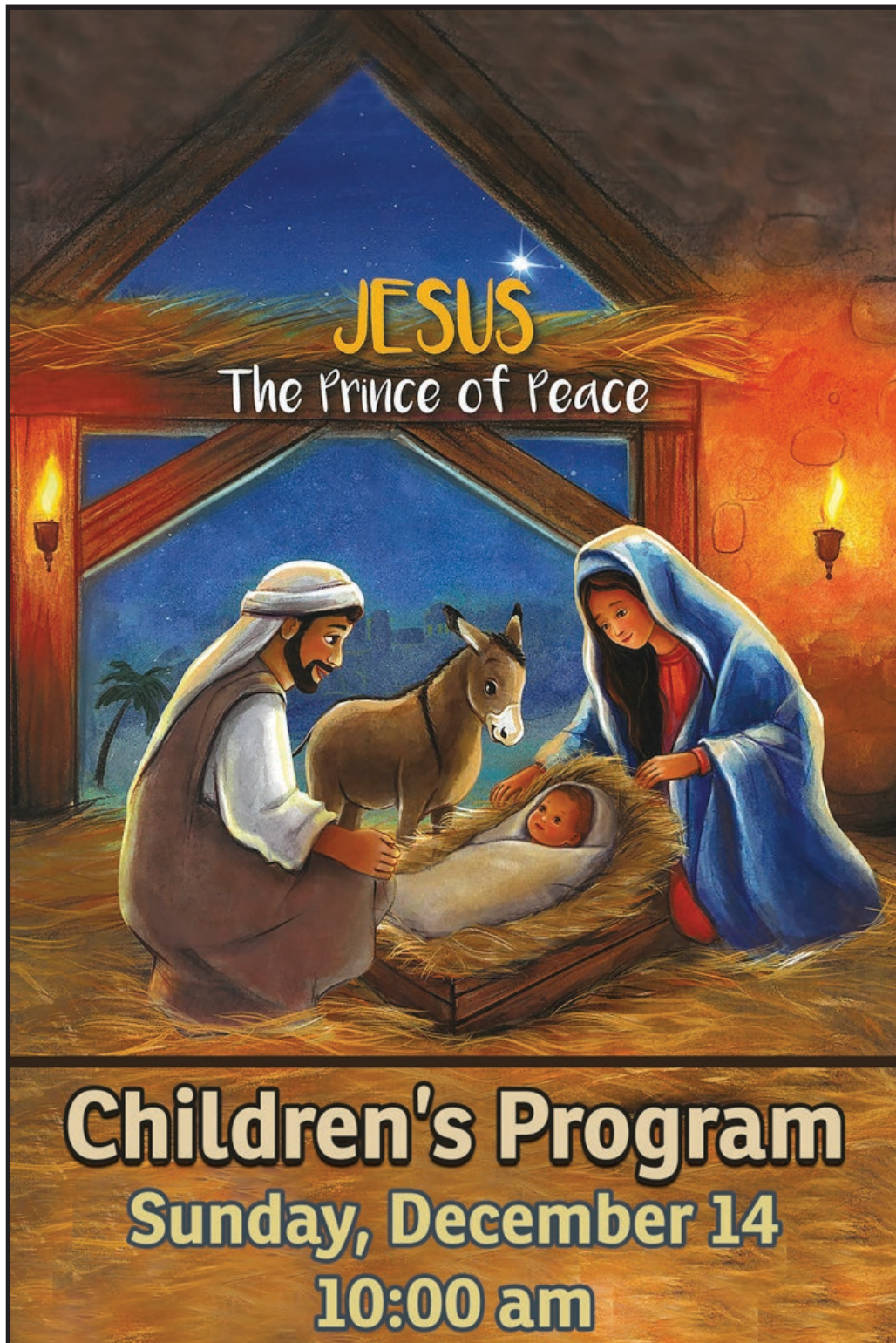


# COLUMBARIUM UPDATE



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Stacey Drake  
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## CHRISTMAS COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED

We look forward to our Children's Christmas Program on December 14! All are invited to a reception after our Christmas Program in the gym immediately following our service. Christmas cookie donations are very much appreciated! Coffee and hot chocolate will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Drake at [kidsministry@tlc-stl.org](mailto:kidsministry@tlc-stl.org).

Stacey Drake  
Children's Ministry Coordinator



# TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Christy Cole  
Director@tlc-preschool.org



December is a month of great joy for the Preschool as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The joy of Christmas is also evident in the songs our little ones are singing and the projects they are working on. The children have enjoyed practicing Christmas songs in anticipation of our upcoming Christmas Programs. Our Trinity Preschool families will be invited to attend our Christmas program, Jesus, the Prince of Peace on December 17th & 18th.

The Preschool Staff would like to thank Trinity Church & the Mission Team for their purchase of Beginner Bibles for our 3-year-old students and students who are new to Trinity. Special thanks to Pastor Chris Naig and Pastor Roy Christell for presenting our children with their new Bibles during our Bible Dedication. The students were so excited to receive a Bible of their own to take home and read! We are so very grateful for the support and the love that the church has shown to the preschool...thank you!

In January, we will begin our registration for the 2026-2027 School Year. We provide a developmentally appropriate Christian educational experience for children ages 16 months-5 years. We encourage our church members to register their preschoolers (both children and grandchildren) and/or proudly tell their friends about the quality preschool program we sponsor. Registration for currently enrolled families and our Trinity church members will begin on January 14th and will be open to the public on January 15th. All registration information and on-line registration forms can be found on our website at [www.tlc-preschool.org](http://www.tlc-preschool.org). Thank you for sharing Trinity Preschool with your family and friends!

The Staff of Trinity Preschool would like to wish you a blessed Christmas filled with the love of Christ.

Christy Cole  
Director, Trinity Preschool



# YOUTH LEADING YOUTH

Paige Halter  
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## YOUTH LEADING YOUTH

If you have an idea for a future fun activity or service project, let me know. I can't wait for our adventure.

Paige Halter  
Youth LEADing youth Coordinator

A brown background with scattered autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow, along with acorns. The text is written in a white, cursive font.

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Join YLY Nov 29 from 4-6:30 PM for a mini Thanksgiving!

Bring your friends and Bibles, we'll be studying 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and decorating Bible bags!



# BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST



## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us for caroling! On December 7, our congregation is going Christmas caroling at Meramec Bluffs after worship! All families are welcome to join. We will meet at 11:15 in the gym.

There is a sign-up sheet on the wall by the Choir door.

For more information, or to sign up, please contact Amy Jones at [office@tlc-stl.org](mailto:office@tlc-stl.org). Thank you!

# BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

## GATEWAY BROWN BAG ASSEMBLY

Monday, December 8  
8:30 AM  
Trinity Kitchen

Gateway180 is one of Trinity's 5 core missions. As part of our mission to support Gateway180, once a month we assemble sandwiches to support the homeless served by Gateway180.

Our next Gateway Brown Bag assembly is scheduled for Monday, December 8 at 8:30 am in the Trinity kitchen. If you would like to help out, you can click [HERE](#) to sign up to volunteer or you can contact Ken Hardebeck at [Lhardebeck@aol.com](mailto:Lhardebeck@aol.com) or 314-605-4970. Thank you!

## NURSERY/CHILD CARE

Sundays, 9:45 AM — 11:15 AM  
in Nursery Room

All of God's children, whatever their ages or needs, are welcome in worship! Families with young children are encouraged to sit in the front rows. Childcare for infants to 3 year-olds is available in the Nursery (upstairs near the gym) during worship in September - May. Please sign in.

## BIBLICAL CONVERSATION

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM  
in Room 123

Trinity offers a Biblical Conversation on Tuesday mornings. Led by Pastor Chris, this is a chance to share thoughts and dig deeper into the readings for the upcoming Sunday Worship Service. These Biblical Conversations are open to everyone! Please plan to join us for this weekly conversation.

## HELP SORT DONATIONS AT GATEWAY180

Friday, December 19  
9:15 AM  
Meet in Trinity Atrium

Thanks to valuable partners, Gateway180 receives donations of food, clothing, personal care items, etc. for their clients. Once the donations are received, they are sorted and organized. A dedicated group has developed a well-organized system for managing donations but needs some help.

We are looking for volunteers to join us at Gateway180 on Friday, December 19 to sort donations. We will meet at Trinity at 9:15 am to carpool to Gateway180. If there is enough interest, we may stop for lunch on our way back. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kathy Gaal at [kgaal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kgaal@sbcglobal.net) or 314-540-2690.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PICKUP DONUTS

We are looking for volunteers to pick up pre-paid donuts from Schnucks on Sunday mornings. Contact Amy Jones at [office@tlc-stl.org](mailto:office@tlc-stl.org).

# BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

## DECEMBER TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, December 8  
11:30 am in Room 123  
"The Penguin Lessons"  
Christmas Lunch and Movie

All are invited to join our group for our annual potluck lunch and movie. We will be watching the movie "The Penguin Lessons." During the 1976 coup in Argentina, an English teacher rescues a penguin from an oil slick. When the bird refuses to leave his side, the teacher has no choice but to take it with him back to his school and look after it. This is their story.

We would love to have you join us.

Reading ahead:

Monday, January 26  
"No More Tears:  
The Dark Secrets of Johnson & Johnson"  
by Gardiner Harris

All are invited. Questions? Contact Karen Johnson at [mrsdrjx5@gmail.com](mailto:mrsdrjx5@gmail.com).



## THRIVENT CARDS NEEDED

We are looking for Thrivent cards for these upcoming projects:

- Meals Do Matter Cooking Sessions
- Uniforms for Lantern Hill
- Gateway180 Bag Assembly
- Somewhere in Time celebration
- Cereal boxes for Circle of Concern
- Soup Cans for Circle of Concern

Remember, if you are a Thrivent member, you have access to funds to use for your favorite service project or fundraiser! Contact Corlyn Salisbury, [salisbury04@gmail.com](mailto:salisbury04@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.

## NOT A THRIVENT MEMBER? You can join for \$19.95 and become a member

Did you know that anyone can pay \$19.95 to become a Thrivent member? This membership cost allows you to apply for 1 Thrivent card per year, valued at \$250.

The **application** is simple and it's a good deal for those who want to apply to Thrivent cards for our Trinity mission projects.

Christie Tietjen is willing to walk interested people through the application process. Please contact Christie at [Christie.Tietjen@experitec.com](mailto:Christie.Tietjen@experitec.com) for further information.

# ALL SAINT'S DAY MEMORIES



# BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

## RSVP NOW

### *Somewhere in Time*

Saturday, January 31, 2026

5 pm in the Trinity Gym

**Donations needed:**

**Bottles of wine valed at \$25 or more,  
Amazon gift cards & Restaurant gift cards**

**Please place cards in the collection  
box on the coffee bar in the Atrium**



*Trinity's 125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee*

CLICK  
TO RSVP



*Share Christmas Joy with  
Gateway180 families*



During December we will be collecting gift cards (Walmart, Target & Amazon) and traditional, brand-name toys such as Barbie, Hot Wheels, LEGO, dolls, action figures, and board games (value under \$50) for Gateway180.

If you would like to make a donation rather than purchase an item, please make your check payable to "Trinity" and write "Season of Sharing" in the memo line.

Gift cards can also be mailed directly to the church. Please indicate "Season of Sharing" on the outside of the envelope. Collection bins are located in the Atrium. Thank you!

# Poinsettias

6-inch red  
4-6 blooms  
\$15.00



6-inch red  
5-8 blooms  
\$16.00

## Order by December 14

Poinsettias will be displayed on the Lord's Table on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025, at the 4 pm and 7 pm services. Please pick up your flowers after the worship service you attend. (Note: the church office is closed on Christmas Day through January 5th).

Questions? Please contact Amy Jones at [office@tlc-stl.org](mailto:office@tlc-stl.org) or 636-227-5432.

**Order Deadline: Sunday, December 14**

Please complete the form below.

Make checks payable to "Trinity" with "Poinsettias" on the memo line.

\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia with 4-6 blooms (\$15.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia with 5-8 blooms (\$16.00)

Dedication to be printed in Christmas Eve worship bulletin (in honor / memory / celebration of):

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Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

# 1-MINUTE "PICK ME UPS"



**December 7, 2025: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones**

Your witness to God's love is, quite literally, miraculous.

**December 14, 2025: Isaiah 55:1-13, Word Accomplishes God's Purpose**

Being in relationship with God means being able to experience literally everything around us as a part of a cosmic vision of abundance.

**December 21, 2025: John 1:1-18, Word Made Flesh**

In Jesus, who is the light, we are safe to engage. Safe to hope. And safe to rejoice.

**December 24, 2025: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20], The Birth of Jesus (Christmas Eve)**

Our calling as Christians is to be the sign our world and one another needs to see.

**December 28, 2025: John 1:19-34, A Voice in the Wilderness**

The Christmas season is the ultimate time for us to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

*These one-minute weekly video "pick me ups" are available on our [website](#). Click on the graphic and it will take you to the current week.*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome, Julie VandeDrink, to Trinity! Julie enjoys gardening when it's not too hot, birding and birdwatching mostly in our backyard. She likes to travel when time permits, sewing and walking our dog. Julie also enjoys spending time with their children and grandchildren and attending their activities. She is continuously looking for new ways to be productive in retirement. Julie and Ed are engaged and have been together many years.

Phone: (314) 607-6621

Email: [jvdrink@gmail.com](mailto:jvdrink@gmail.com)



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

## THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Donna Rice, Deb Palmer and Leslie Steinmeyer for organizing the storage area and making soup kits for Meals Do Matter
- A grateful thank you to Cindy Gesme, Sandi Thorp, Susan Seckel and Karen Johnson for “covering the phones and door” from the Welcome Desk during Preschool hours while Amy was out of town for a few days.
- Thank you Graeme Allen for sharing your musical gifts with our Sunday School children!
- Thank you to everyone who helped decorate for Christmas: Pastor Chris, Pastor Roy, Ron Jones, Kathie Haferkamp, Lisa and Ken Hardebeck, Kim Hemman, Amy Jones, Gene Kerr, Elaine Larson, Mikki and Rick Lee, Lorin Lofgren, Fred and Susan Meyland-Smith, Glenda and Jerry Partlow, Pastor Roy, Mike Sharitz, and Jon Trettel.



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Harrison Hughes 12/1  
Beverly Berger 12/2  
Jill DeLauter 12/2  
Barbara MacPeek 12/5  
Gail Young 12/5  
Jackson Seeber 12/6  
Jim Sapp 12/9  
John Engle 12/10  
Chessie Sasi 12/10  
Mike Hower 12/11

Carol Kohlmeier 12/11  
Matt Johnson 12/13  
John Palmer 12/14  
Jon Schnarr 12/16  
Mary Harper 12/18  
Isa Pico 12/18  
Terry Call 12/21  
Debbie LePoire 12/22  
Mari Flattem 12/23  
Noelle Monzyk 12/23

Harry Mueller 12/23  
Christopher Yanker 12/23  
Debbie Wolf 12/24  
Grace Hildreth 12/28  
Corlyn Salisbury 12/28  
Tom Janicik 12/29  
Claire Henderson 12/30  
Patty Owen 12/30  
Lily Wolf 12/31

## UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Beverly Berger 12/1/1974  
Walter & Barbara Goerss 12/23/1961  
Ervin & Cindy Anderson 12/28/1974

Bruce & Mary Eva Horton 12/29/1963  
Chris & Monica Naig 12/29/1999

*Not seeing your birthday or anniversary? Please let the church office know so that we may update our records, [office@tlc-stl.org](mailto:office@tlc-stl.org) or 636-227-5432.*

If your email address or cell phone number has changed, or if we don't have your information, please use the Church Directory button on our website to update your information. If you would like a copy of the Church Directory, please call the church office at **636-227-5432**.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

## PRAYERS FROM NOVEMBER 2025

**Thanksgiving and praise for...** Jim Stewart is back home after treatment

**Please pray for...**

Mike Long, Jim Stewart, Polly Sievert, Charlie Hoppin, Daniel Paquette (brother of Steve Paquette), Dan Steinmeyer, Rebeka Massann (friend of Rebecca Henderson), Ruth Wiemann (Phyllis Baker's mom), Elizabeth Ankeny (Monica Naig's mom), Pam Dellamano (friend of Sandy Lindenberg), David Meranda (brother-in-law of Tiffany Meranda), Tammy Surfus Cayer (Sharon Hild's godchild), Dorothy Norland, Tom Ditchfield, Sue Feeny, Maureen Hoppin, Fred Bussman, Jill Leary (friend of Christy Cole and Amy Jones), Garry Melton (son of Kent and Audrey Melton), Olivia Maupin (granddaughter of Larry and Christie Tietjen), Tomi Nevin (sister of Patsy Sobey), Catherine Tietjen, Kina Jordan (niece of Patsy Sobey), Loretta Lofgren, Mike Calcagno, Richard, Sharon Mertz, Bob, Christie Tietjen, Greg Hild, Richard Leimgruber, Ruth Hughes

**For the family and friends of.....**

Steve Sabo, brother of Dorothy Norland, who completed his baptismal journey on October 30, 2025

**Those serving our country...** Seth Allison

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- Call the church office-636-227-5432.
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- Prayers remain on the list for two weeks and may be renewed by request.



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