

Prayer REQUESTS

Please pray for...

Our Church Family: Week of 12/24/23—Beverly Stone, Mary Ann Kraft 12/17—Janet Nuse 12/03/23—Bob Ferriola, Forest Burke, Kaitlynn Burke, Dagny Scheelk, Larry Claypool 11/26—Cathy Hyburg, Patricia Morgan 11/12—Lonnie McCauley 10/15—Lois Deland, Doug Buuck, Ruth Ann Wicks, Joy Fetch, Barbara Zounek-Turri 10/1—Anna Schuler, Janet Gramza

Our friends and relatives: Week of 12/24/23—David Holmes, Sharon Henry 12/17—Wendy Latalladi, Bill Wach, 12/10—family of Kerry Bruning, Darlene Siemicki 12/3—Dorothy Pugh 11/26—Kelcie Yorke, Rev. Jeff Alexander, The Wagner family, Sharon Faulkner 11/19/23—Mary Griffin, Sophia Azelton, Bob Ferriola, family of Marie Kennedy, family of Shelby Cope 11/12—Pastor Greble, Taylor Wagner, David Kohlsniser 11/5—Julie Koch, Pat McConnell, Karen Orange

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Dale Hahn, Diane Massa, Jackie, Walsh, Ed Palmer, Cindy Ezell, Burnell Rex, Pat Berthiaume, Joan Forreidor, Fred & Ruth Eskuri, Sharon Faulkner, Mary Lou Burke, Dennis Brown, Chester Sulinski, Carolynn Chamberlain, Doreen Panyard, Eddie Reid, Greg Ezell, Mona Argentini, Larry Thomas, Dietmar Bennett, Philip Boettcher, Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Sean Costa, John Holdrich, Don Randolph, Karen Smith, Audrey Stamps, Gary Krueger, Willa Francis, Piper Jandola, Margo Kiepert, Amy Meyer, Annette Morden, Helen Higgins-Kline, Ron Kline, Frances Fenwick

Please also pray for our Homebound members, Ministry of Faith Preparatory School, Ministry of Valerie's

A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.—Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)



How do you react when someone [hurts your feelings](#)? Rather than responding in the heat of the moment, be patient. Consider the intention of the offender—and the best course of action. Approach the situation with wisdom and [compassion](#).

Lord, help me to be a wise person in my relationships, forgiving others as You have forgiven me.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are glad YOU are here!

Are You a Visitor or Guest? We welcome you in the name of our risen Savior and we rejoice that you are here today to praise God with us. Please complete a **CONNECTION CARD** in your pew. Either place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our pastors so we can serve you better.



Holy Communion—We believe that Christ is present in this meal freely given to all who are baptized. Please approach the altar as directed. Receive the host and then dip the host (*gluten free wafers are available for the asking*) into either the red wine or the white grape juice and eat, or place the host in your mouth then pick up a cup of either the red wine or the white grape juice and drink. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the line. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing if they do not normally receive communion. Return to your seat (or pause at the altar) for a time of prayer. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like communion in your pew, please let an usher or a pastor know.

Large Print Service Slide Booklet—do you have trouble seeing the screens? **We do have the slides printed in a notebook for those who need it. Please ask an usher by the front doors for the notebook. Please return the notebook at the end of worship.**
Hearing Assistance – We have a limited supply of hearing devices available for use. If you feel you need one, please see the sound booth attendant.

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Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024

Baptism of Jesus

Church Staff

Co-Pastors
Pastor Andrea Barrios
Pastor Ken Barrios

Visitation Pastor
Pastor Carl Fischer

Celebration Worship Leader
Miles Mancini

Organist/Handbell Director
Cecil Buchinger

Chancel Choir Director
Sonja Rozier

Choir Accompanist
Jean Sutton

Office Administrator
Sharon Messinese

Finance Secretary
Debbie Nigliaccio

Custodians
Steve Mock
Bill Rose

Missionary
Rev. Eric Twine, Uganda

Synod Parish Deacons
Marianne Click
Gail Hintz
Steve Wuckert

SUNDAY STAR

TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

9:00am: GREETER: Rita Meyer **BULLETINS:** Dale Meyer

READER: Kathy Jacobsen

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Kathy Jacobsen, Anna Walsh, Joyce Jandola, Hal Jandola

10:45am: GREETER: TBA **BULLETINS:** Beverly Bohach

OFFERING: Shawn Hernandez, TBA

READER: Richard Merrick

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Richard Schnur, Shawn Hernandez, Sharon Messinese, TBA

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Jackie S. **Late:** Joyce Holdrich

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR NEXT MONTH ARE POSTED IN THE NARTHEX

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Our 9 and 10:45 services are projected on the screens—The congregation responds with the bold, black print.

Our 10:45 liturgy is the Blue Book WOV: Setting 5—page 28

HYMNS @ 10:45am: Opening: ELW 249 **Sermon:** ELW 304 **Sending:** ELW 774

Bible Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Next Week: Psalm 103

Mark 2:1-22

Church Council Members

You can recognize a church council member by their "YELLOW" nametag.

President—Theda Bunker, Vice-President—Phil Deel,
Secretary—Cathy Hyburg, Treasurer—Shawn Hernandez.

At large: Beau Beaudine, Mike Felt, Jeanne Gaston, Margaret Rose, Richard Schnur, Sandi Witzke



Monday - Jan 8
9:00a—Food Pantry
11:00a—Single Women's Ministry

Tuesday—Jan 9
10:00a—Bible Study
Resumes Jan 16th

Wednesday - Jan 10
9:00a—Food Pantry
6:30p—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday - Jan 11
9:00a—Quilters
3:15p-5:00p Handbell Practice
6:30p—Praise Team

Friday—Jan 12
Office Closed

Saturday—Jan 13
Office Closed

Sunday - Jan 14
9:00a - Celebration Worship
9:15a - Let's Talk
10:45a - Traditional Worship

In-person Attendance

Dec 31, 2023— 192

Last year 2022— 131

*Today's altar flowers
are presented by*

Dietmar & Norma Bennett

In honor of 60th Wedding Anniversary!

And by Doug Zook

In memory of Marilyn Zook



*The communion wine is presented
by Philip & Diane Boettcher in
loving memory of son & brother
Paul K. Boettcher*

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Jan 7 — Chris Birdsall, Richard Crooks, James Kessler IV,
Sophie Mortimore

Jan 8 — Pat Freeman, Breanna Newkirk

Jan 9 — Marilyn Carlson, Bud High, Dave Sherfick

Jan 12 — Greg Ezell

Jan 13 — Tom Yorke, Anna Walsh

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 10 — Dan & Agnes Long

Jan 11 — Dietmar & Norma Bennett



21 yrs

60 yrs

Our Financial Stewardship

Donations YTD: Actual donations compared to spending plan. Each week is added to give a cumulative total. (000s)

NOV Actual \$557.8

Needed \$512.9

Over/(Under) \$ 44.9

NET YTD—Nov 23 \$42.9

Nov 22 \$26.9

15 year Mortgage

as of 1/1/23 \$367.6

as of 9/30/23 \$299.1

YTD reduction \$ 68.5



There are extra copies of the book “Holy Moments” available in the narthex. The Messiah brought hope into the world and our Holy Moments are part of His plan for glory of his Kingdom. Please pick up a copy for yourself or take one to a friend.

New charts are up for Flower and Communion Wine sponsorship as well as for working in the Coffee Center between services. Please sign up as you can. Please remember that Flower and Wine sponsorship need to be accompanied by a dedication slip. The slips are next to the charts and you can put the completed slip in the offering plate, hand it to a pastor, or drop it off in the office.



Single Women’s Ministry



Will be meeting Monday, January 8th at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. Please bring a sack lunch. If you have questions you can call either Sally Simpson (941-661-4373) or Maryrose Risner (765-230-6603).

Offering Envelopes



You can find your 2024 Offering Envelopes on a table in the narthex. They are in order according to envelope number. If you don't know your number, there is an alphabetical list available to check. Please be sure to check your number against the envelope label. Notify the office if there is an error. If your envelopes are not there OR if you want envelopes, please clearly write your name and phone number on the tablet.



And

Trinity Theater

One night only - Jan. 26th

Tickets \$25.00

Doors open 5:00—Dinner 5:30—Show 8:00

Tickets on sale Jan. 14th and 21st.

BYOB No Reservations

The Starlight Ballroom will feature:

New York, New York Dinner Buffet

With hand carved New York Strip Steak

Trinity Theater presents Silver Foxes entertainment

Direct from the Venice Theater

This is always a great night for our church family. Great food and entertainment. It would be a super time to bring a friend or neighbors to show off our wonderful church and feel the love!



Women in Stitches

Women in Stitches is having their annual Tying of the

Quilts on Thursday, January 25th. Please come help out, if you can, to prepare the quilts that will be sent for Lutheran World Relief. Before you say, "But I don't sew," let us tell you that all you need to do is TIE KNOTS, a skill most of us learned in kindergarten! And there will be people there to show you exactly what to do. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Our church family,

We cannot tell you how much of a privilege it is to be your pastors! Each day, we are reminded what a wonderful opportunity it is for us to know you, serve you, encourage you, and walk this journey of faith with you. Each week we are reminded what an incredible responsibility it is for us to bring God's Word to you in a relevant and informative way. Nevertheless, each year, you remind us that Holy Trinity is a faith family of generous people who understand the value of community. Thank you!

THANK You

This Christmas you blessed us with such beautiful cards, thoughtful expressions of appreciation, and a generous gift. Thank you for these gifts and for being a part of our journey as we serve Christ together.

God's Blessings, Pastor Andrea & Pastor Ken

Annual Commitments January 21st

Your talent is God's gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift
back to *God*.

Everything we have is a gift from God! When we give of our time, talents, and treasures, we return to God what he has blessed us with. We regularly have opportunities to use our time and talents. We always welcome new ideas for mission/service. We DO NOT have a Stewardship drive, although we do encourage everyone to tithe (giving 10%).

We believe that it is important for everyone to prayerfully seek God's guidance as to how best financially support His church. To that end, at each service next Sunday, you will have the opportunity to commit your financial support for God's mission this year.

We ask that you prayerfully ponder how you want to financially return to God this year. **Prayer cards will be emailed out next week and available on Sunday, Jan. 21st. Please fill them out and place them in an envelope. Seal the envelope and, if you want, put your address on the front of the envelope.**

During the service January 21st, you will be invited to come forward to place your envelope in the treasure chest. This will be kept under the altar all year as a reminder of our support for God's mission. **NO ONE OPENS YOUR PRAYER!** This is between you and God. If you are unable to attend, please mail your prayer to the church and we will place it in the Treasure Chest.

In the fall, we will mail your unopened Prayer Card back to you (if you have addressed it) as a reminder of what you pledged to return to God this year. If your Prayer Card was not addressed, it will be shredded unopened.

Our congregation approved a Spending Plan of \$594K for 2024. Whether you are here for a few months or all year, we need your support to make this happen. Please pray about what you can return to God this year. No matter the size of your gift, your support for our mission will help us be a strong light for

Let's Talk is an adult forum that meets every Sunday at 9:15 in Classroom E (off the courtyard).



Topic: "Can we lose our salvation?"

All are welcome.