

THE TRUMPETER

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2019

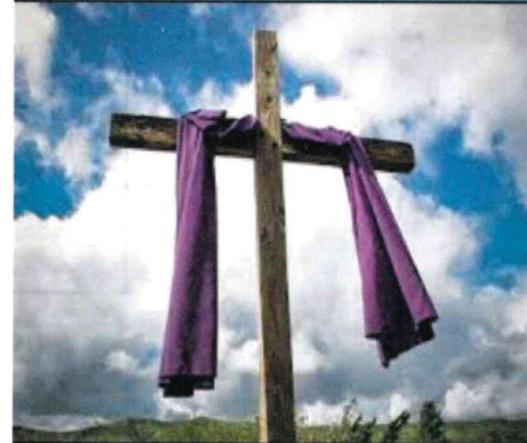
Many people turn the calendar from Thanksgiving to Christmas without a second thought. The tree goes up on Thanksgiving, and the Christmas songs begin to play on the radio without skipping a beat. The Church stands out in this rush toward Christmas. The Church has a wonderful season leading up to the celebration of our Lord and Savior's birth in Bethlehem. This season is called "Advent". The name comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning arrival or appearance. Trinity recognizes this special season by adding an additional midweek service to give more opportunities to sing, pray, and hear God's Word together leading up to Christmas. We also mark our time through Advent with the Advent wreath or log.

The season of Advent not only looks back, as Christians remember Jesus' first arrival (Christmas), but also looks forward to our Lord's Second Advent on the Last Day. It holds these two Advents in wonder and beauty. We will hear the account of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, about the second coming of Christ, and the relationship between John the Baptist and Jesus. We will sing many great hymns which convey this beautiful season, such as: *Once He Came In Blessing* and *Savior of the Nations Come*. In our midweek services, we will hear the themes of Advent from the Psalms. The Church also recognizes that our Lord makes his Advent to us each Lord's Day when we gather around Word and Sacrament. He makes his appearance among us and forgives us our sins. He touches down to give us eternal life and salvation. Before Christmas consumes your every thought and action, take a breath and sit in the season of Advent. Come and hear about Christ's first and second coming, come and receive God's gifts as Christ makes his Advent now to forgive you.

May the peace of this Advent and Christmas
be yours in Christ,

Vicar Kroonblawd

The Lutheran Hour	7:30 AM
Bible Study	8:00 AM Sunday 9:00 AM Monday
Sunday School	10:15 AM
Worship	9:00 AM Sunday 6:00 PM Sunday Vespers
Worship Broadcast	10:15 AM on 104.9



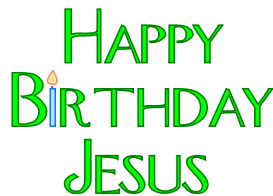
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December Birthdays

2019

- 2 - Betty Fink
Angela Miller
- 3 - Rev. Rob Ricard
Collin Arndt
- 4 - Jenna Ricard
Lane Haller
- 5 - Deb Akers
Kacie Eisentrager
- 7 - Cheryl Barrick
- 9 - Jeff Dellinger
- 12 - Taryn Barz
- 13 - Lillie Ammerman
- 14 - Renee Hansen
- 15 - Richard Sass
- 16 - Jim Moats
- 17 - Matt Abbas
- 18 - Alan Fink
- 19 - Alice Dohlman - 90
Robert Heilskov
Adele Heilskov
- 22 - Mavis Claypool
- 23 - Jay Brower
Holly Buss-Viet
- 25 - Daisy Bentrott
Dick Miller
- 27 - Michael Behn
- 28 - Chris Birdsell
- 30 - Janelle Fink
- 31 - Alan Brown



December Anniversaries

- 3 - Jay & Linda Brower
- 12 - Arnold & Lois Stratmann - 66
- 17 - Sam & Laura Showalter

Happy Anniversary!

Special Needs Communion

December 18, 1:00 p.m.

This is for any member of the congregation that cannot come to the Lord's Supper on Sunday mornings.



December Greeters:

Jay & Kari Behn
LaVerne & Mary Hadley
Marvin & Jan Rodemeyer
Lynn & Jo Ellen Arends

December Ushers:

Jim Showalter, Chr.
Jason Fink
Jack Showalter

Eli Fink
Jake Showalter
Matt Showalter

ACOLTYES

December
1 - Scott Harr
4 - Advent - Philip Harvey
8 - Jaxon Moats
11 - Advent - Charles Showalter
15 - Hudson Hansen
18 - Advent - Lincoln Hansen
22 - Brady Harr
24 Children Service - Ben Harvey
15 - Christmas - Caiden Heilskov
29 - Lily Pigman
31 - New Year's Eve - Scott Harr



***Call His Name Jesus* - Beginning Sunday, December 1, KLMJ Radio at 104.9 FM,** will begin broadcasting

daily devotions from The Lutheran Hour Ministries at 7:30 AM. As you prepare to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, the Evangelism Committee hopes you enjoy following this series. We also have a message along with an invitation to our Advent services being shown at the Windsor Theater.

Advent Services

7:00 PM Wednesday
December 4th - December 11th -
December 18th -

Call His Name Jesus

Lutheran Hour Ministries Advent Devotions are on the table by the office window.

Behold The Child

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

6:00 p.m. Tuesday,
December 24



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

10:00 p.m. December 24

Christmas
Day Service,
9:00 a.m.
Holy Communion



New Year's Eve
Communion Service
7:00 p.m. December 31

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:



Reminder that the Children's Christmas program is Tuesday, December 24th at 6 PM. Please have your children in the preschool room at 5:45 that evening. Practices are held each Sunday until 11:30. Attendance is appreciated so the kids can learn their songs and Bible verses.

JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY – The annual Jesus Birthday Party provided by the LYF will be held December 15th following our Christmas program practice. You can pick your children up at 12:15.

There will be no Sunday school December 29. Regular Sunday school classes will begin again January 5, 2019. **Merry Christmas!**

CHOIR NEWS

In December choir will move their rehearsals to Wednesday evenings following Advent services. After Christmas we will take a break. We will resume rehearsals on Monday evening, January 20th. Please consider using your talents in this way to God's glory. **JOIN THE CHOIR!**



Country View Nursing Facility

Tis the time of year to ask for a little Christmas cheer with help to make our residents Christmas morning special. By donating those little gifts that make a big difference. There is a list on the bulletin board of gift ideas. Please have your donations to the Activity department by Wednesday December 18. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity this Christmas season.
Shanda M. Boehnke, Activity Coordinator



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Lighthouse Center of Hope
December 10, 2019, 4 – 6 PM.

Come and join us for our
Christmas Open House
409 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls



Lutheran Family Service is Iowa's only Recognized Service Organization (RSO) by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) for Pregnancy Support, Adoption Services, Marriage Counseling, & Mental Health Counseling.
Lutheran Family Service - Annual Meeting
December 9, 1:00 PM.



St. Paul's Lutheran School presents
"The Christmas Story"
Friday, December 13, 7:00 PM.

Christmas Cookie Spectacular is from 5–7 PM.

Buy yummy homemade goodies by the pound!
Proceeds go for the P.T.L. activities including
the hot lunch program.

LWML News

*But the angel said to them,
“Do not be afraid. I bring you
good news that will cause great
joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a
Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the
Lord.” Luke 2:10-11*



In my early elementary years, I clearly remember seeing Christmas with the “Christ” taken out and replaced with an “X.” I was confused and asked my parents about this misspelling of Christmas and voiced my disaccord. It’s almost as if it’s a nameless celebration. We as Christians know how far from the truth that is. In the Bible verse we read here of angels appearing to the shepherds and declaring the birth of Jesus, the Son of David, who is the Messiah. It is in no way a “nameless” event, but a wonderful celebration of the greatest event—the birth of Christ and the salvation He has brought to us all. So let’s keep the “Christ” in Christmas.

Our quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19th. This is a supper meeting that will begin at 6:00 PM. The hostesses will provide the main dish for everyone, and the rest of the members are asked to bring your favorite salad or dessert. Don’t forget your own table service! Please mark your calendars and join us for a joyful and merry evening full of delicious food, fun, and fellowship.

The quarterly meeting will include the installation of the 2020 officers. The Love Offering envelopes will also be collected. If you aren’t able to attend, please put your envelope in Jackie Birdsell’s mailbox, or you may give it to Mary in the church office. We are able to designate gifts during the meeting. Please have suggestions as to where the group’s donations would benefit the most.

Several members from Trinity volunteered the first part of November to serve lunch to farmers harvesting the corn fields for the family of Kevin and Julia Barz. A huge thank-you to Joyce Koch for organizing the lunch. Thank you to Beth Fink, Lois Johnson, and Karen Tripp for also helping with the lunch. I’m certain the farmers appreciated the maid-rites and Beth’s very famous potato salad.

During this Christmas season, May you be blessed with the spirit of the season, which is PEACE, the gladness of the season, which is HOPE, and the heart of the season, which is LOVE.

Merry Christmas and blessings to all!
Sarah Heilskov, President

LWML DINNER MEETING

**Thursday—December 19th—6:00 PM

Devotions: Stephanie Behn

Hostesses: Judy Hankom, Lois Dohrmann, Dorothy Brinkley, Sarah Heilskov, and Jackie Birdsell

ESTHER CIRCLE

**Thursday—December 5th—7:00 PM

Devotions & Bible Study: Sharon Akers

Hostess: Beth Fink

Thank you

Trinity Ladies Society,

Thank you for your wonderful gift of \$50! In this month of November that includes the celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends, donations from caring people like you give the entire Concordia Seminary community additional blessings for which to be deeply thankful. This went to the seminary food bank.

Thank you again for your caring gift and for your prayers.

Rev. Dale A Meyer, PH.D.

President, Concordia Seminary

Trinity Ladies Society,

I have been blessed to know people who experience profound, life-changing JOY when they tell others about Jesus through their sacrificial giving. I pray you are one of them. There is something intensely personal and full of meaning in a gift like the one you have joyfully given. Thank you. (\$50 to Rev. Arthur & Eva Rickman)

In Service to our Lord, Jesus Christ,

Pastor Matthew C. Harrison, President, LCMS

Lutheran Bible Translators

LBT sent missionaries in 2009 to Kgalagari desert region in Botswana. In 2013 LBT, community leaders and the Bible Society of Botswana partnered to identify and train translators. The New Testament is on goal to be published in 2020. Almost 250,000 people living in one of the most isolated places in the world will have access to Scripture through their own language, many hearing the message in the Bible for the first time.

See the newsletter on the table across from the mailboxes.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN GOOD NEWS:

Clemons Branch 23- Shipped 2,600 quilts to the poor Navaho Indians Reservation on November 4th. We sent 11 large shipments to (Moldova, New Mexico, Haiti, Latvia, Ghana, Desks to Republic of Georgia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Tornado of Marshalltown, Iowa, Desks to Ghana & Haiti. Try & realize the good you have done for these destitute and poor people. What can you do in the future. Bring clothes, help sort & pack every Tuesday from 8 – 12 noon at Clemons. Continue to send financial aid for shipping costs. We are debt free (costs \$5,000.00 for each shipment.) Review the items we collect & ship. Romans 12 – 13
Branch Manager, John Maddick

Merry Christmas

If you look for Me at Christmas
You won't need a special star -
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of Me
amid the celebrations-
You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came,
And you'll find Me in the stillness
as I'm whispering your name.
Love, Jesus

Remember our shut-ins:

Country View Nursing Facility: 1720 Central Ave. E, Hampton: Mavis Claypool, Jennie Dellinger, Lillian Green, and Wendell Schmitt.

Apple Valley. 1724 Central Ave E, Hampton: Arnold & Lois Stratmann #21, Dixie Schmitt #5 Donna Helmke # 14

Hampton Health Care Center, 700 2nd St., Hampton: Daisy Bentrout Rm 23, Cora Lee Thielen Rm. 5

Sheffield Care Center: 100 Bennett Dr., Sheffield, IA 50475 - Glen Schnabel Rm 105

Deerfield Place 505 E Gilman, Sheffield, IA 50475 Don Feld, #110

9th St. Chautauqua 302 9th St., Charles City. 50616 - Ileen Christensen

Lake Mills Care Center: 406 S 10th Ave E #34, Lake Mills, 50450 - Freddie Pogge

Keelson Harbour: 2810 Aurora Ave, Apt.120 Spirit Lake, 51360 - Betty Fink

St. Paul's School, Latimer

And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And

all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them" Luke 2:17-18. On December 13 the students of St. Paul's will share the same message of the shepherds. Join them at 7:00 as they sing and speak the Good News of the birth of our Savior. While many will wish you a happy holiday or season's greetings, there is only ONE reason for the season – Jesus.

Before and after the program, stock up on a wide variety of cookies at the Christmas Cookie Spectacular. Buy them by the pound. Plenty of homemade goodies make your Christmas baking easier.

You are also invited to join us on December 5th for a quick meal at 6:00 followed by a presentation on internet safety led by Special Agent Crawley of the Iowa State Patrol and Charlene Stortz our technology coordinator. Please RSVP the school office (641) 579-6046 or sstortz@stpaulslatimer.org by Dec. 4 if you will be joining us for supper.

- Dec. 4 Full Day of School No CAL afternoon bus
- Dec. 5 Internet Safety presentations to students, staff during & after school
- Dec. 5 Meal & Internet safety presentation to parents/community 6:00 meal 6:30 presentation
- Dec. 12 K-6 Sing at the Community Center 1:30
- Dec. 13 Christmas Cookie Spectacular 5:00
- Dec. 13 Christmas Concert 7:00
- Dec. 16 Board of Education 6:00
- Dec. 18 Early dismissal – 1:50pm
- Dec. 19 Grades 5-6 sing at nursing homes (afternoon)
- Dec. 20 Christmas Caroling in Latimer
- Dec. 20 Christmas Parties
- Dec. 23-Jan. 1 CHRISTmas Vacation
- January 2 School Resumes

