

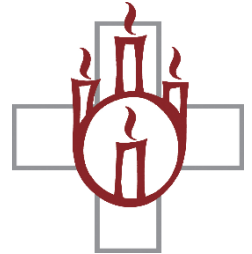


**HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!**  
News for the week of December 17, 2023

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

- **Nancy Zieske**, undergoing tests
- **Sue Gruber**, experiencing medical issues

**MIDWEEK ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** This Wednesday, Dec. 20, please join us for one final midweek Advent service, featuring a program by TLS students in grades 3-5. We hope you've also made plans to join us next Sunday for Christmas Eve worship! An interactive family service has been scheduled for 3pm, and traditional services (including Communion and candlelight) will take place at 6pm and 11pm. **Please note that there will be no regular Saturday evening service on Dec. 23, and no regular Sunday morning services on Dec. 24.**



*Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.  
LSB 349 v.1*

**FAREWELL SERVICE FOR PASTOR POTTS** In honor of Pastor Potts and his nearly ten years of service to Trinity, and as an opportunity for both Pastor and the saints at Trinity to say goodbye as the Potts family prepares for their move to Christ Lincoln, a special service of farewell and Godspeed has been planned for **Sunday, January 7, at 9:30am**. A reception and card/gift card shower will immediately follow. If you'd like to express your appreciation to Pastor, cards, letters, or gift cards to be used when the Potts family arrives in Nebraska (click [here](#) or [here](#) for lists of Lincoln restaurants, or consider a national brand such as Amazon or Visa) are suggested. **Please note that there will be no regular Sat. evening, 8:30am, or 10:30am services the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES** Please note that Trinity's office will be closed from 11:30am-1:30pm on Thursday, Dec. 21, and all day Monday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 26, Monday, Jan. 1, and Tuesday, Jan. 2.

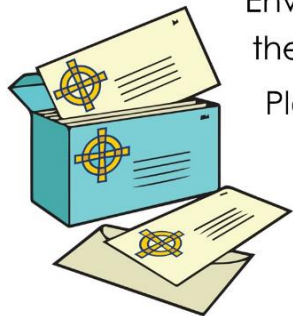
**THE CHOSEN: SEASON 3** Movie night at Trinity will return next month! Beginning Jan. 3, join us Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in Graceful Grounds (doors open at 5:30) for season 3 of *The Chosen*. All are invited to come and see this dramatic series about Jesus' earthly ministry. For more information, please contact the office (734-242-2308).

**REMODELING LOAN UPDATE** After November loan payments to First Merchants Bank, the balance on Trinity's loan is \$286,706. Of the \$403,760 pledged for debt elimination, \$205,140 remains outstanding.

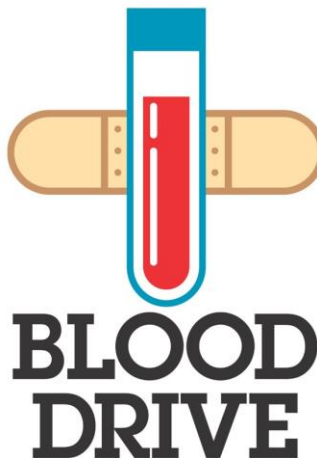
**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!** Many thanks to all who've lent a hand this season to serve our congregation and community! Alison Beeker and family delivered our Thanksgiving service donations of dry goods, canned goods, and paper products to the Salvation Army in Monroe, and Shelly Vorrath led a wonderful team of volunteers in decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. We give thanks to God for these (and so many other) willing workers – your help has been a great blessing!



## 2024 Offering Envelopes



Envelopes are available in the rear of the sanctuary. Please pick up your box this weekend.



**December 26** *from*  
**12-6pm** *in*  
**Trinity gym**

To schedule an appt., call  
1-800-RED CROSS  
or visit  
[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
and enter code  
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### THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

*(Please contact the office for more information)*

**Sunday, 12/17:** Worship @ 8:30a – HC (*usher team B-2*)  
Bible Study @ 9:30a in Graceful Grounds  
Worship @ 10:30a (*usher team B-3*)  
Confirmation (Mod. 5) @ 12p  
Trinity Family Meal @ 6p in the gym

**Monday, 12/18:** Stephen Ministry @ 6:30p in Graceful Gr.

**Tuesday, 12/19:** Stephen Ministry @ 6:30p in Graceful Gr.  
Choir @ 7p in the chapel

**Wednesday, 12/20:** Agape @ 9a & 11:30a in Graceful Grounds  
Advent Midweek Service @ 6p  
*3-5 Christmas Program*

**Thursday, 12/21:** *Half Day of School – 11am Dismissal*  
*Office Closed 11:30a-1:30p*

**Friday, 12/22:** *No School*  
Bible Study @ 1p in meeting room 2

**Saturday, 12/23:** Braille @ 9a in the church basement  
Bible Study @ 9a in Graceful Gr.  
***No regular Sat. evening service***

12/6 Advent midweek attendance: 355

12/9 & 12/10 attendance: 6:00p- 375 8:30a- 94 10:30a- 108

### THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

*Readings for this weekend's services  
include Exodus 19:1-8, 1 John 1:5-10  
& Matthew 5:13-16*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9



### How to Watch / Worship / Join Us!

#### Weekend Worship –

- In Trinity Sanctuary - Times: Sat. 6 p.m. and Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Facebook LIVE - Sundays at 10:30 a.m. (or later on our Web site)
- Recorded services can be watched on cable TV – Xfinity 21 or Spectrum 187 / Wed. 5 p.m. and Thur. 9 a.m.

#### Blessings from all of us at Trinity!

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