

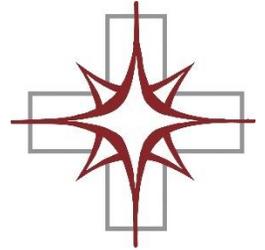


**HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!**  
News for the week of December 21, 2025

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

- **Pastor Mann**, undergoing testing on his heart
- **Pastor Lee Cullen** (Holy Ghost), who lost his father last Sunday morning

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** Please join us for Christmas Eve services **this Wednesday**, December 24! We'll celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord at 3:00pm, 6:00pm, and 11:00pm. Holy Communion will be offered at all three services; candlelight at 6 and 11.



**ADDITIONAL MANGER BUILD EVENT** Missed the Children's Ministry Manger Build in November? We have enough leftover lumber to build approx. 15 additional mangers, and Pastor Duerr encourages interested families to gather **this Sunday**, Dec. 21, at 9:30am in the gym to craft a nativity keepsake of their own.

**YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY** All middle and high school students are invited to come enjoy an evening of games, fellowship, pizza and cookies **this Sunday evening**, Dec. 21, from 6:00-8:00pm in the youth room (church basement; enter through the door on 3<sup>rd</sup> street). Bring a friend and, in lieu of a gift exchange, please purchase and bring socks to donate to a local charity. Questions? Contact Mendy (734-309-6093).

**BLOOD DRIVE** The American Red Cross will host a blood drive in Trinity's gymnasium on Friday, Dec. 26, from 11am-5pm. If you'd like to donate blood, please schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and entering code TRINITYLUTHMONROE.

**YOUTH MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL MEETING (SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES)** This summer, Trinity's youth group will have two opportunities for travel. The first trip is a servant event where participants will work around camp Youth Haven (just outside of Lansing). The second is the Michigan District High School Youth Gathering on Mackinac Island. Both trips are for students 14+ or entering high school in 2026. An informational meeting for parents and youth has been scheduled for Sunday, **Jan. 11**, at **6pm**. Contact Mendy (734-309-6093) for more information.

**TOWN HALL MEETING** Pastor Grenz is calling a town hall meeting on Monday, Jan. 12, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Come and hear about his observations from his time thus far at Trinity, and his initial thoughts on the mandate given him to "focus" the ministry here. He will also outline the next steps and a timeline for this undertaking. Your input is needed and will be sought out. Please come to this meeting to start to find your place in our shared efforts here at Trinity at service and witness over the coming years.

**DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT** Want to make a bigger difference? Now's your chance! For the next several months, every donation to the Staff Tuition Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$20,000! Your support will provide the children of our dedicated staff members with a scholarship to attend our school and receive a quality education. Together, we can support our staff and invest in the future of their children!

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

**TRINITY'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Friday, Dec. 26 • Wednesday, Dec. 31 - Friday, Jan. 2**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT TRINITY** We're in need of an afternoon custodian to help maintain the cleanliness of our church and school facility. This is a part-time, hourly position (approximately 20 hours per week). The exact working hours for this position, during the school year and through the summer, will be determined by the Facilities Manager. Please contact Richard Hackbarth at [rhackbarth@trinitylutheranmonroe.org](mailto:rhackbarth@trinitylutheranmonroe.org) (or call the church office) for a full job description or with any questions regarding the position.

**GUEST SPEAKER** On Wednesday, January 7, middle school students from Trinity and Holy Ghost will welcome guest speaker Dr. Irene Butter, Holocaust survivor, to Trinity. Born into a Jewish family in Berlin, Dr. Butter's childhood was cut short when she and her family were deported to two prison camps, including Bergen-Belsen, where childhood acquaintance and former neighbor Anne Frank was a fellow prisoner. Irene barely survived until being released along with her family in January of 1945. Her "Holocaust to Hope" presentation is open to all members of circuit congregations – if you'd like to attend, please join us at 10:30am in the church.

**PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED** Trinity youth will weave mats for the homeless at their Christmas party on Dec. 21, and plastic grocery bags are needed to create the "plarn" (plastic yarn) that will form these mats. Have some bags to spare? Please drop them in the collection box at the rear of the church. Many thanks to those who've already donated!

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### THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

*(Please contact the church office for more information)*

*Sunday, 12/21:* Worship @ 8:15a – HC (*usher team A-1*)  
Bible Study @ 9:30a in Graceful Grounds  
Manger Build @ 9:30a in the gym  
Worship @ 10:45a (*usher team D-1*)  
Youth Christmas Party @ 6p in youth rm.  
Trinity Family Meal @ 6p

*Monday, 12/22:* Bible Study @ 1p in the chapel

*Tuesday, 12/23:* Choir @ 7p in the chapel

*Wednesday, 12/24:* *Christmas Eve (office closed)*  
Worship @ 3p – HC (*team A-4*)  
Worship @ 6p – HC (*usher teams B-2 & C-4*)  
Worship @ 11p – HC (*usher team A-3*)

*Thursday, 12/25:* *Christmas Day (office closed)*

*Friday, 12/26:* Blood Drive from 11a-5p in the gym

*Saturday, 12/27:* Bible Study @ 5p in the chapel  
Worship @ 6p (*usher team C-1*)

12/13 & 12/14 attendance: 6:00p – 88 8:15a – 73 10:45a – 85

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday – "Small Books of the Bible" -  
9:30am in Graceful Grounds  
"Zero-Three Bible Study" -  
9:30am in Faith's Odys. Rm.

Monday – "Will the Real Jesus Please  
Stand Up?" - 1pm in chapel

Wednesday – Agape women's studies -  
9am & 11:30am

Thursday – "Hope in the Wilderness" -  
10am in Graceful Grounds

Saturday – "Small Books of the Bible"  
5pm in the chapel

### THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

*Readings for this weekend's services  
include Isaiah 40:1-5, Acts 13:13-26 &  
Luke 1:57-80*

Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God.

Isaiah 40:1

### Weekend Service Times

Saturday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Homebound? Ill? Watch our 8:15 a.m. service live on Facebook on Sunday mornings.

### Office Contact Information

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*In need of pastoral care? Pastor Grenz may be reached at (734) 309-6092.*

**Websites** – [www.tlcmmonroe.org](http://www.tlcmmonroe.org) (church) & [www.tlsmonroe.org](http://www.tlsmonroe.org) (school)

**Facebook** – Trinity Lutheran Church Monroe & Trinity Lutheran School Monroe