



HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!
News for the week of December 24, 2023

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

- **Grace Lasko** (sister of Joanne Timiney), experiencing medical issues
- **The family of Reba (Gwen) Berns**, called to eternal life Dec. 17
- **Sue Gruber**, hospitalized this week
- **Howard Sieb**, battling Parkinson's disease and now under hospice care

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 6th and 7th.**



UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS As Pastor Potts prepares to leave Trinity as senior pastor, the board of directors is working on next steps. Here's an update as of Dec. 16:

- Met Saturday, Dec. 16, for discussion with Pastor Potts and (via Zoom) a representative from the Michigan District office. He outlined the options and process toward a smooth, proper and permanent transition.
- Voted unanimously to contact the District office to request an Intentional Interim Minister to work with Pastor Duerr, Pastor Mann, the admin team and the board on administrative and worship tasks. The IIM will be accountable to the board.
- Agreed to meet again the week between Christmas and New Year's Day to work on more details.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES Offering envelopes are available on a table in the narthex. If you haven't already done so, please pick up your box this weekend.

BLOOD DRIVE The American Red Cross will host a blood drive in Trinity's gymnasium on Thursday, Dec. 26, from 12pm-6pm. If you'd like to donate blood, please schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or visiting RedCrossBlood.org and entering code TRINITYLUTHMONROE.

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).

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

TRINITY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

Monday, Dec. 25 • Tuesday, Dec. 26 • Monday, Jan. 1 • Tuesday, Jan. 2

WinGS MISSION FUNDRAISER – RADA CUTLERY This cutlery makes a great Christmas gift! Look for the catalogues in the back of church and the office, or talk with a WinGS member. To make an online order, visit <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=6310657.ec73135>, or www.radafundraising.com and search “Trinity Lutheran Monroe WINGS”.

This is love: not that we loved God,
but that **he loved us** and sent his Son
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10



THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

(Please contact the church office for more information)

Sunday, 12/24: No Morning Services
Worship @ 3p – Family Service (team A-4)
Worship @ 6p – HC (usher teams A-1 & C-4)
Worship @ 11p – HC (usher team A-3)

Monday, 12/25: Office Closed

Tuesday, 12/26: Office Closed
Blood Drive from 12p-6p in gym

Wednesday, 12/27: Agape @ 9a & 11a in Graceful Grounds

Thursday, 12/28: Alz. Support Grp. @ 6p in Graceful Grounds

Saturday, 12/30: Braille @ 9a in the church basement
Worship @ 6p – HC (usher team B-1)

12/13 attendance: 6p - 220

12/16 & 12/17 attendance: 6p - 95 8:30a - 92 10:30a - 90

THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

*Readings for Christmas Eve services
include Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-21 & Matthew 1:18-2:12*

“She will give birth to a son, and
you are to give him the name
Jesus, because he will save his
people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21



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.

Many Bible Studies Online <https://www.tlcmunroe.org/online-bible-studies>

Blessings from all of us at Trinity!

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