

T.I.G. Transmitter December 2023



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As Advent leads us to Christmas, we are especially seeking a distinct season of peace. We need a quiet place to rest during this restless time. Year after year, with each Advent season, we wonder if this year will bring a peace that endures. We crave the reassurance that God knows all our needs and will provide for them, not just for these short weeks but for every season.

Often, we grow impatient as we seek peace. Despite knowing the promises of God to provide for us, we might try to find peace on our own. We then define peace according to the ways we seek it. We might imagine that peace comes when we finally have enough of all the things we plan to buy. Or we might look for the perfect place where peace is an undisturbed solitude, the cabin in the mountains. We might seek peace by escaping memories of the past. Or peace might be an elusive future where everyone does exactly what they should. These are our many ways of defining peace, but sadly, each of these directions could go on and on without ever being fulfilled.

To illustrate both our pursuit of peace and God's plan for us, our Advent series this year uses a five-point star to help us understand. Overall, the star reminds us of the Christmas star of Matthew 2 and that wonderful light that guided the Wise Men to find Jesus. Their long journey ended with the blessing of a lasting peace. Just as the Wise Men followed the star, so we will go to each point in this Advent star. This won't be a useless journey that never ends. We will find that God meets us at each point of the star, knowing our needs and bringing us the peace we are seeking.

Since the five-point star will guide our journey, picture yourself drawing such a star. Start in the bottom left corner and draw up to the top center point. Stop and draw downward to the bottom right corner, then upward to the middle of the left side. Draw across to the right, and back to the bottom left corner, eventually reaching each point. Every point goes a certain distance but then is stopped. In the same way, each of our paths to peace could go on and on, never being fulfilled. There won't be enough possessions or perfectly calm places to give us lasting peace. But as we seek peace in these many ways, God intersects us with a peace that both passes our understanding and yet meets our needs. God knows the many ways and directions by which we seek peace. As we journey, God meets us, halts our endless pursuits, and gives us a new understanding of His gift of peace. That peace comes always through the birth of Jesus, the Word become flesh who steps into the world and fulfills our desire for peace.

In the end, we find our lasting peace and treasure. God's peace doesn't send us on an impossible search. God's peace is not an invisible needle buried in a haystack. God's peace is a treasure laid in the straw of the manger. God's peace is the priceless Son of God, born in the stable and laid in plain view for us all. He is the diamond found in the manger's straw. As the Prince of Peace He is the peace that we seek.

In Christ,

Pastor Hageman

Preschool News



Merry CHRISTmas! Trinity Preschool will be preparing for our Saviors birth here in the classroom and sharing our joy with everyone, just walk down our hallway and see how we preparing.

One way we are sharing is by donating to the seniors of our community with gifts we have collected and gifts that we have made for them. Trinity Preschool has done this for several years and it is always a joy to give back to our community. Another way we are spreading our joy is through our Christmas program on Thursday night the 14th at 7pm, we love to have you come and hear us and celebrate Jesus birthday with us.

Trinity 3 will build a nativity scene each day they will add a new piece to it that they have made.

Both classes will work on decorating our class Christmas tree with items that they have made.

The bake sale made over \$600! Thank you all and we have already been looking at new toys for the preschool some will be new and some will be replacement toys.



Music News



LUTHER'S CRADLE SONG.

[The following hymn composed by Martin Luther for his children is still sung by many of the German mothers to their little ones.]

Away in a manger,
No crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky
Looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus,
Asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
The poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
No crying He makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus,
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my crib
Watching my lullaby.

In 1884 the words to *Away In A Manger* were published in the *Universalist* magazine, with the claim that it was written centuries earlier by the great reformer Martin Luther, and sung to his children.

This claim was decided to be a fabricated story, as there had been no references found anywhere in Luther's writings and the first traceable German text was not published until 1934. The awkward translation suggested it was translated from English, instead of being originally in German.

The next year, 1885, it was published in the *Little Children's Book: for schools and families* by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in

The words in *Away In A Manger* are a clear and simple representation of the biblical story of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Kimberly Nelson



Christian Education and Family Life

Worship and Sunday School

Worship - 9:00am

Sunday School - 10:30am

Opening in "Matthews Place" with classes to follow

LCMS U – 8:00 p.m.

Compline – 9:00 p.m.

Adult Classes

Matthews Place – The Nicene Creed – Pastor Mike

Children & Youth Classes

Pre-School -Kindergarten

1st-2nd Grades 5th-6th Grade

3rd-4th Grades and 7th thru High School

Worship and Sunday School at Grace Lutheran

Bible Class - 8:00am

Worship - 9:00am

Worship and Sunday School at Immanuel Lutheran

Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study – 12 noon

Other Weekday Bible Studies and Fellowship

Tuesdays

Get-Together-Girls – 10:00 a.m.

Join the ladies for fellowship, devotions, and card ministry. Drop-ins are welcome!

Advent Worship Services

Wednesday's 6:30 p.m. with a meal at
5:45 p.m.

November 29th – Who is Jesus? How
Creeds and Confessions Help Us
Answer this Question.

December 6th – How to Read God's
Word?

December 13th – How to Pray – A
Simple Way to Pray

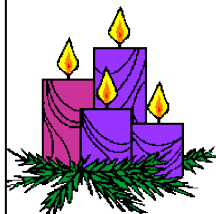
December 20th – **No** Midweek
Advent Service at Trinity



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Home School – Monday mornings
9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Wednesday afternoons 12:15 p.m. to
3:00 p.m.



Vespers during Advent



Christian Education and Family Life!

**Additional Weekday Worship Service
now being offered!**

Wednesday afternoons. Time: 12:15 p.m.

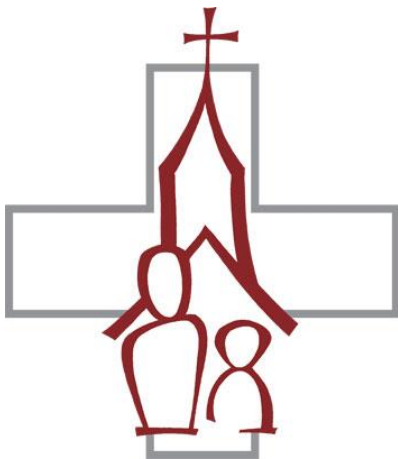


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College Ministry: LCMS U is The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's official campus ministry network. It is the place to connect and support our students, congregations, and campus ministries so we may boldly bear witness to Christ on our nation's college campuses.

The most important function of LCMS U is to provide accurate and accessible information to the Synod for all who are interested in campus ministry. This Ministry Session is being offered on Sunday Nights beginning at 8 p.m.

Thank you to the Volunteers who have provided Casserole Dishes. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



Please join us on Sunday evenings for ✝
LCMS U and Compline. We begin at 8:00
p.m. with Prayer Service at 9:00 p.m.

Compline: Compline is a prayer service at the close of day in the Lutheran worship books. It is descended from the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer. It is also known as Night Prayer and is the church's official bedtime prayer. It invites us to pray for protection in three kinds of sleep: the natural sleep of night, the sleep of the soul in sinfulness, and the sleep of death at life's end.

This Prayer Service is being offered on Sunday Night's beginning at 9 p.m. Hope you will be able to join us for this evening of prayer.

T.I.G. Happenings



LCMS U College Ministry

Harvick Sowers on his Confirmation Day!
Congratulations Harvick!!!!

Trick or Treat Trail Photos from Grace Lutheran in Ulysses



Trunk for Treat at Trinity. Guess Who?



T.I.G. Happenings Continued



Servant Event with Youth



High School Youth heading out to the High School Retreat in Topeka



Photos of the Men's Breakfast
November 18th at Grace Lutheran Church



T.I.G. Birthdays, Anniversaries and Prayers

Birthdays

James Davis	12/1
Kelly Langdon	12/1
Tiffney Wolf	12/1
Rosa Sponsel	12/3
Keith Erichsen	12/4
Kaiden Fisher	12/4
Elizabeth Meyer	12/4
Jacya Vargas	12/4
Gordon Drees	12/6
Dixie Beery	12/7
Oliver Gonzalez	12/7
Brian Odneal	12/7
Steven Barber	12/8
Jamie Bastin	12/8
Rev. Michael Hageman	12/9
Vivian Kristalyn	12/9
Tonya Lampe	12/9
Ashley Schultz	12/11
Austin Ackerman	12/12
Kenby Clawson	12/12
Kaleb Kohart	12/12
Renee Algrim	12/14
Taelor Hernandez	12/14
Mark Petersen	12/14
Diane Simshauser	12/14
Heidi Berg	12/15
Kaye Kuhlman	12/15
Statler Kerr	12/16
Elias Kristalyn	12/16
Kellee Odneal	12/17
Jacynda Vargas	12/18
Warren Schwab	12/19
Elaine Appel	12/19
Curt Kinney	12/23
Betty White	12/24
Ashley Eckert	12/25
Zossy Algrim	12/26
Timothy Cruz	12/26
Jayce Vargas	12/27
Judy Schweer	12/28
Ainsley Beery	12/29
Robert Leal	12/30
Kay Petersen	12/30
Don Bohl	12/31
Marin Kerr	12/31



Emil & Deandra Krug	12/5
Brian & Kristina Odneal	12/5
Bob & Doris Lewis	12/8
Curt & Kathleen Kinney	12/9
Gordon & Stephanie Wright	12/13
Kenby & Lana Clawson	12/17
Brad & Jody Kerr	12/18
Michael & Nona Nelson	12/18
Grady & Kaye Kuhlman	12/21
Lowell & Dorothy Mueller	12/22
Adam & Camarynn Nelson	12/23
Braden & Brittany Barnhardt	12/31



Prayers

Shut-ins: Pat Bridges, Shirley Frost, Steve Hamann, Esther Krug, Wauneta Messenger, Clara Faye Schweer, Joan Schweer, Helen Strickland, and Lillian Von Lintel.

Trinity's Continued Health Concerns: Samantha Bogenhagen, Steve Hamann, Tim Lavrenz, Carleen Schweer, and Terri Schweer.

Immanuel Prayers

Peggy Ansel, Noretta Hesslink, Ted Hesslink, Leonard Kleeman, Tim Kohart, Agnes Molz, Family of Mary Lee Molz, Don Neff, Carolyn Richmond, Helen Strickland, and Karen Waechter.

Grace Lutheran Prayers

Millie & Vic Barbo, Deanna Bitter, Norma Fisher, Linda Henning, Alleah Hilker, Gavin Hogie, Chris Mason, Sharon Nagle, Tami Rundell, Karen Waechter, and David Wagner.



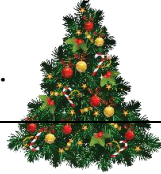
Announcements

Youth News!

Preschool News!



Please come and support our Preschool by attending our Christmas Program on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. Place: the Fellowship Hall.



No Preschool

December 18th 2023 to January 5th 2024. Christmas Break. Classes will resume January 8th for 4yr olds and January 9th for 3 yr olds.

Save the date!

2024 Middle School Huddle
April 19 & 20, 2024
Rock Springs 4H Camp
Located South of Junction City, KS

Trinity Lutheran Midweek Advent Services begin Wednesday, November 29th.

Time: 6:30 p.m. *during the Season of Advent there will not be any Midweek Classes, only Advent Worship Services with a Meal

at 5:45 p.m.

Church News!

Stephen Ministry: will meet December 11th at 6:00 p.m. for their Christmas Party!

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, December 9th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Garden City, Ks. Time: 8 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, December 12th:
Winkle at St John Meade
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Advent Services:
Tuesday's beginning December 5th at 5:30 p.m. with meal after Service.
Preaching on the O Antiphons!
December 5th – Evening Prayer
December 12th – Compline
December 19th - Vespers

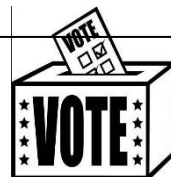


Immanuel Lutheran Advent Services:
Wednesday's beginning December 6th at 5:30 p.m. with meal after Service.
Preaching on the O Antiphons!
December 6th – Evening Prayer
December 13th – Compline
December 20th - Vespers

Sunday, December 3rd:
Budget Information Meeting.
Place: East Ed Wing.
Time: 1 p.m.



Voters Meeting:
Date: Sunday, December 10th. Time: After Worship Service. Place: East Ed Wing.



Office News!

Trinity Office will be closed Monday, December 25th thru January 1st in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holiday. The Office will re-open Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.

All Staff and Newsletter Deadline: Monday December 11th at 1:00 p.m.

Elders Meeting: Sunday, December 17th after Bible Class

CLC Meeting: Thursday December 14th at 6:30 p.m. (Subject to change)

*Below are the Worship Times for the 2023 Christmas Eve Year. *Please note that normal Divine Worship Service times **do not change** and should be observed.

Christmas Eve Worship Service at Trinity Lutheran Church:

Sunday, December 24th.

Time: 6:30 p.m.



Christmas Eve Worship Service for Grace & Immanuel Lutheran Church:

Sunday, December 24th.

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Reminders:

Weekly Wednesday Noontime Services @ 12:15 p.m. – Noontime prayer with Advent/Christmas Hymns. Please come and Join us!

Please join us on Sunday evenings for ✠ LCMS U and Compline. We begin at 8:00 p.m. with LCMS U and Compline Prayer Service at 9:00 p.m.

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Mission Trip Opportunity: Youth Retreat Team in Peru

Dates: Feb 14-19 or Feb 14-21

Help the LCMS Peru mission generate momentum in connecting youth with the church. Our team will assist the local church-planting team put on an offsite weekend retreat for high school aged youth. This will be a fun event, full of fellowship and study of God's word. The option to stay on for an additional

two days for tourism is presented to the team. Team size will be 4-11 people. Cost is \$900 per person plus airfare.

Team responsibilities:

set up/clean up/
snack and meal prep
games/crafts/
activities/music

District News!

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SAVE THE DATE!

Faith at Work District-wide Service Event, April 2024!

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." – Ephesians 2:10

The LCMS Kansas District invites our congregations, schools, and RSOs to save the date for April 7, 2024, for the first annual *Faith at Work* kick-off **Sunday!** *Faith at Work* is an annual District-wide service event where groups of all ages and skill sets find needs within their local communities to serve throughout the month.

Each spring, beginning in 2024, we would like to encourage every person, young and old, to serve friends and neighbors in their communities in the name of Jesus.

Information shared on the district **Facebook page**, and placed on the website page as details develop.



December 2023 Worship Servants

Worship Servants December 2023

Acolyte

3rd – Kade Davis
 10th – Lindsey Nelson & Harper Sowers
 17th – Lola Chmielewski & Tlolick Anderson
 24th – Harvick Sowers & Lena McMillan
 24th – Christmas Eve – Kade Davis
 31st – Lola Chmielewski & Tlolick Anderson

Livestream

3rd – Bryce Foreman
 10th – Colby Cessna
 17th – Miles Combs
 24th – Colby Cessna
 24th – Christmas Eve – Bryce Foreman
 31st – Miles Combs

PowerPoint

2nd - Carlie Obregon
 3rd – Miles Combs
 9th – Preston McMillan
 10th – Jackson Combs
 16th – Jenna & Lindsey Nelson
 17th – Calista & Kade Davis
 23rd – Brady Cessna
 24th – Jackson Combs
 24th – Christmas Eve – Preston McMillan
 30th – Jenna & Lindsey Nelson
 31st - Calista & Kade Davis

Lectors

2nd – Jerry Bitter
 3rd – Kyle Horsfall
 9th – Alex Foreman
 10th – Jay Meyer
 16th – Daret Burr
 17th – Kyle Horsfall
 23rd – Miles Combs
 24th – Jay Meyer
 24th – Christmas Eve – Jerry Bitter
 30th – Daret Burr
 31st – Kyle Horsfall

Worship Assistants

Saturdays – Zach Schultz
 Sundays – Roy Cessna & Jay Meyer
 Altar Service – Diann Stone

Thank You!
 God bless you all for your time!

Elders of the Church

Trinity's Elders:

Last Name	Elder	Phone
A-B	Ed Adams	276-3931
C-G	James Davis	290-1964
H-L	Jerry Bitter	272-1237
M-P	Roy Cessna	272-9352
R-S	John Polson	275-4544
T-Z	Ron Thiele	640-2337

The Elders above serve the members of Trinity with the last names listed above. Please do not hesitate to contact them in time of need.

Immanuel's Elders:

Bruce Ansel
 Tim Kohart
 Bill Simshauser

Grace's Elders:

Mark Giesaking
 Denton Schloemer



December 2023

*Merry Christmas
and a happy new year*

Advent Schedule - Grace Lutheran Church - Tuesday's
5:30 p.m. w/Meal to follow
December 5th, 12th, & 19th

Advent Schedule Immanuel Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran - Wednesday's
5:45 p.m. Dinner at Trinity
6:30 p.m. Trinity Advent
Worship
6:30 Immanuel Advent Service
with Meal at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday morning TIG Worship Services
8:00 Bible Study—Grace Lutheran Church
9:00 Worship—Grace Lutheran Church
9:00 Worship—Trinity Lutheran Church
10:30 Bible Class/55-Trinity Lutheran Church
11:00 Worship—Immanuel Lutheran Church
12:00 Bible Study—Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Last Sunday of the Church Year Sunday Worship Children's Program Practice 8:00 p.m. LCMS U 9:00 p.m. Compline	27 Preschool-4 9 a.m. Home School	28 Preschool-3 10:00 a.m. Get together Girls	29 Preschool-4 12:15 p.m. Noon Time Worship 5:45 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Advent Services	30 Preschool-3	1 Preschool-4	2 5:30 p.m. Worship— TLC 6:45 Private Confession
3 1st Sunday in Advent Sunday Worship Children's Program Practice 1:00 p.m. Budget Information Meeting 8:00 p.m. LCMS U 9:00 p.m. Compline	4 Preschool-4 9 a.m. Home School	5 Preschool-3 10:00 a.m. Get together Girls	6 Preschool-4 12:15 p.m. Noon Time Worship 5:45 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Advent Services Children's Program	8 Preschool-3	8 Preschool-4	9 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (TLC) 5:30 p.m. Worship— TLC 6:45 p.m. Private Confession
10 Sunday Worship Children's Program Practice 10:30 a.m. Voters Meeting 8:00 p.m. LCMS U 9:00 p.m. Compline	11 Preschool-4 9 a.m. Home School 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Christmas Party	12 Preschool-3 10:00 a.m. Get together Girls 9:30 a.m. Winkle-St John Meade, Ks	13 Preschool-4 12:15 p.m. Noon Time Worship 5:45 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Advent Services Children's Program Practice	14 Preschool-3 10:00 a.m. Preschool Christmas Party! 6:30 CLC 7:00 p.m. Preschool Program	15 Preschool-4 10:00 a.m. Preschool Christmas Party!	16 5:30 p.m. Worship— TLC 6:45 p.m. Private Confession
17 Sunday Worship Children's Program 11:30 a.m. Elders Meeting 8:00 p.m. LCMS U 9:00 p.m. Compline	18 9 a.m. Home School Preschool Christmas	19 10:00 a.m. Get together Girls Break!	20 No Midweek or Noon Advent Service at Trinity	21 1st Day of Winter	22	23 5:30 p.m. Worship— TLC 6:45 p.m. Private Confession
24 Sunday Worship Christmas Eve Worship Services: 4:30 p.m. (TLC) 6:30 p.m. (TLC)	25 Christmas Day! No Home School this week	26	27	28	29	30 5:30 p.m. Worship— TLC 6:45 p.m. Private Confession
31st Sunday Worship	Church office	closed	Preschool Christmas Break!			



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