

~TRINITY TIDINGS~

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Every Heart Prepare

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. In November and December people spend hours putting up lights in their living space and ornaments on their evergreens. Poinsettias are placed on the mantel and presents under the tree, and we “deck the halls with boughs of holly.” These Christmas decorations bring enjoyment and anticipation to the holiday.

Advent is the church’s season of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Lord. This Advent season, as part of our preparation, we reflect upon three common Christmas decorations and how they help us see Christ and prepare for His coming: evergreens, lights, and the crèche. Then on Christmas we will focus on the decorated presents which point us to the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 1

Dec 3, 2025 – Bethany Lutheran Church
Meal 6:00pm, Worship 7:00p

EVERGREENS

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. Our decoration preparation includes the use of evergreens—from Christmas trees to pine garland. The evergreen decorations also help us prepare for the advent (or coming) of Jesus during Advent—a season of preparation. Today we will consider how evergreens point us to the coming of Christ and the eternal life that He brings.

MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 2

Dec 10, 2025 – Trinity Lutheran Church
Meal 6:00p, Worship 7:00p

LIGHTS

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. Our decoration preparation includes the use of lights—from candles to twinkling LEDs. These luminous decorations also help us prepare for the advent (or coming) of Jesus during Advent, a season of preparation. Today we will consider how lights point us to the coming of Christ and the glory He brings.

MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 3

Dec 17, 2025 – Our Savior Lutheran Church
Meal 6:00pm, Worship 7:00pm

CRÈCHE

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. Our decoration preparation includes the use of the crèche—the miniature model of the nativity scene. The crèche is a distinctively Christian decoration in that it depicts the characters involved in the nativity of Christ: Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the Wise Men, the angels, the stable animals, and—most important of all—the infant Jesus. As we view this manger scene, we recall the timeless story of God coming to earth as a baby to redeem us from our sins.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Trinity Lutheran Church
Dec 24, 2025 6:00pm & 10:00pm
Dec 25, 2025 9:00am

WRAPPED PRESENTS

We decorate for Christmas. Our decorations include wrapped presents—gifts in colorful boxes and bags that are placed under the Christmas tree. But these gifts all pale in comparison to the gift that started it all at Christmas—the gift of God’s Son, whose birth brings us regeneration, renewal, and eternal life. On Christmas [Eve], we consider how the gifts under the tree point us to God’s indescribable gift in Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Prepare your hearts,

Pr Bob

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PLEASE NOTE: In the event of an emergency, and you cannot reach the church office, you may call Pastor Bob on his cell phone at 219-510-7288.

BIBLE STUDY continues with Pastor Bob in the church fellowship hall at 10:40am. All are invited to join him studying the books of *1 & 2 Timothy* and *Titus*.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WILL BE MEETING ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 2ND and 9TH

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in Room 18, (the Music Room) to continue the study on "The Chosen." All are invited to join us! For more information contact Jon Bush at ophiclide.tuba@gmail.com

THE ADULT NAVIGATOR CONTINUES SUNDAY, MORNINGS after the Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall. Please join Randy Daberkow in this Bible Study.

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Saturday Evening 5:30pm

Sunday Morning 9:00am

A time of fellowship follows each service

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~~NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE~~

Our prayers have been with the following members and friends who have been ill and/or hospitalized: Lynda McGown (ELA Teacher) Joyce Rael (TLS Teacher), Debby Daberkow, Bobby Yalotz, Stacey Freeman (TLS Teacher), Steven Dehen Shirley Ranus, Lorna Romero, Pastor Bob, Barb Osterman, Quincey Haeberle, Kris Bruun, Dean Huth, Alice LaRose, Henrietta Voss, David & Connie Boden, Norma Larson, Linda Fenwick, Harriet Avis, Faralynn Koncilia, Shirleen Pape, Jacob Freeman, Cindy Schmidt, Rose Sears, Rick & Anita Lawrenz, Marcie Wright, Victor Voss, Melanie Trujillo, Joyce Michelli, Lucille Cochran, Adella Schmidt, May God continue to strengthen and heal them.

Special prayers for Jacob of Colorado Springs, his teacher is Fran Samec's granddaughter, as he is battling leukemia and Dalton Brey, Harriet Avis's grandson in the military.

Let us also lift up in joy and thanksgiving to God our Heavenly Father all the families and children in Trinity Lutheran Church, School, and ELA.

~ DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS ~

1-Kristeen Bruun	19-Susan Giebel
2-Jaxon Hefty	20-Shana Vail
4-Emily Brunner	22-Kayleigh Gibson
6-Kaven Martinez	30-Mia Harberts
14-Debbie Dilka	Emma Foxhoven
16-Rachel Gaide	

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU!



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

12/27-Randy & Jeanine Bolt (47)

**CONGRATULATIONS
AND**

***GOD'S BLESSINGS AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR
WALK WITH THE LORD!***

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TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

&

EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY



"Make a Joyful Noise" Psalm 100:1

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!"

Good morning and God's abundant blessings to each of you!

What a joyful and busy season it has been here at Trinity. Our halls are full, not only with the energy of learning and laughter, but with the spirit of generosity and gratitude that makes this community so special.

Over the past weeks, our school partnered with Samaritans Purse through Operation Christmas Child, and our Trinity families showed up in an incredible way. Hundreds of items were donated for gift boxes that will brighten the Christmas season for children who might otherwise go without. Watching our students learn the joy of giving has been a blessing in itself, and we are deeply grateful for every family who contributed.

We also celebrated an amazing turnout at this year's Treasures at Trinity Craft Fair. With a record number of vendors and more visitors than ever before, it was truly a day to remember. A heartfelt thank you to Stacey Freeman for her tremendous work, dedication, and leadership. Her efforts made the event a beautiful success.

As we move into this season of thankfulness, our students and families are preparing for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck. We eagerly look forward to gathering as one Trinity family to share food, fellowship, and gratitude.

Our students are also hard at work preparing for our Christmas Program, which will take place on December 15 and 16. Their excitement and joy are contagious, and we cannot wait to share the celebration of Christ's birth with all of you.

As we continue through this season, I humbly ask for your prayers for our students that they may grow in faith and wisdom, for our teachers and staff, that they may be strengthened and encouraged, and for our school, that we remain a place where Christ's love is known, shared, and lived out daily.

To our church family, thank you. Your support, prayers, and partnership are felt in every corner of our campus. We are blessed beyond measure by your love and generosity.

Wishing each of you a season filled with peace, joy, and the hope we have in Christ.

In His Service and With Gratitude,
Derion Ibarra

ELA DECEMBER NEWS

Seasons' Greeting, Trinity Families!

The beauty of this time of year never loses its wonder for me-I marvel at the hope and light it brings. There are certainly many changes for all of us over the course of a year, but my heart is led to all that remains steadfast. The Love of family, the laughter of children, and the rue spirit of what this special time represents. We are so very blessed to have served you this year, and remain committed to our goals in providing quality really childhood education for little ones in a faith-filled environment. I believe ever child we encounter here at Trinity is brought to us with a special purpose, and lives are being enriched daily-both ours and theirs. Trinity is a wonderful mosaic of the precious moments experienced within these wall and we are excited to see how God thoughtfully and lovingly enhances His design for us in the months ahead. It is my hope that this Christmas, you find time of stillness to remember a night long ago. Against the unlikely backdrop of a star-filled sky, where not glittering ornaments were hung, no shiny tinsel nor pine tree stood-there in a stable, in a humble manger...heaven came to earth as a tiny babe in swaddling clothes. Merry Christmas Blessings to All!



ELA UP DATE OF THINGS TO COME

December is always filled with excitement and fun, and we will have lots of holiday learning activities that incorporate those very things!



During the week of December 15th, we will get in the holiday mood with Spirit Week theme days:

Monday	12/15	Flannel Day
Tuesday	12/16	Christmas Socks day
Wednesday	12/17	Christmas Best Day
Thursday	12/18	Christmas Pajama Day
Friday	12/19	Christmas Sweater Day

TELA CLOSED FOR ALL SERVICE

PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FULL-DAY PROGRAMMING (PS/PK PLUS) WILL HAVE CHILDCARE AVAILABILITY 12/29-12/31 & 01/02/26 REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!
1/05/26 ALL CLASSES RESUME!!

UP DATE FROM TRINITY SCHOOL!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE-OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD...

Boxes were packed on Tuesday, November 18th and will be picked up for delivery to Samaritan's Purse during the week.

SEWING ALERT!

Looking for those with a talent for sewing! Mrs. Tristano is seeking "elves," so if you can sew, are creative, or just willing to lend a hand to get Christmas concert costumes ready you may reach Mrs. Tristan at 719-251-9920. She works with the costumes on Mondays and Wednesdays.



UPDATE CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Ibarra has been voted onto the district 60 school board.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS OFFICERS

President~Beckett Carson
Vice-President~Elaine Klopp
Secretary~Eunice Montez
Treasurer~Noah Halfacre and DJ Chapman

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

1st Grade~Yaneli Gutierrez
2nd Grade~AylaJade DiNero
3rd Grade~Jane Hallett
4th Grade~Rley Casias

~CONGRATUALTIONS!~

DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER

December 1st—Return to School

December 3rd, 10th & 17th Chapel

****And Advent Midweeks****

December 4th CAPTAINS meeting 3:30pm

December 15th Preschool-1st Grade Christmas Program 5:30pm

December 16th 2nd-6th Grade Christmas Program 5:30pm

December 18th 2nd Quarter Ends

December 19th No School; Teacher Work Day

December 24th Christmas Eve 6:00 & 10:00pm
Worship

December 25th Christmas Day 9:00am

Happy Birthday Jesus!

December 31st New Year's Eve (Be safe!)

January 1st Welcome to 2026!

January 5th Return to School

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CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

CALL MEETING UPDATE

Greetings in our Savior's name: We were informed on Saturday November 15th that Pastor Brakhage has received all of the required paperwork needed to move the process forward. He informed us that he would like to have two weeks to pray and consult with his wife and children. Please keep him in and his family and his current church in your prayers.

Your Call Committee

****ADVENT SERVICES****

12/03~ ADVENT MIDWEEK 1	BETHANY~EVERGREENS	6PM MEAL~ 7 PM WORSHIP
12/10~ ADVENT MIDWEEK 2	TRINITY~LIGHTS	6PM MEAL~ 7PM WORSHIP
12/17~ ADVENT MIDWEEK 3	OUR SAVIOR~CRËCHE	6PM MEAL~ 7PM WORSHIP
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	TRINITY~WRAPPED PRESENTS	6PM & 10PM WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS DAY	TRINITY~HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS	9AM WORSHIP



“¹⁶ Be joyful always; ¹⁷ pray continually; ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not put out the Spirit's fire; ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt, ²¹ Test everything. Hold on to the good. ²² Avoid every kind of evil...” 1 Thess. 5:16-22

AND WE CONTINUE TO PURPOSELY PRAY FOR...



Mrs. Debby Daberkow

Mrs. Stacey Freeman

Mrs. Joyce Rael.....

Mrs. Lynda McGown

Jacob of Colorado Springs

Dalton Brey, US Military

❖ health concerns

❖ God leading us to our new pastor.

Prayers for the school....

❖ Thank you our Great Guardian Lord God for our amazing teachers and pray for their energy, strength, and passion to keep inspiring our students every day.

❖ Prayer for our parents as they guide their families, praying for wisdom in balancing school, home, and faith.

❖ Please pray for God's protection over our students, physically, emotionally, and spiritually and help them grow in faith and knowledge.

❖ Please add...Your request.....]

Be specific. Be purposeful. Be Bold. Be a prayer warrior.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE STRONG,
POWERFUL, LOVING AND ACCOMPLISH
MUCH (SIGHT UNSEEN)

THOUGHTFUL THOUGHTS

"The spirit of Christmas is annual; the Spirit of Christ is eternal."
Stuart Briscoe

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."
Hamilton Wright Mabie

"The beauty of Christmas rests in the hard, gritty truth of it: the story of God coming down to earth to meet you where you live and where obviously you need Him most---in the ordinary humdrum dust and dirt of life."

Edmund Steimle